

DPP Business Meeting
Conference Center Ballroom J, Salt Lake City UT
Wednesday Nov 16 2011 5:15PM

Steve Allen, Cary Forest, Fred Skiff, Karl Krushelnick, Saralyn Stewart and about 25
other DPP members

1. Chair's Report

Steve Allen called the meeting to order. He discussed the DPP election results and introduced the new members of the DPP Executive Committee

Mark Koepke (West Virginia University)	Vice Chair (11/2015)
John Goree (University of Iowa)	Member (11/2014)
Stephen Knowlton (Auburn University)	Member (11/2014)
Rajesh Maingi (Oak Ridge National Lab)	Member (11/2014)

Steve recognized and thanked the outgoing officers and Executive Committee members. The departing members were: Debra Callahan (LLNL), Jonathan Menard (Princeton U), John Sarff (Wisconsin)

The issues with the APS Job Fair were discussed as well as the new arrangements for this year. There were also early indications that the room block for the APS might not have been met (with an anticipated cost of ~ \$40,000) however this will not be determined until after the conference.

2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Karl Krushelnick reported that the Division currently has a positive balance of approximately \$680,000. The registration fees for the Salt Lake City conference were raised by about 3.5% however this was the first increase in conference fees for many years. The increase was also prompted by the Chicago and Atlanta DPP conferences which both lost money.

He also noted that the Executive Committee meeting minutes and past e-newsletters from DPP are now available online.

3. Vice-Chair's Report

Fred Skiff reported on the next DPP meeting site, Providence RI. The local host will be MIT and Anne White will head the local organizing committee.

4. Program Chair's Report

Cary Forest gave a report on the Salt Lake City meeting. He thanked Ross Spencer and Eric Held for serving as local organizers. Slides from review, invited, and tutorial talks will be temporarily posted on the *Physics of Plasmas* website.

1727 people registered for the meeting.

There was an issue with placement of the coffee early on during the conference but it had been re-organized and was now working well.

The mini-conferences were successful. Bruno Coppi noted that the timing of talks during the mini-conferences was sometimes out of sync with the main conference program. Steve Allen said that synchronization of talks needed to be better communicated to mini-conference organizers in the future.

Amitava Bhattacharjee thanked the organizers of the mini-conferences

Cary Forest then discussed the social networking experiment with the RF ID tags. 350 DPP and 150 GEC attendees used the tags. The takeup was somewhat lower than expected. Results will be linked to the DPP website after the conference.

The tutorial talk by Fields Medalist, Cedric Villani was very popular and was a highlight of the conference.

5. Education and Outreach Chair's Report

Paul Miller said that Teachers' Day was very successful on Tuesday. There were 60 teachers in attendance for the lunch.

For the undergraduate poster presentations there were 76 posters of which 6 were chosen as winners.

1400 students should attend the Plasma Physics Expo on Thursday which is much higher than normal attendance. On Friday 1100 are scheduled to attend.

Steve Allen noted that 700 copies of "The Plasma Universe" were purchased by DPP. One was given to each teacher and one to each student poster prize winner.

Cary Forest thanked Paul Miller and his committee for their efforts.

6. Additional Announcements

The distinguished lecturer in Plasma Physics program will be started again by Mark Koepke.

7. Acknowledgments

The conference in Salt Lake City seems to have gone very well and Steve Allen acknowledged the contributions of several people.

- 1) Eric Held/Ross Spencer (local organizers)
- 2) APS meeting staff Teri Gaier and Vinaya Sathyasheelappa
- 3) Lee Warner and staff
- 4) Secretarial support staff at the registration desks
- 5) Saralyn Stewart – DPP administrator

Steve Allen presented a gift to Cary Forest for his service as Program Chair.

Finally Mike Mauel thanked Steve Allen for his service as DPP chair.

There was no new business. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.