2018 Branch Regional Funding Awards
Summary ($10,500 budgeted per Region)

Region I – 2018 Branch Regional Funding Awards

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<td>• Eastern New York Branch Graduate Student and Post-Doctoral Mini-Symposium to be held in March 2018, geared toward students, postdoctoral fellows and faculty from the Eastern New York Branch, the University of Albany Biomedical Sciences, Wadsworth Center Post-Doctoral Association, Capital Region Post-Doctoral Association, Albany Medical College, Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Wadsworth Center Master of Laboratory Sciences Program, Emerging Infectious Disease Fellows and West Point Military Academy, and to feature</td>
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<td>• Awards for the two best high-school student posters related to the field of microbiology in the Greater Capital Region Science and Engineering Fair and Science Congress held at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute</td>
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<td>• Region One (Connecticut Valley, Eastern New York, New York City, Northeast Branches) Regional Meeting, to be hosted by the Eastern New York Branch in November 2018; featuring</td>
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<td>○ Multiple break-out sessions, each led by a keynote faculty speaker and followed by presentations by faculty, postdocs, and students</td>
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<td>○ Plenary Session with an ASM Distinguished Lecturer</td>
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<td>○ Panel discussions for students considering careers in microbiology (industry, medical, environmental, etc.)</td>
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<td>○ Provision of a one-year Branch membership and registration for a 2018 New York City Branch meeting for 25 local medical technologists/students or fellows</td>
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<td>○ Outreach to surrounding universities with undergraduate science programs (e.g. medical technology or biological sciences) to publicize the opportunity to attend a local ASM Branch meeting</td>
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| 2/13/18 | I      | $2,406 | - Subsidized student registrations and catering for Northeast Branch symposia, workshops and evening lectures  
- Two half-day meetings of the Northeast Branch and the New England Microbiology Laboratory Directors Group, annual meetings which normally attract predominantly doctoral level microbiologists from the Northeast Branch region and Connecticut, but also microbiologists at all levels from clinical, public health, and industrial settings; meetings include platform presentations and informal discussions on topics posted in advance by attendees  
- Support for two evening meetings co-sponsored with two established scientific groups; e.g., the Northeast Section of the American Association for Clinical Chemistry (NEAACC), and the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science, Northeast Chapter (ASCLC-CNE), or a college such as the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth  
- Subsidized registration for students to attend the Northeast Branch and the Northeast Association for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (NACMID) co-sponsored joint meeting, to be held April 23-24, 2018 in MA; high school students will be invited as well; the meeting will include lectures, workshops, posters, student presentations and awards |

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| 2/9/18 | II | Eastern Pennsylvania | $2,100 | • The 27th Annual Philadelphia Infection and Immunity Forum, a one-day meeting sponsored by the Eastern Pennsylvania Branch and predominantly organized and managed by the Branch’s Student Chapter, designed to attract scientists from the tri-state area (Delaware, New Jersey, & Pennsylvania), who are interested in host-pathogen interactions; meeting features include:  
  o Talks by three student-selected plenary speakers interspersed with shorter talks from selected graduate students and postdoctoral fellows from local universities  
  o Poster session  
  o Vendor show  
  o Free advance registration for students and postdocs to encourage greater participation |
| 2/9/18 | II | Maryland | $2,100 | • Four Maryland Branch dinner meetings to be held throughout the year at various locations with speakers on various topics; at least one of the meetings will include student posters and oral presentations, and one will be held at the ASM Archives at UMBC and feature an exhibit on Microbiology history  
• Subsidizing student attendance at Branch dinner meetings and the annual undergraduate and graduate student poster and oral presentation meeting co-sponsored with the University of Maryland  
• Annual Awards:  
  o Richard S. Schwalbe Award for outstanding bench clinical microbiologist  
  o Barnett L. Cohen Award for outstanding achievement as a professional microbiologist  
  o J. Howard Brown awards for outstanding graduate and undergraduate student presentations  
• Branch website maintenance, PO Box rental, and tax filing fees  
• Development and support of a new Student Chapter serving 10 regional colleges and universities (Johns Hopkins University, The University of Maryland Baltimore, Morgan State University, Towson University, Coppin State University, Loyola University Maryland, Goucher College, Stevenson University, University of Baltimore, and Notre Dame University Maryland) as well as community colleges in the area  
