

Meeting of the Executive Committee of the DPF

December 2002

Minutes of the December 16, 2002 Meeting of the Executive Committee of the DPF

Minutes by Nick Hadley, DPF Secretary-Treasurer.

The meeting was held by phone conference.

The meeting began at 4:00PM (EST) and ended at 5:30PM.

Present: Jon Bagger, Martin Breidenbach, Marcela Carena, William Carithers, Sally Dawson, Howie Haber, Nick Hadley, Young-Kee Kim, Peter Meyers, Elizabeth Simmons, Chris Quigg, and Stan Wojcicki

Agenda:

1. Introduction of new members and farewell to the exiting ones - Wojcicki
2. Status of Education and Outreach Subcommittee - Simmons
3. Status of Government Liason Subcommittee - Carithers
4. HEPAP "phaseout" from communications and government affairs - Bagger
5. Philadelphia meeting - Dawson
6. Iranian string initiative - Dawson, Bagger, et al
7. DPF committee nominations - Hadley
8. APS Fellows - Wojcicki
9. AOB

Chair Wojcicki opened the meeting by welcoming Marcel Carena and John Womersley to the Executive Committee and by thanking departing Executive Committee members, Janet Conrad and Bill Carithers, for their work. Bill Carithers will remain on the Executive Committee as he joins the Chair-line as Vice-Chair. He particularly thanked departing past-Chair Chris Quigg for all his efforts over the past four years, notably organizing Snowmass 2001. Stan also expressed his appreciation of the contributions of the Secretary-Treasurer, above and beyond the "job description".

Liz Simmons reported on the Education and Outreach Subcommittee. It was the Executive Committee's intention ask the two new general members to serve on one of our new committees. Since John Womerlsey was already on Government Liason Subcommittee, Marcela Carena was asked to serve on Education and Outreach and graciously agreed. The Subcommittee members are: Liz Simmons (chair), Mike Barnett, Marcela Carena, Inga Karliner, Harrison Prosper, Randy Ruchti, Greg Snow, and Jodi Wittlin (YPP). Work on the revised DPF website continues with the text essentially complete. The subcommittee is coordinating its activities with other outreach efforts and

plans to improve our contacts with the AAPT. There was also discussion of having more education and outreach sessions at the APS April meeting.

Bill Carithers reported on the Government Liason SubCommittee. The Subcommittee members are: Bill Carithers (chair), Chris Potter, Jim Stone, Herman White, John Womersley, and Mike Zeller. Bill will be the primary contact for the DPF on Government affairs and will coordinate our activities with the APS, the laboratories, and other groups.

Incoming DPF Jon Bagger then announced his goals for the DPF for the next year. His highest priority will be to successfully launch the new Government Liason and Education and Outreach Subcommittees.

The HEPAP Communications Committee, which is chaired by Bagger and Barry Barish, is being phased out. There will be a meeting at SLAC on December 18 to discuss the formation of a non-HEPAP group to take its place. The meeting will be attended by all four members of the DPF chair-line, Carithers, Dawson, Bagger, and Wojcicki as well as the HEPAP chair, Fred Gilman, and public affairs personnel from SLAC and Fermilab.

Sally Dawson reported on preparations for the 2003 DPF meeting which will be held jointly with the April 2003 APS meeting in Philadelphia. The web site, www.dpf2003.org, is ready. An excellent slate of invited talks has been arranged as well as a special session at the University of Pennsylvania. Sally has contacted many experiments to encourage them to submit abstracts, which are due by January 10, 2003.

There was then discussion of a proposed workshop on String Theory in Iran. The idea for the workshop was developed by Committee on International Affairs of the APS. The workshop would be sponsored by the Physics of Iran and the APS, and held in Iran. After discussion, the DPF Executive Committee agreed to respond positively to the request from the Committee on International Affairs. Concerns were expressed about whether all DPF members would be welcome at the meeting, regardless of their sex, religion or citizenship.

Nick Hadley then presented the status of the search for committee members for the DPF Nominating and Prize committees. The final list of potential members with Executive Committee rankings will be forwarded to Jon Bagger as DPF Chair later this week. Jon will then try to convince people to serve. Stan Wojcicki said that as Chair he took the Executive Committee advice, but, when necessary, selected people to achieve proper balance of interests on the committees. Jon Bagger noted that we have been asked to provide names of people to run for APS office. The deadline for this is early January.

A discussion followed of the problem of DPF members who are not APS Fellows, but who should be, based on their accomplishments. A list of all DPF members with those who are fellows indicated will be sent to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will try to encourage the nomination of particularly deserving individuals.

Peter Meyers reported on the recent APS council meeting. He said that the difficulty that many of our foreign colleagues have had in obtaining visas is very serious. The problem extends over all fields of science, not just physics or particle physics. The APS (specifically Irving Lerch) wants to hear about visa problems so that the extent of the problem can be documented.

The council also discussed professional responsibility, particularly in light of recent cases of scientific misconduct. The question of the responsibility borne by authors in large collaborations for scientific misconduct is a difficult issue, and it is important for DPF members to be aware of potential problems. The text of the Council statement on this issue as well as links to statements from other scientific societies can be found on the web at <http://www.aps.org/statements/02.2.cfm>.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM (EST) with Chair Wojcicki again thanking outgoing past Chair Quigg for his outstanding service to the DPF.