

Meeting of the Executive Committee of the DPF

January 2002

Minutes of January 14, 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 3PM (EST) and ended at 5:30PM.

Present: Jon Bagger, Vernon Barger, Martin Breidenbach, William Carithers, Janet Conrad, Sally Dawson, Glennys Farrar, Howard Haber, Nick Hadley, Young-Kee Kim, Peter Meyers, Elizabeth Simmons, Chris Quigg, and Stanley Wojcicki Marc Sher (visitor)

Agenda:

Welcome - Quigg

DPF 2002 Update - Sher

Snowmass and Quarks Unbound Brochure Status - Quigg

Carithers Committee Update - Carithers

AAAS Meetings, Committees, Prizes, and Newsletter - Wojcicki

HEPAP Subpanel and Linear Collider Discussion - all

Chris Quigg chaired the first part of the meeting.

The meeting opened with Chris Quigg welcoming the new members of the committee. Sally Dawson was elected vice-chair, and Elizabeth Simmons and Howard Haber are the new members of the Executive Committee. Chris thanked departing committee members Glennys Farrar and Vernon Barger for their work and Gene Beier for his efforts as a member of the chair line. He also thanked the candidates who were not elected, Joe Lykken, Mats Selen, and Herman White, for their willingness to serve.

Marc Sher, chair of the organizing committee for DPF 2002, which will be held in Williamsburg, VA from May 24-28, then reported on the status of the meeting. The meeting has just received funding from the DOE. Planning for Outreach and Education activities at the meeting has recently begun. Jefferson Lab is willing to help with Education and Outreach and to provide some funding. The plenary talks for the meeting have been set except for one or two slots reserved for new results which will be decided soon. There was discussion of which exciting new result (or results) to present. There was agreement that a session devoted to science policy on Friday evening should be added as well as a plenary session talk on the Linear Collider.

Chris Quigg reported that the finances for the Snowmass meeting are in good shape, as the meeting was very well attended. He informed the committee that the 20,000 copies of the "Quarks Unbound" brochure have been printed. Copies have been distributed to the chairs of all APS units as well as to the funding agencies and National Laboratories. We plan to distribute copies of the brochure to all DPF members and probably to physics department chairs. Chris is working to obtain funding to send copies of the brochure to high school physics teachers who are members of the AAPT. (Note added after the meeting. The AAPT will include copies of the "Quarks Unbound" brochure in the mailing of their April issue of the Physics Teacher. This will be about 8500 copies. The costs will be very reasonable, less than \$2000, since the mailing will be bundled.)

Chris also reported that the chairs of the five DOE and NSF Advisory panels in physics have been meeting on some regular basis to enhance communication between the disciplines and to organize to support increased funding for the physical sciences. Mike Lubell, Chris and a representative of "science done in small groups" will make a presentation at the Units meeting in February.

Stan Wojcicki then took over as Chair of the meeting. He thanked Chris for his tremendous efforts as Chair, for organizing Snowmass and for his Education and Outreach activities including the "Quarks Unbound" brochure. There was applause for Chris's activities as Chair.

Bill Carithers then presented the current status of his committee which has been considering the general question of possible future activities for the DPF. Bill's committee will issue a written report for discussion by the full DPF Executive Committee at the April APS meeting in Albuquerque. Bill said that his committee has decided to focus on the issue of education and outreach. The committee is considering the formation of a DPF sub-committee on Education and Outreach with four members, two from the Executive Committee and two from the DPF membership at large. This committee could be responsible for organizing events at DPF meetings, for making a yearly brochure, for government liaison efforts, and a variety of other topics. Glennys Farrar and Vernon Barger will remain on the Carithers committee until the Albuquerque meeting so that they can follow their work to its final form. The Teacher Day organized by the Division of Plasma Physics was given as a possible example of the kinds of activities the new Outreach and Education Subcommittee might consider. Bill also noted that the Young Particle Physicists effort has gone very well with groups established at SLAC, DESY, CERN, as well as Fermilab.

Stan Wojcicki then noted that the SLAC and Final Users Organization will be in Washington for their annual meeting there in April. Stan will work with the heads of those organizations to help optimize our efforts.

Stan noted that the deadline for proposing symposia for the next AAAS meeting is March 18. Sally Dawson, as vice-chair agreed to organize such a proposal. If this works as well as expected, we are likely to continue this arrangement. (In previous Executive

Committee meetings, we had agreed to try to increase the presence of physics in general and particle physics in particular at AAAS meetings.)

Nick Hadley said that he was considering sending paper copies of the DPF newsletter only to DPF members without email addresses. The newsletter has about three editions per year and is currently sent to all DPF members by regular mail. The newsletter would be announced by email and be available from the DPF web page. After brief discussion, the Executive Committee endorsed the principle of "mailing" the newsletter via email. (Newsletters since 1994 are available on the DPF web page.) Stan asked if we knew how many of our members read the newsletter and Nick said that he did not.

There was then a discussion of the recommendations of the APS Prize task force to require that all prizes have a minimum award of \$10,000. This requirement would require many prize funds to raise money or to be awarded less frequently or downgraded to the status of an award. (We had previously discussed this issue by email.) Those who spoke said that the prizes were important for the honor they conveyed, not for the money. There was sentiment that it would not look well to be seen as asking for more money to reward ourselves, when there are many better uses for funding increases, such as outreach and education. The Executive Committee authorized the DPF officers to voice our objections to this increase.

Stan Wojcicki then spoke about the status of finding members for the nominating committee and the prize committees. He asked for more names of potential nominees so that he could better balance representation on these committees.

A general discussion of the HEPAP subpanel report and a possible DPF role in helping organize community efforts towards a Linear Collider followed. Jon Bagger, who is one of the sub-panel chairs, discussed the changes that had been made to the draft report and would appear in the final report which will be transmitted to HEPAP next week. It was agreed that the Executive Committee should make a statement in support of the general conclusions of the sub-panel report as expressed in the Executive Summary, which has already been approved by HEPAP, and has been public for some months. Stan Wojcicki agreed to draft such a statement which the Executive Committee would then review. The DPF is eager to assist HEPAP and the agencies in the implementation of the subpanel recommendations. There was discussion of the Executive Committee's possibly issuing a statement about how to form the P5 panel that is suggested in the sub-committee report. There was also discussion of a possible DPF role in the formation of the Linear Collider steering committee proposed by the sub-panel. It was agreed to wait on these issues until the final report was available and Executive Committee members had been able to digest it and contemplate all the nuances.

The next meeting will be held in Albuquerque during the APS April meeting.