

Minutes of the Division of Plasma Physics Business Meeting

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Room 105/106

Savannah Convention Center

Savannah, GA

The open business meeting started at 5:15 PM and there were 35 people in attendance.

Announcement of Election Results and Executive Committee Report (Hammer)

Dave Hammer announced the 2004 DPP election results.

Vincent Chan (GA) is the new vice chair elect, term ends 11/2008. Steve Allen (LLNL), term ends 11/2007, is the new secretary-treasurer, and Ray Fonck, Martin Greenwald and Fred Skiff are the new executive committee members, terms end 11/2007.

This was the first year the electronic ballot was switched from the DPP website to the APS site. Participation increased from 25% last year to 36%, which is a significant jump according to the ballot history.

DPP decided not to take action now on the scientific ethics issue in addition to what APS is already doing, but will continue to monitor the situation

DPP also discussed the question of career development for plasma physics students. Comments and suggestions are welcome.

Mike Mael gave a status report on the John Dawson Excellence in Plasma Physics Award, which will be jointly sponsored by DPP, UCLA and the Dawson family. This will enable shifting part of the Excellence Award endowment to the Maxwell Prize endowment, which together with the continuing sponsorship from General Atomics will enable DPP to raise the Maxwell Prize money to \$10k.

The Nicholson Medal will return to the stewardship by DPP and will be solely for the purpose of mentorship of students.

Dave Hammer thanked all the outgoing ExCom members and people who served on all the DPP committees.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report (Chan)

As of 09/30/04, DPP has net assets of \$492,291. Revenues include, besides DPP meeting revenue, membership revenue of \$12,600 and allocated investment income of \$22,850.

Examples of usage of DPP reserve to better serve the division include:

- New paid DPP administrator position
- \$38k to buy-down the hotel rates at this meeting
- Providing LCD projectors for all oral sessions and mini-conferences
- Increased Internet hub access lines

- Paying for substitute teachers so local teachers can attend the Teachers Day Workshop

As of 10/04/04, DPP has 2,436 members, which is 5.75% of the total APS membership.

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

Denver (Oct 24-28, 2005)

Philadelphia (Oct 30-Nov 3, 2006)

Orlando (Nov 12-16, 2007)

Dallas (Nov 17-21, 2008)

Atlanta (Nov 2-6, 2009)

Program Committee Report (Dahlburg/Uckan)

There are 1456 registered at this meeting, highlighted by the Marshall Rosenbluth Memorial Session. Evening meetings were reduced to a tolerable number.

The river was a potential problem with attendees staying on the opposite side of the convention center. Fortunately the shuttle bus system, which came around every 15 minutes at peak hours, worked out reasonably well.

Public Comment: The poster session arrangement was excellent.

Other Committee Reports

Rick Lee reported an increase in student posters to 55 at this meeting. The student poster award will pick five outstanding posters. 65 local teachers attended the Teachers Day Workshop and approximately 1700 students per day are expected for the Plasma Expo.

Public Comments

(Coppi) A new APS prize, the Sakharov Prize for human rights, has raised \$70k already and \$100k is required. He suggested DPP's help in the fund raising.

(Berry) The Coalition for Plasma Science is sponsoring a plasma science award at the International Intel Science Competition. Volunteer judges are needed.

The attendees expressed a vote of thanks for Dave Hammer's service as DPP chair.

Respectfully submitted,
Vincent Chan
DPP Secretary-Treasurer