

Meeting of the Executive Committee of the DPF

May 2002

Minutes of the DPF Meeting Executive Committee Meeting
May 24, 2002 at Williamsburg, VA

Minutes by Nick Hadley, DPF Secretary-Treasurer

Present: Stan Wojcicki, Chris Quigg, Jon Bagger, Sally Dawson, Nick Hadley, Janet Conrad, Howard Haber

Guests: Joseph Formaggio, Sam Zeller, John Krane, Fred Gilman, John Layter

The meeting opened with John Layter making a presentation on behalf of the UC Riverside group, who wish to host the DPF meeting in 2004. Riverside is located near to Los Angeles (60 miles) and is 20 miles east of the Ontario Airport. UC Riverside was founded in 1954. The Campus is growing. There are now 14,500 students. The plan is to have 25,000 by 2015. There are now 16 High Energy Physics and Astrophysics faculty at the University. The Riverside group plans to use the DPF99 approach and enlist the major Southern California universities (UCLA, UCI, UCSB, UCSD, Caltech, USC, Cal State, ...) to develop the program under their overall organization. Dormitory rooms would be available for about \$45/night, assuming the meeting was held in September before the start of classes. The average daytime high in mid-September is about 85 degrees. Riverside's air quality has improved markedly in the 1980's and 1990s. There were over 100 days with Stage 1 Ozone alerts in 1980, and no days with Stage 1 Ozone alerts in 1999, 2000 and 2001. There is a lecture hall with 570 seats for plenary sessions, and three other large auditoriums seating more than 300. Parking is plentiful but may not be free.

John Krane from the Young Particle Physicists (YPP) then discussed the Survey Project which has now been completed. The survey done at Snowmass, although care was taken not just to include people at Snowmass. The Young Particle Physicists page (<http://ypp.hep.net>) is now linked from the main DPF web page (<http://www.aps.org/units/dpf/>) John thanked the Executive Committee for the web page link and for the DPF supported fellowships at Snowmass. He noted that there was a good, collegial attitude at Snowmass, and that YPP representatives have given invited talks at SLAC, DESY, FNAL

Joe Formaggio from the YPP then discussed the current state of the YPP organization. YPP working groups include: Outreach to the Public. The YPP has applied to the NSF for a grant for this. Kits and workshops Outreach to the government A Young Physicist Issues group Globalization

YPP chapters have been formed at BNL, CESR, FNAL, CERN, DESY, SLAC, and some universities. Each Local Chapter has a representative member who is in the representative body of the YPP. The representative body then elects the YPP executive committee which runs the organization. Activities at the local chapters include lectures, and work on local issues.

The issue of how the YPP and DPF should best interact was discussed. YPP brings a group of enthusiastic participants. Issues mentioned included: how to get young physicists involved with decision process, how to get young physicists visibility, how to get young particle physicists from Asia involved, how to interact with the the APS topical group for Graduate students. It was agreed that the DPF will meet regularly with the YPP, and will help with YPP sessions at DPF meetings,

The Executive Committee was then joined by HEPAP chair, Fred Gilman, who discussed the initial ideas on forming the P5 HEPAP subcommittee recommended by the recent HEPAP Long Range Planning Subpanel. Executive Committee members expressed concern about increasing community involvement in the process of determining P5.

It was noted with regret that Bob Eisenstein is leaving the NSF, where he has been head of the MPS division.

Nick Hadley then presented the treasurers report. Since there will not be another Snowmass for a few years, the finances of the DPF are in good shape. As of April 30, 2002, the DPF had \$90,131,76 in assets, down from \$131,517.34 a year ago. Fiscal year to date expenses (10 months) are \$52,769.04. For the same period last year, DPF expenses were \$8,740.54. For the same period two years ago, expenses were \$4,868.41. The increase in expenses this year is due to hosting the Snowmass Summer Workshop and the publication of the "Quarks Unbound" booklet. The DPF yearly income has averaged about \$29,000 for the past two years.

There was then a discussion of the 2003 APS April meeting which will be in Philadelphia. We will have a DPF meeting joint with this APS April meeting.

Bill Carithers then issued the final report of his committee on future DPF activities. Bill revised the wording to the report since the last Executive Council meeting. The report as revised was adopted unanimously, and will be posted on the DPF web page. The report recommends the formation of an Education and Outreach Subcommittee as well as a Government Liason Subcommittee. Liz Simmons has agreed to serve on the Education and Outreach Subcommittee.

The DPF Executive Committee endorsed the bid from UC Riverside to host the 2004 DPF meeting and is looking forward to a successful meeting there.

The next DPF Executive Committee meeting will be in early October, 2002.