• Provision of student memberships to National ASM and/or travel grants for students to attend ASM MICROBE  
• Outreach to students at regional colleges and universities to encourage Branch membership and increase Branch diversity |
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| 2/9/18 | II | Theobald Smith Society, New Jersey | $2,100 | • Annual Theobald Smith Society, New Jersey Branch “Meeting in Miniature,” which features The Waksman Lectureship, undergraduate and graduate student oral and poster presentations, awards for student presentations, and the awarding of a graduate student scholarship  
• “Multi-speaker Meeting,” featuring speakers on different topics, including “flash presentations” from students  
• Awards for exceptional student projects in microbiology at two or three local science fairs  
• Web Page support, including domain name fee |
| 2/9/18 | II | Virginia | $2,100 | • Student Travel awards to support travel and/or lodging expenses for the 2018 Virginia Branch meeting to be held at Radford University in the southwest area of Virginia; awards are available to any student and are given on a first-come, first-served basis to, in order, presenting authors, non-presenting co-authors, students attending but not presenting  
• Meeting registration fee waiver for awardees |
| 2/9/18 | II | Washington, DC | $2,100 | • Washington DC Branch 2018 Spring Meeting, to be held jointly with a local Student Chapter (such as George Mason University or Northern Virginia Community College); meeting will feature  
  o Student presentations (oral/poster)  
  o Invited talk(s)  
  o Refreshments  
  o Awards for outstanding student presentations  
  o Membership drives for the Branch and Student Chapter  
• Awards and judging support for local high school science fairs  
• Fall Branch meeting with invited speaker, refreshments, and Branch membership drive  
• Joint meeting with other ASM Branches or scientific societies; projected date would be Fall 2018 |

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| 2/13/18 | III    | Allegheny       | $2,350       | - Allegheny Branch 2018 Annual Meeting, to be held November 9-10 at Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA  
- Membership drive at Meeting to encourage Branch and National membership; incentives (t-shirt, water bottle) will be provided to attendees who register for memberships  
- Student-centered activities at the Branch meeting, including networking/social events, a Graduate School Panel and an Alternative Careers in Microbiology Workshop  
- Outreach efforts to nearby ASM Branches, colleges, universities (including R1 Institutions, Penn State University and University of Pittsburgh) and companies  
- Provision of two travel awards to students from schools that have not attended the Branch meeting in the last five years  
- Support for “Branch Speaker,” a Branch faculty member who promotes the Branch by giving at least two educational and research seminars at institutes across the Branch area  
- Travel support for two regional high school teachers each with 1-2 students to participate in Branch meeting |
| 2/13/18 | III    | Indiana         | $1,500       | - Indiana Branch Annual Meeting, to be held in April 2018  
- Student awards  
- Travel grants for students in need of support to attend the Branch meeting  
- Travel support for participants in the Career Panel featuring microbiologists speaking about their careers in industry or other non-academic jobs |
| 4/23/18 | III    | Kentucky-Tennessee | $2,350     | - Kentucky-Tennessee Branch 2018 Annual Meeting, to feature speakers, poster presentations, oral presentations, networking  
- Provision of a clinical component in the Branch meeting, with P.A.C.E. credits available for participants  
- Awards for student meeting presentations  
- Spring “CE Saturday” meeting, featuring clinical continuing education credits  
- Travel support for nationally-recognized speakers participating in CE Saturday and Annual Meeting clinical session  
- Travel support for a student to attend the ASM Microbe Meeting  
- Support for the Western Kentucky University Student Chapter for activities such as field trips and the printing of club t-shirts |
<p>| n/a     | III    | Michigan        | n/a          | Branch did not request funding for 2018 |</p>
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<td>- Travel support for students to attend Branch meeting (costs for up to 60 individuals in shared hotel rooms; 4 per room in 15 rooms), to encourage greater participation particularly from students attending small liberal arts colleges that lack the funding to support travel to scientific meetings; rooms awarded on a first-come, first-served basis</td>
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<td>- Development and organization of a Microbiology Education Session (a new session for the Branch), which will focus on undergraduate microbiology education, and will include three speakers as well as posters from educators on their teaching strategies</td>
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<td>- Free registration and meals for all meeting session speakers, and free hotel rooms for speakers in the Microbiology Education Session</td>
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<td>Western New York</td>
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<td>- Western New York Branch Annual Fall Symposium 2018, to focus on an underrepresented scientific stream to promote diversification within the Branch, with expected attendance from diverse western New York locations and careers: academic, research, clinical, public health, and industrial microbiologists, physicians, infection control nurses, professors, college students, and retirees</td>
