



**NEW YORK STATE SECTION
AMERICAN PHYSICAL SOCIETY**

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
102st Semi-annual Symposium
143rd Meeting of NYSS/APS
April 23, 2010
Union College, Schenectady, NY

Time: 9:00 AM

Members Present: Chair, Sunil Labroo (11); Secretary/Treasurer, Gianfranco Vidali (13);
Executive Committee: David Trauernicht (11); George Cardoso (13); John Noe (13); Bruce White
(13) Jay Newman (11); Jim Hannon (13); Erica Snow (13); Jill Linz (11)

Members Absent: Stacie Nunes (13); Nick Bigelow (11), Michael Kotlarchyk; (13); Michael
Rogers(11); Enrique Galvez (11)

Guests: Harold Hastings (Hofstra U.), David Kraft (NES), Peter Parker (NES)

1. Approval of minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting at the 2009 Fall Symposium at Ithaca College:

Motion to approve the minutes (with replaced budget page in Appendix C) by David Trauernicht, seconded by Jay Newmann. It is approved unanimously.

2. Introduction of guests:

Harold Hastings of Hofstra University; David Kraft and Peter Parker of the New England Section (NES).

3. Announcements

Sunil announced that Donnell Walton, the vice-chair, resigned because his workload and schedule didn't allow him to spend the needed amount of time on committee matters. The duties of the vice-chair are taken up by the Executive Committee, as per Bylaws.

4. Report of the Local Committee – Jay Newman:

Presently there are 121 registered attendees, 102 banquet tickets were sold and 13 posters were submitted. Union College contributed to the Symposium with \$2,000 and no charge for the use of facilities. This is a NYSS Symposium held jointly with the NES and organized by the NYSS.

5. Student support – Bruce White – see Appendix A

Six students asked support for a total of \$300.

6. Posters – see Appendix B

The judging committee consisted of John Noe (Chair), Seyffie Maleki (local representative) and Jill Linz. Reminder of the policy: (PASSED October 15, 2004) the judging committee may award prizes (up to \$600) FOR POSTERS (no more than \$100 per poster), categories at the discretion of the judges. A committee was set-up to judge the posters.

Results of posters judging – **See Appendix B**

7. Secretary/Treasurer's report – Gianfranco Vidali – see Appendix C

Assets with APS as of 3/31/2010 \$ 42,109.67 . This figure doesn't reflect the money that will be sent to the University of Rochester for the expenses in connection with the 2009 Spring Symposium.

8. Future Symposia

- **Fall 2010** – Hofstra University, October 15-16. Harold Hastings of Hofstra gave a report on how the preparations of the Symposium were coming along. The title of the Symposium is "Origins". Rooms at local hotels have been reserved.
- **Spring 2011** – Albany Nanotech Center (IBM). Date to be determined. Topic: Carbon Electronics.
- **Fall 2011** – Oneonta College. Topic to be determined.
- **Spring 2012** – SUNY Binghamton. Topic to be determined.

9. Newsletter

It was agreed to publish one newsletter a year. The newsletter should have reports from symposia, (including photos) and from the outreach program, and other news relevant to the NYSS membership. The newsletter should contain a Disclaimer and an External Board should be set up, following what was done by the New England Section of APS. The deadline for submission for the next issue is December 15, with online publication by February 2011. The editorial committee is composed of Noe, Snow and Cardoso.

10. Outreach

Two proposals were received: Canisius College's proposal (*Testing the Acceleration due to Gravity at the Pinewood Derby*) was awarded \$500. The Committee made the request that the result be disseminated with the general public in as many venues as possible, and to involve the Club Scouts. Bruce moved and Erika seconded. The request was approved unanimously. Union's College 's proposal (*Encouraging a Passion for Physics & Astronomy Early on in Schenectady's Youth*) was awarded \$775.32. There were reservations about the safety of the operation of the telescope; these concerns will be related to the proposers. It was moved by Bruce and seconded it by Erika. It passed unanimously.

