

Minutes
GPMFC Business Meeting
Denver, CO
Monday, April 15, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 PM, GPMFC Chair Mike Romalis presiding.

Newly Elected Officers: The newly-elected members of the Executive Committee were announced and welcomed: Vice-Chair Zheng-Tian Lu (ANL/U. Chicago), Secretary/Treasurer Marianna Safronova (U. Delaware), and At-Large Executive Committee Members Mike Snow (Indiana) and Jason Stalnaker (Oberlin).

Reappointment of Past Chair: Mike reported that Jun Ye was reappointed to a second term as Past Chair by vote of the Executive Committee. Otherwise the office would have been vacant due to the passing of Stuart Freedman.

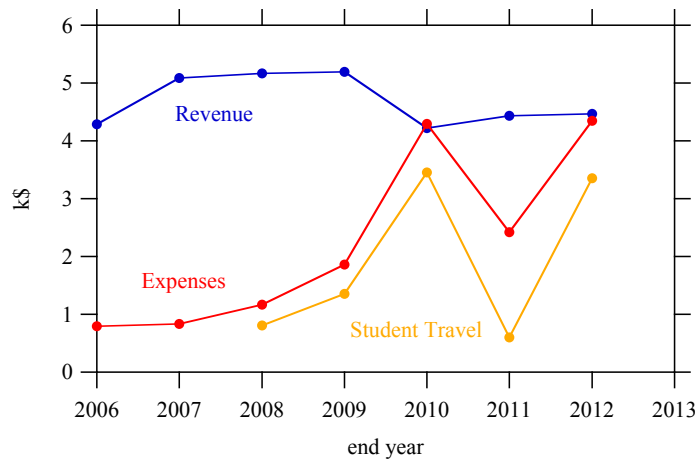
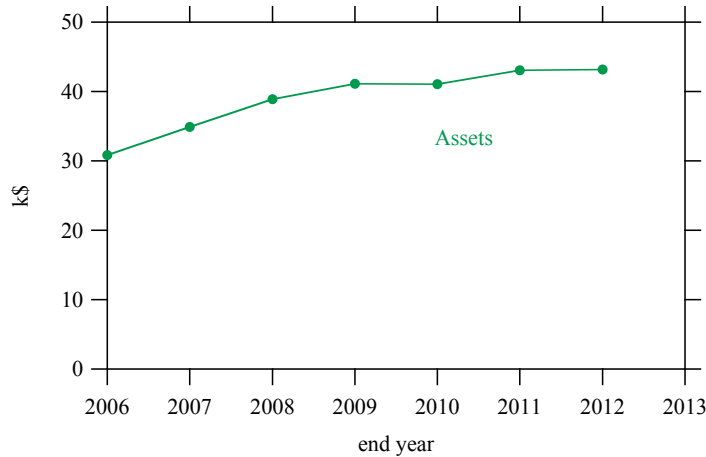
Recruiting: Mike reported (on behalf of Chen-Yu Liu) that 10 new members were signed at this April APS meeting at the GPMFC-sponsored invited sessions. New members signed up at the session get their first year free. This effort has been quite successful in attracting new members. He presented some data on the topical group's composition that Chen-Yu collected from APS (see attachment). Tanya Zelevinsky will take over recruiting duties for GPMFC as Chen-Yu is now rotating off the Executive Committee.

Membership: Fred reported that membership once again hit an all-time high of 463, inching higher every year but still hovering below 1% (currently 0.93%) of total APS membership. Senior members should encourage their students and young colleagues to join the topical group

Election: Fred reported that 163 members voted online and 3 by mail in the 2013 election, out of 463 eligible members, for an overall participation rate of 35.9 %, a dip from last year but still good compared to the APS-wide level of about 25%. Our participation rate has been relatively stable in the 30-40% range for the past five years.

Finances: Fred reported that total revenue closely matched expenses in 2012, with a net income of \$122, increasing the total assets of the Group by 0.3% to \$43,187. The largest expense was, as usual, student travel support. The topical group made six awards averaging \$559 each in 2012. All were for graduate students to attend the DAMOP meeting. For the past several years our strategy has been to make as many student travel awards as allow for an approximately balanced budget each year. The number of student travel proposals has been approximately that number, so almost all have been funded. The maximum award is \$600. The Pipkin award is in good shape as income on the endowment exceeds the annualized average award payout and expenses by almost a factor of two.

GPMFC Financial Picture



Program: Mike reported that GPMFC is co-sponsoring two invited sessions during this April meeting, including the memorial session for Stuart Freedman, and two invited sessions at the DAMOP meeting at Quebec in June. Mike Romalis will remain as Program Committee Chair for the upcoming year.

Fellowship: The deadline for nominations was April 1. Zheng-Tian Lu is the new Fellowship Committee Chair for the upcoming year. He will soon review the nominations and form the Fellowship Committee.

