

## 2001 DBP Business Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 14, 2001, Seattle Convention Center.

Ed Uzgiris opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. and reported on the Executive Committee meeting held the previous night. The three main points discussed were

- (1) campaign to raise funds for the biological physics prize,
- (2) efforts to increase membership (107 new members had registered so far this meeting), and
- (3) the plans to provide a newsletter to the membership with information about meetings, funding opportunities, job openings, etc.

He then proceeded to present five certificates for new fellows of the division. The five new fellows were Rob de Ruyter van Steveninck, Dean Astumian, David Piston, Mark Spano, and Zaida Ann Luthey-Schulten.

He also encouraged nominations for next year and mentioned that the nomination window closes on April 1.

He then opened the floor for comments.

**Comment #1:** It was suggested that the division create a thesis prize if funds are available. It was pointed out that the prestige is more important than the money, and that some divisions offer an invited speaker slot to winners. Ed Uzgiris stated that the Exec Com would consider this idea.

**Comment #2:** A member asked if travel grants are available for graduate students. Mark Spano mentioned that no one applied for such a grant this year and that he would advertise this opportunity next year.

Ed Uzgiris pointed out that the division was interested in receiving more mini symposia proposals. A meeting attendee asked whether a schedule of symposia is available on the web. Mark Spano reported that he attempted to circulate a list of DBP sessions, but that APS was unable to send attached files to the membership. He added that he would post the schedule on the web in the coming year.

**Comment #3:** It was suggested that the division web site include a list of relevant granting agencies. Mark Spano replied that the division web site would include job listings and governance details including bylaws. He encouraged members to send their suggestions regarding content of the web site.

Ed Uzgis announced the new Executive Committee members. The new vice chairperson is Ray Goldstein, the new APS council member (representing the DBP) is Bob Eisenberg, and new members at large are Angel Garcia and Ken Dill.

The editor of Physics Today requested suggestions for articles and pointed out that biological physics is a vibrant area. Margaret Foster from PRE reported that the journal is now indexed on Medline and reported on journal statistics.

Mark Spano (as incoming Chair) thanked Ed Uzgis for his service. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.