

APS Division of Plasma Physics Business Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, October 31, 2012

5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Room 553AB, Rhode Island Convention Center

Attendees: Cary Forest, Fred Skiff, Saralyn Stewart, Karl Krushelnick, Riccardo Betti, Mark Koepke, Greg Wallace, 18 other DPP members.

1. Report on Election and ExCom Meeting

Cary Forest reported the results of the recent APS DPP elections. The new Vice Chair is Riccardo Betti and the new members of the DPP Executive committee are: Fatima Ebrahimi (New Hampshire), Catherine Fiore (MIT) and Gennady Shvets (University of Texas).

He also reported work done on the establishment of an Early Career award for APS DPP.

2. Secretary/Treasurer Report

Karl Krushelnick reported on the state of the finances of the division. The DPP finances are basically healthy with an end-of-year 2011 DPP account balance of \$733,000 – but it is expected that because of Hurricane Sandy that the Providence meeting will lose money. There is also the complication that the DOE is limiting the number of participants at meetings in general and that this may also affect the finances of the DPP.

3. Report of Future DPP Meetings

Mark Koepke reported on the plans for the next DPP meeting, which will be held in Denver. The local arrangements chair is Zoltan Strenovsky (University of Colorado, Boulder). The 2013 program committee members have been selected.

4. Report on Program/Local Committee

Fred Skiff and the local organizing committee chair Greg Wallace reported on the Program for the 2012 meeting in Providence. Some speakers were unable to attend due to the hurricane – however several invited speakers still presented their talks via Skype and this worked reasonably well.

5. Education & Outreach Committee

Paul Miller reported on the Education and Outreach parts of the annual meeting. The Teachers' day was seriously affected by Hurricane Sandy and in spite of 61 teachers registered for the meeting, in the end only 17 were able to attend. However the teachers that did attend provided very positive feedback with regard to the program.

The organizers expected 2500 students to attend the plasma exposition on Thursday and Friday.

6. Other Business

The DPP distinguished lecture series has been restarted and the first visits by the lecturers have started.

Bruno Coppi suggested a more open session during the annual meeting with informal talks, perhaps using a moderator for discussions. This is to be considered by the Program Committee for the next annual meeting.

7. Acknowledgements

Cary Forest acknowledged the help provided by the APS staff as well as the staff of the Providence Convention Center for making the annual meeting a success despite the weather related problems.