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Topics:

The Committee has met several times to determine what our priorities for 2026 might be. The need to identify museums that may house historical exhibits involving EW artifacts or displays and what benefits we might get in providing funds to support them. Also determine whether we might be able to do some type of joint activity with them.

The Committee has determined that the AOC Foundation should develop a global research prize recognizing outstanding academic/scientific achievement in the electromagnetic spectrum discipline. The design of a framework needs to be developed as well as topic areas and judging requirements. The need for university involvement could be key especially in regard to judging.

In addition, it's felt that a partnership with the AOC History Committee would be an outstanding way for our community outreach efforts by developing an oral history of EW throughout the years and have access housed on the AOC website. Recorded voices of EW professionals from over the years would be fascinating and potentially serve to inspire young people to enter the profession. Could have the potential for a mentorship program.

Museum Partnerships



- Important to start developing a list of museums that highlight or showcase EMSO in any of their exhibits.
- Determine recognized and eligible museums and criteria for support; ideally, we would like to support two-three exhibits per year depending on funding.
- Important to determine if the funding will be distributed internationally and the criteria for determining who might receive funds.
- Need to explore what benefits the AOC Foundation will get as a result of this support and whether or not a joint activity might be a possibility. (STEM)
- Suggest the development of an ad hoc committee to start gathering data.

Global Research Prize



- First steps would be to form an ad hoc committee of external stakeholders and experts to help organize and establish the framework for such a competition.
- At the same time, the internal administrative process needs to be established along with a timetable, award evaluation process and presentation & recognition methods.
- We must decide on an external panel of judges and invite them to serve on an evaluation board to review all recommendations/entries for the annual award. A definite cross section of academicians, researchers, professors, & defense professionals will need to be considered.
- Funding sources will most likely come from private and corporate grant money. Prospect research to begin on potential donors.

Oral History of the AOC and EW



- This idea has been discussed within the AOC History Committee, and we feel it is such a great natural outreach effort that the Foundation Community Relations Committee would like to become involved.
- Development of an oral history of EW and having it housed on the AOC website would not only draw traffic to the site but help inspire young people to consider this profession as a viable option in the future.
- In addition, the historical value and recorded prospective of the men & women EW professionals throughout the decades will honor ALL our members, past, present and future.
- Next steps would be to arrange a meeting with the AOC History Committee to discuss a possible partnership and potential funding options.