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<td>- Marketing efforts to regional hospitals, colleges, and industries that are unfamiliar with the Branch, in order to promote the benefits of ASM membership at both the Branch and national level</td>
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<td>- Western New York Branch Annual Spring Symposium to focus on issues of importance to the local community</td>
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<td>- High School Student Career Day to be co-hosted by the Western New York Branch and local Biotechnology company, ZeptoMetrix Corporation, in which students will be bussed to the ZeptoMetrix manufacturing facility to participate in a wet workshop using reagents and kits purchased for the event, and which will include a working lunch featuring guest speakers who will highlight the many career choices available in the scientific field</td>
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<td>- Summer Speaker Symposium, to explore topics that educate and broaden Branch membership</td>
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| 2/13/18 | IV     | Florida      | $1,250       | • Florida Branch 2018 Annual Meeting, featuring  
                        o Student oral and poster presentations  
                        o 3-Minute Thesis Session to encourage students to develop concise, descriptive summaries of their research  
                        o “Twitter Scavenger Hunt”  
                        o Welcome reception to provide the opportunity for networking  
                        o Student awards  
                        • “Teaching Best Practices” Panel Discussion (to be held at Annual Meeting), featuring up to 4 panelists with varying backgrounds including a current teaching assistant, professors from both universities and colleges, and an instructor(s); resources and best practices will be shared with the audience and a Q&A session will be held  
                        • Outreach efforts to universities and colleges that have not regularly attended the Florida Branch meeting (e.g. Florida A&M University, Valencia, etc.), to include discounted (or free) meeting registration rates to students from those institutions  
                        • Website maintenance  
                        • Jotform/PayPal Fees |
| 2/13/18 | IV     | North Carolina | $1,500       | • North Carolina Branch 2018 Annual Meeting, to be held at UNC-Asheville, Ashville, NC; the Branch will continue efforts made in recent years to expand the meeting scope to encourage student participation at all levels (including undergraduate) and participation from all parts of the state  
                        • Travel awards for students traveling more than 100 miles to the meeting  
                        • Student poster/talk awards, including a new award specific to undergraduate student posters |
<p>| 2/13/18 | IV     | Puerto Rico  | $2,500       | • Puerto Rico Branch (Puerto Rico Society of Microbiologists – PRSM) Semi-Annual Convention, “Breaking the Petri Dish”; the meeting will be a one-afternoon activity devoted to a specific topic in Microbiology, to include lectures and a networking event, and will allow members and non-members from industry and academia across the island to meet and exchange ideas and news related to Microbiology |</p>
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| 2/13/18    | South Carolina | $1,250      | - South Carolina Branch Spring 2018 Meeting, to be held at first-time venue Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC (the Branch is actively recruiting and promoting the participation of different schools, industries and government offices by bringing Branch meetings to different places around the state)  
- Career Pathway Panel session for undergraduate and graduate students, featuring representatives from academia, industry, patent law, and science journalism  
- Meeting registration costs for undergraduate students  
- Outreach to HBCUs (Historically-Black Colleges and Universities) in the area, including the provision of travel assistance for faculty when requested  
- Awards for student oral and poster presentations |
| 2/13/18    | South Central | $2,000      | - South Central Branch 2018 Meeting, to be held at the newly-renovated campus of University of Mississippi Medical Center (Branch meetings are regularly rotated among Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi); meeting will feature  
  o Keynote speaker presentation  
  o Invited speaker sessions in pathogenic microbiology, virology, immunology, and general/environmental microbiology  
  o Faculty presentations  
  o Student and post-doc presentations  
  o Student awards for poster and oral presentations  
  o Reception and dinner  
  o Two special career symposia for students and postdoctoral fellows, to include forum discussion and networking opportunities; scheduled speakers include a basic science research bacteriologist, a virologist, a state public health director who trained as a microbiologist, an environmental microbiology team leader in government, a faculty member who started his own private research company, and an undergraduate microbiology educator  
- Website maintenance  
- Marketing efforts for the Branch Meeting including outreach to universities in the Branch area that are typically underrepresented at the meeting |
