

Business Meeting Minutes November 19, 2008
Hyatt Regency Dallas
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1. The meeting was called to order at 5:23 PM by APS/DPP Chair Ian Hutchinson.
2. Newly elected officer (Steve Allen) and Executive Committee Members (Debbie Callahan, Jon Menard, and John Sarff) were introduced.
3. Some of the subjects discussed at the Sunday, November 16, 2008 APS/DPP Executive Committee Meeting were summarized.
4. Tom Antonsen then reported on future meetings:
2009 – Atlanta; 2010 – Chicago; 2011 – Salt Lake City; 2012 – Providence; 2013 – Denver (newly selected); 2014 – New Orleans (newly selected)
5. Amitava Bhattacharjee then discussed the present meeting:
 - a. about 1500 registrants (300 on site so far), 1550 papers (8 plenary, 96 invited, 4 tutorial).
 - b. A special note was made of the History exhibition single handedly designed and put together by Rick Lee, and of the magazine put together by Physics of Plasmas.
 - c. A question regarding visas resulted in an estimate that we lost “7 or 8” attendees to their inability to obtain a visa.
 - d. Finally, there was a suggestion (Jim Callen) that ~20% of the invited papers be really invited, i.e., solicited invited papers by the program committee, much as the historical (plenary session) speakers were really invited this time (rather than selected from among nominated speakers).
 - e. The registration fee was not raised this year even though the 50th anniversary book is included for all attendees because we made such a healthy profit last year. In spite of that, it appears that we will again make a profit this year.
6. Chuck Greenfield reported that 89 teachers came to Teachers’ Day (Tuesday). He also reported about 50 undergraduate posters were “judged” and the 6 best papers were selected. Finally, he noted that about 1500 high school students with their teachers are expected tomorrow (Thursday) and Friday.
7. Ian Hutchinson then gave a brief financial report: We have 2,498 members (down by about 25 from last year) and our bank account is healthy and slightly above last year.
8. Ian Hutchinson discussed endowment of the Maxwell Prize. The Division will match contributions 1:1, implying that \$70,000 in contributions are needed to endow the prize.
9. Other Business. In response to the FY08 budget cuts, the Officers issued a statement concerning the cancellation of funding for ITER in short order. Bruno Coppi asked what the response would be to this year’s reduction in funding for ITER.
10. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.