

**DPP Business Meeting  
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Chicago, Illinois  
November 10, 2010**

**1. Chair's Report**

Tom Antonsen called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.. He announced the winners of the recent DPP election. Fred Skiff is the new Vice-Chair. Vincent Chan is the new Councilor. Karl Krushelnick is the new Secretary-Treasurer. Christina Coverdale, Thomas Mehlhorn, and David Montgomery are the new members of the Executive Committee. Tom recognized and thanked the outgoing officers and Executive Committee members.

Tom announced that the DPP will purchase approximately 700 copies of *The Plasma Universe* for \$10,000. The Education and Outreach committee will distribute the books at their Teachers Day and other outreach activities.

The Landau-Spitzer award has been approved by the DPP Executive Committee and by their counterparts in the plasma physics division of the European Physical Society. Final approval of this new award is anticipated by the APS Council at their November meeting.

**2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report**

Bill Heidbrink reported that the Division currently has a positive balance of approximately \$900K. Nearly \$50K has been donated to endow the Maxwell Prize and the DPP has matched these contributions.

Martin Lampe expressed concern about the possibility that many attendees will stay at cheaper hotels because of high room rates at the conference hotel. This could result in a large financial penalty for the Division if we fail to fill the negotiated room block. Bill Heidbrink shares this concern. The hotels often offer "free" meeting space in anticipation of profit on their hotel rooms. Bill expressed the opinion that it behooves the Division to increase the Registration Fee but lower hotel rates so that hotel rates remain competitive.

**3. Vice-Chair's Report**

Cary Forest reported on plans to co-locate the 2011 DPP meeting with the Gaseous Electronics Conference (GEC). Jim Callen asked how large the GEC meeting is. Cary answered that he anticipates 600-700 attendees in Salt Lake City.

**4. Program Chair's Report**

Steve Allen gave a report on the Chicago meeting. He thanked Jeff Brooks for serving as local organizer. Steve said that the hotel staff has been quite helpful. The 3D presentation by Walter Gekelman on Monday morning was partially subsidized by Steve's discretionary funds. Steve instructed each subcommittee of the program committee to discuss all of the nominations before ranking them. The theory and experiment subcommittees worked well together to develop cohesive sessions. Many international talks were selected but, unfortunately, none of the EPS or JPSF nominations were chosen. Slides from review, invited, and tutorial talks will be temporarily posted on

the *Physics of Plasmas* website. The Contact Congress letter writing campaign was more successful this year than last year, with 400 letters sent. The mini-conferences were successful. For the Town Meetings, leaders at the highest levels of their organizations declined invitations to speak. Childcare and graduate student travel grants were awarded. Over 1800 people registered for the meeting.

Steve was asked if the Division is aware that it qualifies for tax exempt status in some states. He answered that we are but that taxes are not waived in Illinois.

The 2016 meeting will be in San Jose.

### **5. Education and Outreach Chair's Report**

Rick Lee said that Teachers Day was successful but that only about half as many teachers as usual participated this year. Similarly, 312 students attended the Expo on Wednesday (not on Thursday as usual due to the Veteran's Day holiday), which is less than half the normal attendance. Teachers and students from the Chicago city schools did not participate.

Rick introduced Paul Miller as the new Education and Outreach Chair.

### **6. Additional Announcements**

Tom Antonsen announced that five press releases had been picked up by the scientific press. The editor of Nature Physics was in attendance and was blogging from the meeting.

### **7. Acknowledgments**

Tom Antonsen presented a gift to Steve Allen in gratitude for his service as Program Chair.

There was no new business. The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.