

FPS Executive Committee Meeting April 6, 2003

Called to order at 2:35 pm by Laurie Fathe, Chair for a few more hours...

Attending: Laurie Fathe, Andy Sessler, Aviva Brecher, Al Saperstein, Marc Sher, Bo Hammer, Mark Sakitt, Tony Nero, Charles Ferguson, Sherri Stephan, Ed Gerjuoy, Brendan Plapp, Andrew Post-Zwicker, Susan Ginsberg, Tom McIllarth, Judy Franz

1) Report on De-mining study funding – Sessler

Funding remains an issue, APS will not provide funding but did approve, for the first time ever, requesting funding directly from Congress.

2) Should there be separate committees for Nicholson/Szilard awards due to large overlap?

Can not simply merge the committees without APS approval. This is still an ongoing discussion.

3) Graduate student support for FPS-relevant study

Should we support funding for a graduate student? Not only for studies but invite grad student to Washington Day Congressional Visits. Invite a member of Grad student forum to be a liaison to FPS as a way to foster ties between FPS and graduate students.

4) Treasurer's Report – Post-Zwicker

As of 2/28/03 we have \$35,446.90. Since switching from 4 to 2 printed newsletters we find ourselves in the position of how best to spend our money. (approximately. \$4,000 per printed newsletter savings)

5) POPA report – Brecher

Fuel Cell report will be soon posted on POPA site and a summary will be published in P&S.

Must make sure that we use this new position on POPA to our advantage. On the other hand, we must make sure that we make clear to POPA, other APS groups, why we deserve to have representation.

6) Council Report – Gerjuoy

Issues of obtaining Visas, leaving country, returning. Of particular interest due to next March mtg. is in Montreal. APS alerted departmental Chairs, a statement concerning this was approved.

April APS Executive Board and Council meeting are now available on the APS Governance website. You can find all the APS minutes at: <http://www.aps.org/exec/minutes/> . Please note that this is a password protected site and you need to have a free member web account in order to access the minutes. Also, be reminded that these are only DRAFT minutes and have not been officially approved.

7) Newsletter – Saperstein

We need to increase our submissions to P&S from mtg. sessions. Executive Committee must also submit relevant material to P&S

We again have a News Editor, Jeff Marque

8) Election - Fathe

We agreed to switch our elections to be calendar year, to coincide with APS elections. Implication is that AI needs nominations by June 1. Will be in the July issue, then multiple reminders.

9) Extend the reach of invited sessions - Nero

Often discussion after session or sessions that are mostly discussion is the most interesting of session. Can we do a real-time electronic follow-up discussion on a list serv? Nero to follow-up.

10) APS Studies - Nero

Can we do something with our available funds? How do we match issues of interest with available resources (people, funding).

11) APS public affairs – Ginsberg for Slake

Climate change
Missile defense
Non-proliferation/nuclear testing

Groups going to Hill have made a big difference...FPS needs to do more
Need to help out with letters

12) Sessions for 2004

Interest from others already for joint sessions
March sessions were well attended. 2 in March, 4 in April is our normal allotment

Non-proliferation
Alternative careers

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary/Treasurer