

Present: Pushpa Bhat, Doug Wright, Cameron Reed, Norman Gelfand, Valerie Thomas, Lowell Brown, Richard Wiener, Micah Lowenthal, Benn Tannenbaum, Peter Zimmerman

Pushpa opened the teleconference at 3 pm EDT. Introduced and welcomed the new members joining the Executive Committee this year -- Micah Lowenthal (Vice Chair), Lowell Brown (Rep to APS Council), Phil Taylor (Rep to POPA), Lawrence Krauss and Doug Wright as members-at-large (Phil and Lawrence were not at this meeting). Indicated that the elections were too late in the last round, barely finishing before the April 2012 meeting, making it not possible for new members to plan their travels to the meeting. Trying to do better in the next round.

Benn gives budget report. We have \$43k in the bank as of March 31 but have not see the complete bill for the April meeting. Have not seen the bill for the Forum at 40 session.

Pushpa reviews previous meetings. Need for younger speakers? Discussion was quite good. Need for summaries for the newsletter. Doug notes that advertising could have been better. Contents of session were broader than the description in the meeting bulletin. Could have collected questions in advance? Web casting? Doug has volunteered for the program committee. Need to have descriptions from Brian Schwartz from March meeting.

COMMITTEES:

Nominating

Tony Fainberg (chair), Lea Santos, Pierce Corden, Neil Gershenfeld, Pushpa Bhat (ex officio)

Fellowships

Micah Lowenthal (Chair), Valerie Thomas, Dick Rowberg, Pierce Corden

(have six nominations so far)

Awards

Pete Zimmerman (chair), Arian Pregenzer, Siegfried Hecker, Jim Bonomo, Norman Gelfand, Pushpa Bhat

Deadline is July 1

Program

Valerie Thomas (chair), Brian Schwartz, Doug Wright, Micah Lowenthal, Pushpa Bhat, Pete Zimmerman, Lowell Brown and Richard Wiener

NEWSLETTER (Cameron Reed)

Collecting materials for the July edition. Have received some material already for October edition. Could do both single and double column editions for the future. Call for updating of format in general? Perhaps project for transition to new editor.

Search committee for Cameron's replacement has started. Copy for an ad is written by Barbara to go in the July edition. Need also to replace two members of the editorial board (Barbara Levi and Ruth Howes), a Book reviews editor (Art Hobson) and the deputy editor (Jonathan Wurtele). The executive members should think about identifying and suggesting people for these important jobs. Richard and Pushpa have both expressed interest in serving on the EB.

APS STRATEGIC PLAN

No discussion. But some of our new initiatives will address some of these.

NEW INITIATIVES

How to engage more of the March meeting attendees? Future of American science? Joint task forces with other units?

What is our audience? Can we record our talks? How do we disseminate to a broader audience? What about a YouTube channel?

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Pushpa details the rates for various options. Will someone attend? Micah feels yes. Meeting is Orlando in November.

Post-meeting note: By email vote, it was decided that we would sponsor a Poster session at the SPS congress. Benn will contact SPS.