

FPS Executive Committee Conference Call
March 19, 2007

Participating: George Nelson, Bo Hammer, Al Saperstein, Lawrence Krauss, Andrew Zwicker, Pushpa Bhat, Ruth Howes, Don Prosnitz, Philip Taylor, Barry Berman, Joel Primack

Meeting called to order at 2:03 pm EDT

(1) Results of elections

There were 729 on-line votes cast, and 55 paper ballots received.

Executive Committee: Philip Taylor, Benn Tannenbaum

Vice-Chair: Don Prosnitz

Chair-Elect: Andrew Zwicker

Sec-Treasurer: Pushpa Bhat

Maureen Mellody, Rob Nelson rotate off.

(2) March Meeting Report (Levi)

I can report that both my session on climate change and Dave Hafemeister's on a reliable replacement warhead were very well attended. We nearly filled the sizeable room assigned to us and, in each case, most of the people stayed for the entire session.

At the program committee meeting, I confirmed that FPS will have an allotment of two sessions for the next March meeting, which will be held in New Orleans. That venue suggests that we might want to consider sessions related to the hurricane and its aftermath. One topic that so far is a bit controversial is the possible link between climate change and either increased frequency or increased intensity of hurricanes.

(3) April meeting

Krauss previously sent out an email listing the speakers. Saturday's theme is energy.

Fossil Fuels, Challenges and the Environment and Nuclear Energy and

Alternatives to Fossil Fuels,

Sunday includes Recycling Nuclear Power Plant Waste, and The Changing Role of Nuclear Weapons in Foreign Policy.

Monday's sessions are Physics Popularization and Physics Education and The FPS Joseph A. Burton Forum Award Prize Lecture, as well as a Tribute to Mike Casper.

1. George will send out an email to finalize a date for the Executive Committee meeting.
2. We will try to arrange for people who can't make it to phone in to the meeting. Last year there were technical difficulties.
3. George will host the dinner after the Awards session
4. Al would really like to have presentations from meetings made into articles in P&S

(4) Report on student Fellowships (Hammer)

4 applications received, 2 grad, 2 undergrad,

Selection committee of Berman, Preische, White (SPS), chose both undergrad applicants.

- 1) Radiation portal monitoring – outreach project
- 2) Assessment of alternative fuels

- Hammer to write up a report for P&S

(5) APS Fellows

We got only 2 nominations in but too late to be accepted, according to APS

Of these, one will automatically be put in for this year, one is still incomplete. We have one more ready to go.

(6) Committee memberships

Current Fellowship Committee

George Lewis, Ruth Howes, Barbara Levi, Barry Berman

Don Prosnitz, as Chair-Elect will join as Ex-Officio

Award Committees

Last Monday was deadline for Sakharov award. Need a nomination.

A nomination package for Raymond Jeanloz is complete. He should be considered for this year. There may also be other holdovers. (Levi)

(7) Financial report

As of January 31, 2007, we had \$61,860.56 in our account. This compares to \$41,906.07 at the end of 2006. Our year-to-date income is currently \$19,954.49. We should receive approximately \$3,000 more income (March/April meeting share, and investment income) based upon last year's statement. We have no expenses yet in 2007.

8) Other

Bhat suggested the Forum sponsor a town hall meeting on the Future of Research.

- She will follow-up with more details at next Exec. Comm meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Zwicker
Secretary/Treasurer