Chapter News

April 2014

Parliamentary Procedures Talk

On April 22\(^{\text{nd}}\), Dr. Miguel Santiago met us at 10:30 AM for a talk on Parliamentary Procedures. This talk was open to students of any UPRM student association or Department, not just for our Chapter. The main idea for this talk was so that the Student Officers, who would be in charge of the Nominations Assembly later that week, would be capable of leading it in a professional and parliamentary way.

Nominations Assembly

On the night of April 24\(^{\text{th}}\), we had our Nominations of Assembly for the 2014-2015 Academic Year. The assembly main focus was for students who would like to be the new Chapter Officers for the next academic year to be nominated or auto-nominate themselves for the role they would like to work as. During this assembly, the nominations for President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer were accepted. The Elections were scheduled for May 6\(^{\text{th}},\) 2014.

Figure 1. The Nominations Assembly took place in one classroom at UPRM’s Physics Building.
Visit to the Arecibo Observatory
On Saturday April 26th, we visited the Arecibo Observatory. Dr. Henrick-Mario Ierkic, Professor from UPRM’s Electrical Engineering Department gave us a special tour of the facilities, including a visit to the Observatory’s Control Room. The included a trip to a controlled-access area, the dish of the radiotelescope. Overall, the field trip was a great learning experience and a fun activity where we had a chance to talk with professionals in astronomy, and people who are doing their experiments in the Observatory. FUN FACT: The Arecibo Observatory is the largest radiotelescope in the World.

Figure 2. Chapter Members who attended the Arecibo Observatory along with Dr. Ierkic (third from left).

Figures 3 and 4. Chapter Members having fun while exploring the area, and a Panoramic View of the Radiotelescope.