

Meeting of the Executive Committee of the DPF

July 6, 2001

Minutes by Nick Hadley, Secretary-Treasurer

The meeting was held at the Snowmass 2001 meeting of the DPF and DPB in Snowmass Colorado. The meeting began at 9AM and ended at 11:30AM.

Present: Jon Bagger, Vernon Barger, Gene Beier, Martin Breidenbach, William Carithers, Sally Dawson, Nick Hadley, Young-Kee Kim, Chris Quigg, and Stanley Wojcicki

Agenda:

- Discussion of Snowmass Meeting - Quigg
- Thematic Survey Update - Quigg
- Setting of Election Date - Hadley
- Carithers Committee Update - Carithers
- Nomination Form - all
- April 2002 Meeting Program - all

Chris Quigg chaired the meeting.

The meeting opened with a discussion of the Snowmass 2001 meeting. Chris Quigg announced that 1100 scientists had registered for the meeting which is sponsored by the Division of Particles and Fields and the Division of Beams of the APS. The 1100 scientists include more than 150 non-US participants and more than 200 Young Physicists.

The meeting has gotten good coverage from the press including reporters from the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, and the Dallas Morning News as well as other papers. In addition to the three week long scientific sessions, Snowmass 2001 includes considerable outreach and education efforts. There is a one week Quarknet session which enables high school teachers and students to participate in real research. There is a Science Weekend, the weekend of July 7-8, which includes not only displays from high energy and beams physics, but also exhibits from NCAR, the Adler planetarium, the SciTech Hands On Science Museum and other science education organizations. Nobel Laureate Leon Lederman has agreed to participate in many of the outreach events, which include lectures and demonstrations in Carbondale in Spanish aimed at the large Latino population in the Snowmass/Aspen area. The tremendous efforts of Elizabeth Simmons in organizing the Education and Outreach for Snowmass 2001 were noted with appreciation.

Other activities of the meeting include a first-ever meeting of the Public Affairs professionals from SLAC, DESY, Gran Sasso, CERN, and FNAL and a workshop on making the case for Particle Physics led by April Burke, science lobbyist for CalTech, URA and NCAR. An evening session on working with governments featuring Mike Holland from the OMB, Mike Lubell from the APS Office of Public Affairs, and Luciano Maiani, director of CERN, is also planned.

There was discussion of the details of the meeting including the need to get the subgroup agendas better publicized as well as such items as the decision not to have a banquet, as it was felt that banquets were not good value.

The proceedings of the meeting will be produced electronically by the SLAC Library. This has gotten the approval of the DOE and NSF. It was noted that the proceedings of Snowmass 1996 are available online from the SLAC site. The SLAC Library has arrangements with Stanford University to ensure that their online documents will remain available in perpetuity. Norm Graf from SLAC has agreed to edit the proceedings.

Stan Wojcicki raised the issue of organizing a letter writing campaign to congress at Snowmass to take advantage of the large number of scientists present. Unfortunately, due to complications involving the use of government funds for such efforts, we were not able to do this.

Chris passed a draft version of the brochure about particle physics which aims to explain the excitement of our science to the public. The brochure was professionally written and laid out and seemed of very high quality. There was discussion of asking the National Labs if they would be interested in purchasing large quantities of the brochure to hand out to visitors to their labs.

The date for the next DPF election was set at November 15.

Bill Carithers led discussion of his committee's work on possible future activities of the DPF. He noted that two of the committee's members are on the HEPAP subpanel evaluating the future of the field, and that this along with the enormous effort in preparing for Snowmass 2001 has understandably slowed progress. He said that the committee has decided to on the areas of education and outreach, government liaison, and concerns of young physicists. It was noted that there is a Young Physicists group which is active at Snowmass. It was agreed to hold a phone conference in the fall to decide on plans based on the work of the committee.

The APS has requested nominees to serve on various APS committees. Names of nominees should be sent to Stan Wojcicki. The committees are: the Committee on Careers and Professional Development, the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, the Committee on Education, the Committee on Fellowship, the Committee on International freedom of Scientists, the Committee on International Scientific Affairs, the Investment Committee, the Lillienfeld Prize Committee, the Committee on Meetings, the Committee

on Membership, the Committee on Minorities, the Committee on the Status of Women in Physics, the Publications Oversight Committee, and the Physics Policy Committee.

The meeting concluded with a discussion of the April 2002 meeting, and plans for invited talks and sessions. The idea of encouraging more participation from abroad to increase the visibility of the meeting and its importance was raised. It was agreed that these and other suggestions including ideas for invited talks should be sent to Jon Bagger, who is the DPF Program Chair for the meeting.