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| 3/8/18 | IV | Southeastern | $2,000 | Southeastern Branch 2018 Annual Meeting to be held in either Savannah or Atlanta, GA (Branch rotates meetings among the states of Alabama, Florida and Georgia), with the theme, “Climate Change and Microbial Ecology,” focusing on how climate change may be a driving factor in changing the current ecological landscape through variation in microbial processes and interactions; meeting will feature:
- Keynote speaker
- Opening networking reception
- “Boxed-lunch Lecture,” featuring a distinguished member of the Branch whose research is directly relevant to the meeting’s theme
- Special Session on “Climate Change and the Ecology of Infectious Diseases” focusing on interdisciplinary research in genomics, host-microbe interactions, mathematical modeling, epidemiology, environmental and clinical microbiology
- Student and postdoctoral research presentation sessions
- Poster session
- Awards banquet
- Micro smack-down (microbiology trivia competition for students)
- Travel grants for students and post-doc presenters who live beyond a 50-mile radius of the meeting location
- Awards for outstanding student oral and poster presentations
- Awards for professional members within the geographic area of the Branch recognized for outstanding accomplishments in teaching, research and service
- Recruitment efforts to attract participants from a wider variety of colleges, universities, and research institutions in the Branch area |

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| 2/13/18| V      | Alaska | $2,200       | • Alaska Branch 2018 Annual Meeting, to be held in Fairbanks, AK in Summer or Fall 2018; all meeting sessions will be open (and announced) to the public, and high school students and teachers will be encouraged to attend; meeting features include  
  ○ Keynote lecture  
  ○ Student presentations (oral and poster)  
  ○ Reception to allow for networking with ASM Distinguished Lecturer  
  ○ Special career session for students and postdocs  
  ○ Pop-up Scientific Art Show to be held in connection with the Fairbanks First Friday Art Walk  
  ○ Special Sessions featuring instructors from two NIH-sponsored programs: Alaska IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) and Biomedical Learning and Student Training (BLaST), to discuss their activities and plans for incorporating microbiology into training and research activities targeting Alaska Native and other underrepresented groups of undergraduate students across Alaska  
  • Travel assistance for student meeting attendees from locations outside Fairbanks  
  • Registration and annual membership fees for students attending the Branch meeting  
  • Awards for student presentations  
  • Awards for K-12 regional and statewide science fair competitions |
| 2/13/18| V      | Illinois | $2,200 | • Illinois Branch (Illinois Society for Microbiology) 2018 Spring and Fall meetings  
  • Speaker travel  
  • Awards  
  • Outreach efforts to expand Branch membership, including  
  ○ Branch booth at the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science–Illinois (ASCLS-IL) Spring meeting to promote the Branch  
  ○ Travel to local college career days to encourage student membership in the Branch  
  • Website upgrade, including the addition of a secure, member-only portal for access to planned online Continuing Education  
  • Scholarships for graduate and undergraduate students pursuing studies in Microbiology |
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| 2/13/18 | V      | Missouri                      | $2,000 | • Joint Meeting of the Missouri and Missouri Valley Branches to be held March 9-10, 2018 in Kansas City, KS, to include two keynote addresses (one on Friday; one on Saturday), and graduate and undergraduate research presentations  
• Awards for student presentations |
| 2/13/18 | V      | North Central                 | $2,100 | • The North Central Branch 2018 Annual Meeting, to be hosted by Minnesota State University, Mankato and held at the Verizon Center in Mankato, featuring  
  o Keynote speaker  
  o Sessions with speakers in clinical and industrial microbiology, two broad topic areas that are typically underrepresented at the Branch meetings  
  o Career panel for students and post-doctoral trainees featuring panelists from academia, government, and industry  
  o Oral and poster presentations by undergraduates, graduate students  
• Awards for student oral presentations/posters  
• Travel assistance for Student Chapters; Chapters are eligible to request $100 in travel assistance from the Branch each year, but to further encourage meeting attendance the Branch will offer an additional $200 for any club that can send three or more student members to participate in the meeting  
• Outreach to undergraduate institutions that have not participated in the Branch meeting over the last 5 years; Branch will encourage their involvement by offering travel grants |
| 2/13/18 | V      | Northwest                     | $2,000 | • Northwest Branch 2018 Annual Meeting, to be held at Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland, OR, a location accessible to the microbiology community west of the Cascades (in 2017, the meeting was held in Pullman, WA, a location more accessible to the community east of the Cascades)  
• Awards  
• Website maintenance fees |

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<td>Missouri Valley</td>
<td>$2,600</td>
