

Date: October 28, 2015

Time: 14:00 EST

Bluejeans call in information:

- 1) Dial: +1 888 240 2560 (US or Canada only)
- 2) Enter Conference ID: 591447582

Action Items:

- 1) Check with Jon Burkin about rules for elections
- 2) Get budget details from Sara
- 3) If budget allows, assemble details for FGSA Membership Drive and/or FIP award
- 4) Send Manolis a thank you for his time as webmaster
- 5) Ask Jon about encouraging additional grad students (from the area) to attend CVD and if they can go as APS affiliates
- 6) Awardee statistics--assembled by Josh and Richard

Attendance: Krista Freeman, Eric Sorte, Hannah Clevenson, Brock, Richard, Josh

Regrets: Valerie, Marilena, Sara, Ian

Agenda:

1. CAM 2015 (Val, Richard, Josh)
 - a. How did it go - (RR & VG)
 - b. Budget Update (JE)
 - i. Reimbursements and status
 - ii. NSF and funding sources
 - iii. Travel insurance and grants
2. March/April meeting (Krista)
 - a. Entries into APS Speaker Database
 - i. Logistics
 - ii. Session details
 - iii. Travel reimbursement
 - b. Budget Estimates
 - c. Social events?
 - d. Session chairs
3. Upcoming elections (Brock)
 - a. Nominations status
 - b. Committees
4. [FIP Distinguished Student Seminar Series](#) (Richard proposed to collaborate)
 - a. RR - Propose to throw money at the situation more than anything else

5. Climate survey (Val/Josh)
6. December Membership Drive Proposal (RR)
 - a. Propose to pay for APS membership of graduate students (\$36/student) under the condition that they join FGSA
 - b. Division of beam physics recently had a membership drive advertising "APS-DBP 1 Year Free Membership"
 - c. Scope: Up to 200 new members during December for a total cost of \$7200.
 - d. Must obviously coordinate with APS but perhaps other APS might match our funds.
7. Congressional visit days (Hannah)
 - a. Jan 28-30, 2 recommended going, APS will pay expenses for 3
 - b. decision by Nov. 6
8. Anything else
 - a. Elections?
 - b. new Web Master
 - c. Budget

Minutes:

1. CAM 2015 (Val, Richard, Josh)
 - a. How did it go - (RG & VG)
 - i. difficulties with local organization and logistics, but overall fun
 - ii. \$4-4.8k total (20% over) due to issues with students using incorrect airlines for flights, FGSA is absorbing this cost
 - iii. issues with individuals - may need to do followup
 - iv. recommendation to start planning CAM 2017 now
 - b. Budget Update (JE)
 - i. Reimbursements and status
 - ii. NSF and funding sources
 1. ~\$20k + \$5k total, ~\$17-18k used
 2. Speakers costs underutilized due to NSF affiliation, last minute cancellation, etc.
 - iii. Travel insurance and grants
 1. one person purchased this, we may want to budget for this in the future, esp for people travelling from far away
2. March/April meeting (Krista)
 - a. Entries into APS Speaker Database
 - i. Logistics
 1. March Baltimore, MD; Tuesday, March 15, 8:00-11:00
 2. April Salt Lake City, UT; Saturday, April 16, 15:30-17:18

- a. May try to push for an earlier spot? Saturday is the first day of the conference, but might push into dinnertime
 - ii. Session details
 1. March The Future of Physics: Crossing Disciplines and Collaborating; Physicists today are asking increasingly specific questions within a rapidly growing cross-section of science. This session will explore how we rely on collaborative work to build a broad base of knowledge and an extensive network of capabilities.
 - a. Renee Horton, NASA; “Cross Discipline Training to Reach the Mountain Top of Your Career”
 - b. Robert Leheny, Johns Hopkins University; “Random walks along the squishy boundary of physics and engineering”
 - c. Amy Flatten, APS; “Collaborating Across Borders”
 2. April The Scales of Collaboration: Physics as a Cooperative Effort; Many recent breakthroughs in physics research are the result of collaboration. This session will explore the vastly varying scales of collaboration in physics through research talks by physicists from small, medium, and very large collaborations. (can be changed)
 - a. Gianpaolo Carosi, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; “The Axion Dark Matter Experiment: Big Science with a (relatively) Small Team”
 - b. Judy Cohen, California Institute of Technology; “The Thirty Meter Telescope Project, A Global Effort to Design and Build a Monstrously Large Telescope”
 - c. Daniel Tapia Takaki, University of Kansas; “Multidisciplinary and large international projects at CERN”
 - iii. Travel reimbursement: Economy airfare or ground transportation, up to 2 nights in a hotel, 1-day registration (or full registration for APS members since it is similar in price), and up to \$250 in additional expenses
 1. ~\$4k per meeting
 - b. Budget Estimates
 - i. March:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1zEi3TBx3MHOzr2HPK45CEE9RPjHIpp7Bm8hzLoSp2Ww/edit#gid=0>
 - ii. April:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10YSYwfDDxyYJA4G3seB6rzxpT-anKOkIdiF9Mc8AgPg/edit#gid=0>
 - iii. discussion on whether to fund a FGSA exec member as chair for each
 - c. Social events?
 - d. Session chairs
 - i. March: Krista
 - ii. April: ? (Chair-Elect?)
3. Upcoming elections (Brock)

- a. Nominations status
 - i. have enough (4 - exact necessary) for member at large, 1 for councilor, nothing for chair-elect or treasurer or international affairs
 - ii. what does the rest of APS do? Krista is investigating
- b. Committees (should be formed after elections)
 - i. Travel award
 - ii. APS March
 - iii. APS April
 - iv. CAM2017 (Bi-annual)
 - v. Other FGSA-funded awards
- 4. [FIP Distinguished Student Seminar Series](#) (Richard proposed to collaborate)
 - a. RR - Propose to throw money at the situation more than anything else
 - b. Find out FGSA total budget and how much of surplus needs to be spent
 - i. consult Sara
- 5. Climate survey (Val/Josh)
 - a. how life/programs are for grad students (US only? or international?)
- 6. December Membership Drive Proposal (RR)
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- 7. Congressional visit days & leadership convocation (Hannah)
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 - i. chair-elect, Krista, new person, (Hannah if needed)
 - b. decision by Nov. 6
 - c. FGSA-funded separate? (for congressional visit days)
 - i. Local university attendees, sponsor lunch/dinner?
- 8. Anything else
 - a. new Web master: poll E-board to see if anyone wants to do it. If not, Eric has volunteered to take that over when he finishes as councilor
 - b. Budget
 - c. Awardee statistics