

Minutes
GPMFC Business Meeting
Anaheim, CA
Wednesday, June 6, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM, GPMFC Chair Jun Ye presiding.

Executive Committee: The newly-elected members of the Executive Committee were announced and welcomed: Vice-Chair Dima Budker (U.C. Berkeley) and At-Large Executive Committee Members Eric Hudson (UCLA) and Tanya Zelevinsky (Columbia).

Recruiting: Kristan reported that 5 new members were signed at the 2011 April meeting and so far 15 at the 2012 DAMOP meeting. Each year she announces this drive at the GPMFC-sponsored invited sessions and brings sign-up sheets. New members signed up at the session get their first year free. This effort has been quite successful in attracting new members. Chen-Yu Liu will over recruiting duties for GPMFC next year. Members were reminded to encourage their students and other colleagues to join GPMFC.

Membership: Fred reported that membership is at an all-time high of 458, tracking fairly closely with APS membership which surpassed 50,000 for the first time.

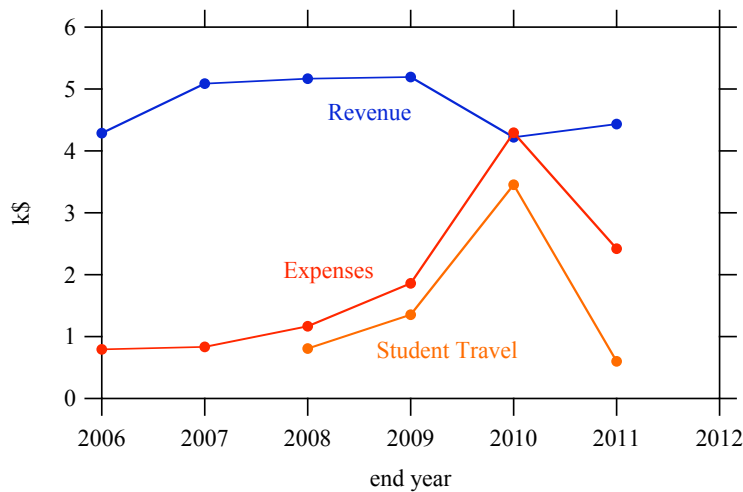
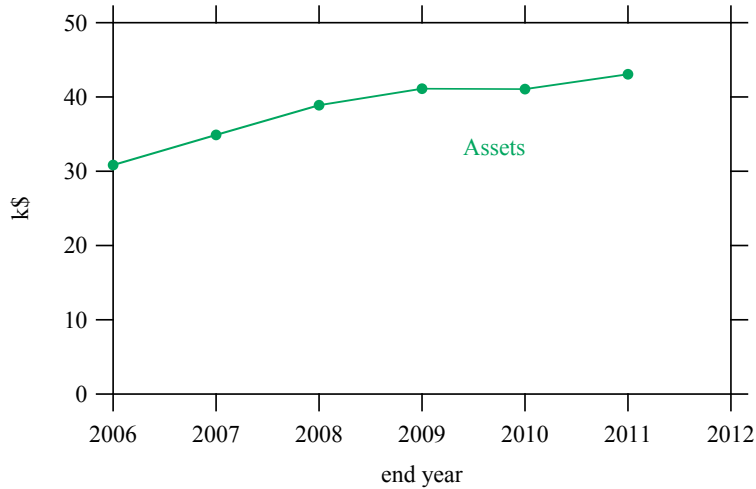
Election: Fred reported that 176 members voted online and 3 by mail in the 2012 election, out of 458 eligible members, for an overall participation rate of 39.1%, somewhat higher than the past two years and much higher than the APS-wide level of about 25%.

Finances: Fred reported that total revenue exceeded expenses in 2011 by \$2010, which increased the total assets of the Group by 4.9% to 43,065. Student travel support, normally the largest expense, was down last year but based on current applications appears to be back up to normal this year so we can expect close to a balanced budget for 2012. The goal is to make as many student travel awards as allowed for an approximately balanced budget each year. The Pipkin award is in good shape as income on the endowment exceeds projected award payout and expenses by about a factor of two.

Travel Support for Young Scientists: Fred reported on the revised and clarified policy approved by the Executive Committee this year. A statement of the new policy can be found here: <http://www.aps.org/units/gpmfc/meetings/travel.cfm> . There were a few questions about applying, and in particular how early one can apply as in the new policy preference is given to the earliest applicants. Fred replied that the annual budget can support typically 6-7 awards per year (\$600 max. each) and thus far the number of qualified applications has not exceeded that number, so

there is no need to apply earlier than the stated deadline. If the program becomes more popular in future there may be a need to adjust the policy.

GPMFC Financial Picture



Program: Jun reported that GPMFC co-sponsored (with FHP) an invited session at the March meeting for the first time this year, on the history of metrology. There were also two extremely popular GPMFC invited sessions at this DAMOP meeting. As in the earlier Executive Committee meeting, during discussion it was pointed out that attendance at GPMFC invited sessions at the April 2011 meeting was much weaker, and suggested that in future we might have one or more permanent invited slots at DAMOP instead of alternating years with the April meeting. Jun described his plan to approach the APS and DAMOP leadership and try to work out a solution

whereby GPMFC would permanently co-sponsor a session at DAMOP without giving up slots at the April meeting.

Nominating: Jun reported that the nominations process went fairly well despite getting a late start and thanked Holger Müller for his work as committee Chair.

Fellowship: Jun reported that the Fellowship Committee made its recommendations for new APS Fellows and sent the list to APS.

2013 Pipkin Award: Jun announced the list of committee members approved earlier in the day by the Executive Committee. Final approval is needed by the APS President. The deadline for nominations is August 1, 2012. APS will soon send out an announcement with nominating instructions. Fred will include a similar announcement in the June newsletter. Note: Shortly afterward APS imposed a few additional constraints on the committee composition. The committee members are now Leo Hollberg (Chair), James Faller (Vice-Chair), Mike Romalis (previous recipient), Geoffrey Greene, and Eric Cornell. Jun also reported that the Executive Committee is considering an increase in either the frequency or amount of the award. Any such change would also require approval by the APS Council.

APS Strategic Plan: Fred presented the new APS Strategic Plan and briefly discussed some of its main objectives. A copy of the Strategic Plan may be found here: <http://www.aps.org/about/strategy/index.cfm> . There were a few questions about specific actions to be taken. Fred responded that such specifics were not yet available as they are still being developed by APS. Several task forces will be formed in the next year to do this.

New Committee Chairs: The following committee chairs for 2012-2013 were announced:

Program Committee: Stuart Freedman
Fellowship Committee: Dima Budker
Nominating Committee: Eric Hudson

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.

GPMFC Executive Committee

	2010 May DAMOP	2011 April APS	2012 June DAMOP	2013 April APS	2014 May DAMOP	2015 April APS
Chair	Blayne Heckel	Jun Ye	Stuart Freedman	Michael Romalis	Dmitry Budker	
Chair-Elect	Jun Ye	Stuart Freedman	Michael Romalis	Dmitry Budker		
Vice-Chair	Stuart Freedman	Michael Romalis	Dmitry Budker			
Past Chair	John Gillaspay	Blayne Heckel	Jun Ye	Stuart Freedman	Michael Romalis	
Sec/Treas	Fred Wietfeldt					
At-Large	Mark Raizen					
At-Large	Chen-Yu Liu					
At-Large	Zheng Tian Lu	Bill Marciano				
At-Large	Dave Kawall	Holger Mueller				
At-Large	Michael Chapman		Eric Hudson			
At-Large	Kristan Corwin		Tanya Zelevinsky			