<td>• Joint Meeting of the Missouri Valley and Missouri Branches to be held March 9-10, 2018 in Kansas City, KS, to include two keynote addresses (one on Friday; one on Saturday), and graduate and undergraduate research presentations&lt;br&gt;• Awards for student presentations&lt;br&gt;• Discounted membership and registration for student attendees&lt;br&gt;• Travel funds for distinguished local scientists to attend the Branch meeting and present their research</td>
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<td>Rio Grande</td>
<td>$2,600</td>
<td>• Tri-Branch Meeting (Intermountain, Rio Grande, Rocky Mountain Branches), to be held at Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO, April 6-7, 2018&lt;br&gt;• Free meeting registration for students and post-docs presenting research at the meeting&lt;br&gt;• Reduced meeting registration for student attendees (non-presenters)&lt;br&gt;• Travel grants for student attendees&lt;br&gt;• Awards for graduate and undergraduate presentations&lt;br&gt;• Provision of ASM journal subscriptions for Student Chapters</td>
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<td>Rocky Mountain</td>
<td>$2,625</td>
<td>• Tri-Branch Meeting (Intermountain, Rio Grande, Rocky Mountain Branches), to be held at Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO, April 6-7, 2018&lt;br&gt;• Rocky Mountain Branch Fall 2018 Meeting&lt;br&gt;• Travel grants for students and post-docs presenting research at Branch meetings; awards based on carpooling and distance traveled&lt;br&gt;• Awards for postdoctoral, graduate and undergraduate oral and poster presentations at Branch meetings</td>
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<td>Texas</td>
<td>$2,625</td>
<td>• Texas Branch Spring 2018 Meeting, geared toward supporting undergraduate and graduate student researchers&lt;br&gt;• Texas Branch Fall 2018 Meeting, geared toward a mix of faculty and student research&lt;br&gt;• Subsidizing meeting costs for student attendees/presenters at the Fall and Spring Branch meetings&lt;br&gt;• Travel grants for individuals in underrepresented groups and individuals in areas of Texas who generally have not attended Branch meetings, to encourage participation in the Branch</td>
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| 2/13/18 | VII    | Arizona-Southern Nevada | $2,000       | • The 58th Annual Meeting of the Arizona/Southern Nevada ASM Branch, to be held April 21, 2018 at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
  • Career development forum to be held during the Branch meeting, to feature a presentation on encouraging diversity and two lectures from scientists with careers outside academia  
  • Awards for best graduate and undergraduate student presentations at the Branch meeting, to include travel awards for the winners to attend the 2018 ASM Microbe meeting in Atlanta and gift cards to the runners-up  
  • Improvement of the Branch website  
  • Membership drive to encourage Branch membership |
| 2/13/18 | VII    | Hawaii                  | $2,000       | • Hawaii Branch 2018 Spring Meeting, to be co-hosted with the Department of Information and Computer Sciences (ICS), University of Hawaii at Manoa, featuring  
  o Guest speaker from ICS who has experience in the analysis of biological data  
  o Graduate and undergraduate student oral and poster presentations  
  • Awards for best student presentations  
  • Travel support for faculty and students from academic institutions on other islands in Hawaii besides Oahu (meeting site) to encourage participation in Branch that would otherwise be impeded by high travel costs  
  • Travel support awards for 2-3 student presenters to enable them to travel to a national meeting on the mainland to present their research |
| 2/13/18 | VII    | Intermountain           | $2,000       | • Tri-Branch Meeting (Intermountain, Rio Grande, Rocky Mountain Branches), to be held at Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO, April 6-7, 2018  
  • Travel grants for students attending the Tri-Branch meeting  
  • Awards for postdoctoral, graduate and undergraduate oral and poster presentations at Tri-Branch meeting |
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| 2/13/18  | VII    | Northern California | $2,000 | • Career workshop for students to be held at the Northern California Branch Spring Meeting, March 2-3, featuring talks from a diverse array of professional scientists (including women and underrepresented racial/ethnic minorities) about their career paths, followed by Q&A discussion; speakers will include individuals at different levels of their careers in academia, science administration, industry, science communication, law, marketing, and other pertinent areas; speakers will be provided with guidance in advance on how to develop and tell clear, concise and compelling tales that deliver an unfolding story, devoid of jargon and containing human emotions; the workshop will be filmed and clips will be included on the Branch website.
• Travel and meeting registration support for 3-4 students per college/university to attend the Spring and Fall Branch meetings |
| 2/13/18  | VII    | Southern California | $2,000 | • Meeting registration support for student poster presenters at the Southern California Branch 2018 Annual Meeting
• Meeting registration and travel support for new technologists to attend the Branch meeting with a senior technologist mentor
• Registration and travel support for two meeting speakers
• Branch-sponsored mini-ASMCUE (ASM Conference for Undergraduate Educators) program
• Website maintenance
• Website enhancement to provide access to online CEU certificates for Branch members and attendees |

**Total Disbursed for Region VII: $10,000**