

Minutes of the Business Meeting
Division of Plasma Physics
Wednesday, November 13, 2002
Rosen Centre Hotel
Orlando, FL

The open business meeting started at 5:15 PM and there were 32 people in attendance.

Announcement of Election Results (Lampe)

Martin Lampe announced Jill Dahlburg is the new vice-chair, Jim Drake is the new division councilor succeeding Richard Hazeltine, Amitava Bhattacharjee, Bill Heidbrink and David Newman are the new ExCom members. 558 electronic votes and 11 paper votes were received.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report (Chan)

As of September 30, 2002, DPP has retained earnings of \$276,390 (approximately \$22,000 down from same period last year) and current earnings of \$95,558 (DPP02 pre-registration) for a total net asset of \$371,949. A revised financial forecast for the DPP02 meeting was presented. Approximately 1450 registered paid attendees would be needed to break even for this meeting. There are 38 complimentary registrations and 20 undergraduate registration waivers.

Current membership of DPP is 2,493, which is 5.85% of APS membership. On-site membership registration is set up at this meeting.

Ideas for improvement of the DPP website have been solicited from the membership. DPP is now ready to move forward with the improvements.

Future meeting sites are:

Albuquerque 2003
Savannah 2004
Denver 2005
Philadelphia 2006

Program Committee Report (Mauel)

Mike Mauel thanked everyone who contributed to organizing this meeting, particularly Donna Baudrau for negotiating the government rate at the Rosen Centre Hotel, and Saralyn Stewart and Steve Knowlton for their assistance to the program committee.

There are 102 invited talks including talks by the Weimer Award and Doctoral Thesis Award recipients, 4 tutorial and 4 review talks, and approximately 1500 contributed abstracts sorted into 19 contributed oral and 42 poster sessions.

ExCom Report (Lampe)

A plan to permanently endow the Maxwell Prize has been initiated. The prize money will be raised to \$10K, which requires an endowment fund of \$250K. A committee has been

set up that includes the past chair, chair, chair elect, vice chair and other additional members. Mike Mauel is the chair of this committee for next year.

The Nicholson Award has become a general APS award.

The DPP prize selection committees are urging the community to be more active to make sure qualified people are nominated. There are only 5 experimentalists in the 30 years of the Maxwell Prize Award, which indicates a deficiency in the process. The guideline allows giving the award to a maximum of three people. Members should think about outstanding achievements in the last 10-20 years.

Comment (Kruer): This division should be more proactive in nominating for Nobel Prize. (Lampe) First step is taken by trying to identify new National Academy of Science members to nominate.

The Doctoral Thesis Award also needs more nominations. The Weimer Award however has been very competitive this year.

The DPP is working on controlling the hotel costs for future meetings. A strategy is to pay for the use of hotel facilities in return for lower room rates.

Mike Mauel reported the science expo is expecting 1200 students. A subcommittee has been set up to update the plasma science brochure.

Public Comments

(Coppi) DPP should suggest to PRL editor a group of assistant editors for plasma physics who will choose referees for plasma physics papers.

(Gentle) DPP should urge APS to voice support for international exchanges in view of the problem we are facing now with visa delays.

(Hawryluk) It is beneficial to have representation at PRL to expedite publication. SCIENCE is still a recognized problem.

(Bingham) The 2005 EPS Meeting will celebrate the centennial with the publication of the three famous papers. It would be good to have DPP representation.

(Ryutov) Comments on Plasma Physics has been sold to a new publisher, Taylor and Francis, which is considering discontinuing the journal. The status is unclear. Transfer of copyright is possible. Can anything be done?

Respectfully submitted,
Vincent Chan
DPP Secretary-Treasurer