Nominating: Fred reported (for Eric Hudson) that this year's committee consisted of Dan Stamper-Kurn (the outsider member), Haiyan Gao (the GPMFC member), and Eric. The committee worked hard to bring in more precision measurement people from both outside of AMO and those doing awesome work at primarily undergraduate institutions, and tried to push for better representation of

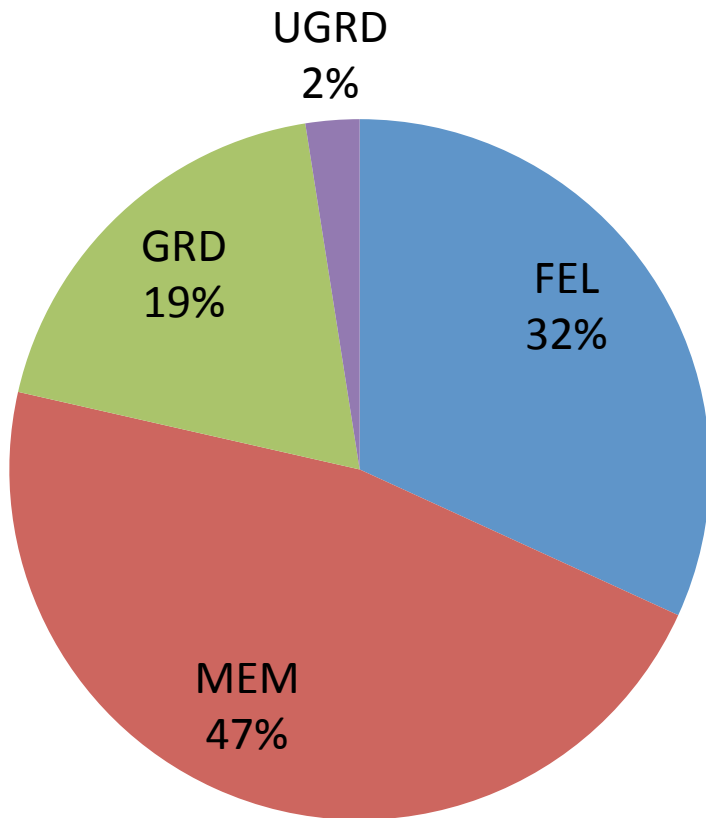
underrepresented groups. The new Nominating Committee Chair for the upcoming year is Mike Snow.

2013 Pipkin Award: Mike reported that the award for 2013 went to Randolph Pohl, Max Planck Institute of Quantum Optics, for his precision measurements of muonic hydrogen and hence the proton charge radius. Mike noted that an entire session of this April APS meeting was devoted to interpretations and implications of that work. Randolph also gave the award lecture at this meeting. The committee for the 2015 Pipkin Award will be formed in 2014.

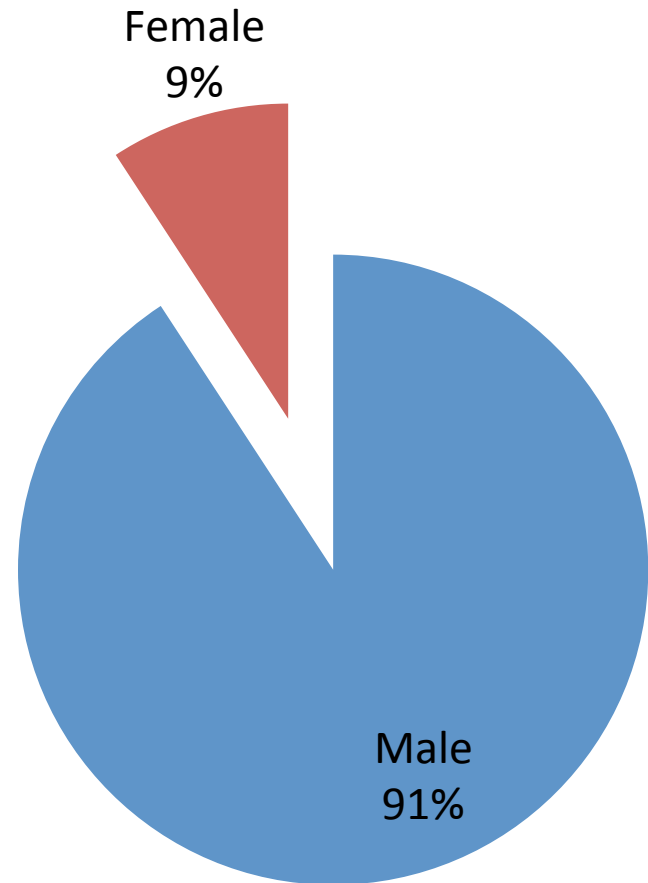
Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

GPMFC Member Distribution

GPMFC Distribution (2013)



Gender Distribution (2013)



Total: 460

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