

## 3rd Quarter FGSA Meeting

Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2016

Time: 2pm EST

### Action Items:

- 1) Request to be added as an administrator to the APS FGSA facebook page to help with advertising
- 2) Send election/nomination information to be posted in everyone's department
- 3) Advertise FGSA/CCPD webinar on 9/13/16
- 4) Add yourself to review committee for travel awards
- 5) Get newsletters done by December (for April Meeting) and February (for March Meeting)
- 6) Look into starting LinkedIn group

Attendance: Andrea, Lucas, Anashe, Krista, Cathleen, Josh, Joy

Regrets: Ruth, Val, Nick, Julia, Hannah

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### Agenda/Minutes:

- 1) Budget update (Ruth): Updated FGSA report has not been updated yet by APS for the Month of July.
  - a) A large part of our current budget, plus money from APS in January, will be used to host CAM2017. We will not have a budget surplus this year or next due to that, and we will need to finance things even more carefully than usual.
  - b) Expenses this year: 12-13 outstanding travel awards
  - c) Expenses next year: ~24 travel awards plus speaker travel reimbursement for March and April Meeting, plus CAM expenses (see item 9.b.ii below for details)
- 2) Travel Award update (Josh)
  - a) Q4 applications just opened and are starting to come in, will end September 20
    - i) Reviewers: Andrea, Lucas, Cathleen,
  - b) 25 awards given in 2016 (8 APS meetings, 2 Lindau Nobel meetings, awardees from ~20 different universities)
  - c) No major complaints with process. Average of 3 weeks after close of applications to announce awards. Happy with this timeline, but we should encourage reviewers to start looking at applications before the closure of applications.
- 3) FGSA/CCPD webinars (Anashe)
  - a) Interactive webinar on Industrial Postdocs September 13
  - b) Please advertise this and register to attend!
    - i) If cannot attend in person, can still register and get the materials later.
  - c) Next webinar in the spring semester: Writing an Academic CV vs Resume
- 4) APS Bridge (Anashe)
  - a) Grad Ed/APS Bridge Conference, February 10-12, 2017 in College Park, MD

- b) How to create/maintain a physics grad student association: any volunteers knowledgeable on this topic? Andrea will ask if anyone in her department, which recently started a new PGSA, can speak on this
- 5) FGSA Careers website (Anashe)
  - a) New site mockup
    - For comparison, this is the old version:
    - <http://www.aps.org/units/fgsa/careers/index.cfm>
- 6) Other website updates:
  - a) Executive committee: <https://www.aps.org/units/fgsa/governance/officers/>
  - b) Committees: <https://www.aps.org/units/fgsa/governance/committees/index.cfm>
- 7) March and April meeting planning
  - a) March (Andrea): Mental Health session.
    - i) General ideas, some speakers in mind. Will get busy on this soon.
  - b) April (Lucas): Shared session with Division for Nuclear Physics. Talking about industry and career issues in the first section, last part is a panel discussion about career opportunities for physicists in policy-related fields.
    - i) Speakers have been entered into database
    - ii) Hoping to have a politician, AAAS fellow, lobbyist
- 8) Newsletter
  - a) New co-Editor? Nick will help Danielle
  - b) Need to have newsletters ready by early December (for April Meeting) and early February (March Meeting)
- 9) CAM planning (Krista)
  - a) Program
    - i) Theme: “Physicists of the Future: Transcending Boundaries”
      - (1) Intentionally broad
      - (2) Will explore the many boundaries (disciplinary, geographical, mental/emotional) that physics graduate students must cross in pursuit of science
    - ii) 2 panel discussions to explore the theme, 5 plenary sessions with 2 invited speakers, and 12 sessions of student talks (in 4 groups of 3 parallel sessions)
    - iii) Social program: banquet, networking reception, possible optional group outing in DC at the end
  - b) Budget
    - i) Registration fee
      - (1) Must they register before award decisions are made?
    - ii) Estimated expenses
  - c) Proposal is in good shape and just needs to be updated as numbers solidify
  - d) Advertising campaign is set up and coordinated with APS Communications Department
- 10) Elections/nominations committee--Val has prepared a poster, pdf with info on the available positions, and a png to be posted on social media networks.
  - a) Early October election open goal

- b) Need support in posting on LinkedIn, facebook, etc.
- 11) Webmaster: need someone to post advertisements for upcoming events and opportunities offered by FGSA (call for nominations, April/March meeting sessions, CAM, etc.)
- a) Facebook
    - i) It is a closed group with ~500 people
    - ii) Can we make it an open group?
    - iii) Can we also create a Facebook site (for announcements)?
  - b) LinkedIn group? Krista will look into this.