

DPF Executive Committee Meeting

July 28, 2008

Attending

DPF EC: Chip Brock, Bob Cahn, Cecilia Gerber, Al Goshaw, Boris Kayser, Ritchie Patterson and Natalie Roe

Guests: Paul Karchin and Alexey Petrov

Regrets: Dan Amidei, Janet Conrad, JoAnne Hewett, Andreas Kronfeld and Jack Ritchie

Agenda and minutes

1. Introduction and LHC risk issue (Bob)

Bob introduced the meeting agenda as previously circulated. He then initiated a discussion of concerns that have been circulating about risks posed by LHC operation. He thanked everyone for the email messages on this issue. Based upon the feedback from EC members, he proposed that the DPF post on the DPF web site a message stating our position that operation of the LHC is safe, based upon extensive studies. There was consensus with this plan.

ACTION ITEM:

Bob will circulate a revised copy of his draft message to the EC members for comments. He will also talk with Judy Franz about our plans, and the possibility of a link to our message from the main APS web site.

2. Discussion of DPF Newsletter (Al)

Al introduced a discussion about the role of the DPF Newsletter, and possible plans for a 2008 edition.

There was general consensus that the Newsletter plays a useful role in communication with the DPF community on certain issues, although the advent of rapid internet communications makes news old fast. The issue of format was discussed. There will always be a web version posted, but mailing a hardcopy in addition can be done at modest cost (~ \$1200).

Some possible articles for a 2008 Newsletter were discussed:

- * message from the DPF Chair
- * impact and fate of P5 report (Charlie Baltay, Mel Shochet ?)
- * interview/article by HEP DOE/NSF leaders
 - Dennis Kovar (re-structuring of DOE)
 - Joe Dehmer
 - ...
- * retirement of PK Williams
- * news about 2009 DPF meetings (Denver and Wayne State)
- * ICHEP 2008 retrospective
- * general DPF news
 - awards, prizes
 - ongoing elections

Somewhere, thanks to congress for HEP supplement ...

ACTION ITEM:

After getting feedback from EC members, Al will suggest names of EC members for following up on specific articles. Once the $t=0$ is set, the articles should be made available in less than 4 weeks. Then the assembled Newsletter would be sent to APS for formatting and distribution (another ~ 2 weeks).

3. Discussion of DPF 2009 meeting (Paul Karchin and Alexey Petrov)

Alexey and Paul presented a proposal for parallel sessions drafted by the local organizing committee.

1. Accelerator Physics
2. Beyond the Standard Model
3. Computing in HEP
4. CP-violation
5. Detector Technologies and R&D
6. Education and Outreach in HEP
7. Electroweak Physics [W/Z]
8. Field and String Theory [non-lattice]
9. First results from LHC
10. Hadron Spectroscopy
11. Heavy Ion Physics/Hot&Dense QCD
12. Heavy Flavor Physics [bottom/charm/tau]
13. Higgs Physics
14. Lattice Field Theory [QCD/others]
15. Low Energy Searches for BSM Physics [kaons/g-2/LFV/EDMs/...]
16. Neutrino Physics
17. Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology
18. Perturbative and Non-perturbative QCD
19. Top Quark Physics

They requested comments and advice from the DPF EC. A lengthy discussion ensued with suggestions for some consolidation of topics, with the use of the expected distribution of abstracts from past meetings as a guide. The assignment of plenary topics has not yet been discussed by the local organizing committee.

There was some discussion of other aspects of the conference planning and budget. It was suggested that contacting the APS team responsible for conference planning might be useful for advice when major contracts are signed.

ACTION ITEMS:

Agenda: Alexey and Paul should keep the DPF informed on their developing plans.

Budget and conference planning: Al will contact Alexey and Paul asking for an updated budget/revenue plan in case the DPF is asked to provide funding as loan for immediate needs. He will also put them in contact with APS conference planning.

4. Discussion of Denver APS/DPF 2009 meeting (Chip)

Chip sent the EC a detailed planning document for the Denver 2009 meeting, with specific questions for discussion highlighted. A theme for the conference was proposed

based upon the “telescope” in a broad sense. This was endorsed by the EC.

He introduced a discussion on agenda topics, and dealing with overlaps/conflicts between interesting, high profile talks. He made a suggestion for combined sessions with the Committee on the Status of Women in Physics and Forum of Education.

The EC encouraged him to proceed with these initiatives.

Chip pointed out that coordination of the plenary talks with those at the Denver ASP/DPF meeting is desirable, and he will keep in contact with the DPF2009 organizers.

ACTION ITEMS:

Chip will send Alexey and Paul information on past DPF abstract submissions, and coordinate plenary planning with them. He will keep the EC informed with updates on the progress of APS/DPF 2009 planning

5. Secretary/Treasurer news (AI)

The DPF elections for new EC members in 2009 will open on August 1 and run through October 15, 2009. The candidates are:

* Vice-Chair: Patricia McBride and Jack Ritchie

* Members-at-large (2): Meenahshi Narain, Kevin Pitts, David Saltzberg and Bing Zhou

The current (July 1, 2008) balance in the DPF treasury is \$150K. The importance of using some of these funds for travel support of students to DPF meetings was emphasized.

END Minutes

Al Goshaw