

Minutes of the Business Meeting
Division of Plasma Physics
Wednesday, October 29, 2003
Hyatt Hotel, Albuquerque
New Mexico

The open business meeting started at 5:15 PM and there were 43 people in attendance.

Announcement of Election Results (Mauel)

There were 649 members who voted, which is the highest percentage of participation.

The three new ExCom members are Christina Back (LLNL), Cris Barnes (LANL) and Herb Berk (Texas), and the new Vice Chair Elect is Melissa Douglas (LANL).

Mike Mauel thanked the outgoing members Melissa Douglas, Warren Mori and Bill Nevins.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report (Chan)

As of 09/30/03, DPP has retained earning of \$380,808 and current loss of \$23,178 for a total net asset of \$357,630.

APS has adopted a new procedure for email announcement in response to a new EU privacy law for third party emails. EU members will be asked annually to “opt-in” on receiving emails from APS that contain non-APS announcement.

The DPP by-laws have been revised. We are awaiting approval from the APS Council after which the by-laws will be submitted to the DPP membership for final approval.

The DPP website has been upgraded with a new look and new features.

DPP membership is currently at 2536, which is 5.98% of the APS membership.

Future meeting sites have been decided up to 2009 because of favorable conditions offered by hotels in some cities:

Savannah (2004)
Denver (2005)
Philadelphia (2006)
Orlando (2007)
Dallas (2008)
Atlanta (2009)

Program Committee Report (Hammer/Schamiloglu)

There are 1540 registrants and over 1400 contributed papers.

Other Committee Reports

Rick Lee reported the undergraduate posters have increased by almost a factor of two, and five awards have been given out. A subcommittee has been formed to help further improve the Distinguished Lecturers Series. There are two invited talks on Education and Outreach at this meeting.

Mike Mauel reported the DPP is working with APS to bring the administration of the Nicholson Medal back to DPP. A subcommittee has been formed for raising funds to fully endow the Maxwell Prize. An NRC Decadal Study has been initiated called Plasma 2010 and the Coalition of Plasma Science has been active in promoting plasma science on Capital Hill.

Mike Mauel presented a special plaque to Chuck Roberson to acknowledge his lifetime contribution to plasma science and technology.

Public Comments

(Stambaugh) The on-going visa problems with Russian and Chinese scientists are affecting the U.S.'s ability to host international meetings. The DPP through our Division Councilor should interact with the APS to find solution for this issue.

(Hawryluk) Members should provide APS with actual stories on the seriousness of the visa situation.

(Coppi) The division needs to improve communication with astrophysics.

(Hammer) DPP should work with other divisions to promote joint sessions at the APS April meetings.

(Hammer) The division thanks David Baldwin for organizing the Remembering Marshall Rosenbluth Session.

Respectfully submitted,
Vincent Chan
DPP Secretary-Treasurer