11. Report of the Fall Symposium (Ithaca College)

See Appendix D

12. Nominating Committee:

The following individuals are up for re-election: the chair, the vice-chair (currently vacant), Nick Bigelow, Kiko Galvez, Jill Linz, Jay Newman, Bodhi Rogers, Dave Trauernicht. The nominating committee is composed of Bruce White, Jim Hannon and Stacey Nunes. They are tasked to come up with a list of names of persons willing to serve.

13. Review of Assignments

- **Newsletter:** Mike Kotlarchyk, John Noe, and Kiko Galvez (chair).
- **Student support:** Bruce White
- **Webpage:** the local host takes care of the Web page for the Symposia. Contact Diana at Oneonta for help. She set up the current Web page.
- **Outreach Grants:** Stacie Nunes (chair), Jill Linz and Mike Kotlarchyk.

14. Symposia Fee Structure

The following proposal of symposia fee structure was made: advanced registration: \$35 with a deadline a couple of weeks before the meeting; late registration and onsite fee: \$45. First come first served method for banquet tickets. Motion was made by Jill and seconded by Jim. It passed unanimously.

15. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am (David moved, seconded by Jay). It passed unanimously.

Appendix A – Student Travel Support

Amount: \$258
SUNY Oneonta

Amount: \$100
Manungu Kiveni
Syracuse University

Amount: \$165
Eileen Haffner
SUNY Oneonta

Appendix B – Student Poster Awards (\$100 each)

Aimee Shore,
Smith College

Kevin Bright
West Point

Ben Miles
Union College

Appendix C

As of 3/31/2010 with APS we had a balance of \$ 42,109.67. This figure doesn't include the liability of \$ 6,944.94 (this figure is subject to verification) that is due to the University of Rochester for expenses incurred in the hosting of the Spring 2009 Symposium. A year ago, the funds with APS were \$ 30,625.64. Our financial situation is better this year due to an increase of

returns on investments, better control on spending for Symposia, and a decrease in outlays for outreach grants due to fewer proposals submitted.

Appendix D

Report of the Symposium at Ithaca College, Fall 2009 – Michael “Bodhi” Rogers (next page)

Budget of NYSS APS symposium held at Ithaca College Nov 20-21, 2009

Income	Expense	Cost Per Person	# of People	Item
\$1,232.50				Total Paypal Income from registration and banquet fees
\$1,605.00				Total Check Income from registration and banquet fees
\$235.00				Total Cash Income from registration and banquet fees
	\$34.34	\$34.34	1	Paypal Cost
	\$500.00	\$500.00	1	Website Cost
	\$150.00	\$15.00	10	Breakfast 20-Nov-09
	\$31.20	\$31.20	1	Labor Charge for fewer than 15 people
	\$108.50	\$10.85	10	Lunch 20-Nov-09
	\$15.60	\$15.60	1	Attendant Labor Charge
	\$31.20	\$31.20	1	Labor Charge for fewer than 15 people
	\$216.00	\$2.40	90	Coffee 20-Nov-09
	\$351.00	\$3.90	90	Reception 20-Nov-09
	\$1,638.00	\$22.75	72	Banquet
	\$517.50	\$5.75	90	Breakfast 21-Nov-09
	\$144.00	\$1.60	90	Coffee 21-Nov-09
	\$36.30	\$36.30	1	Registration table set up
	\$221.00	\$221.00	1	AV
	\$403.00	\$403.00	1	Shuttle
	\$60.00	\$60.00	1	Public Safety
	\$30.00	\$30.00	1	Ithacan Ad
\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00	1	Support from Provost Rountree
\$1,627.00		\$1,627.00	1	Support from Dean Lewis
\$306.00		\$306.00	1	Support from Physics
	\$1,068.70	\$1,068.70	1	Kvamme - Airfare
	\$0.00	\$0.00	1	Kvamme - Ground Transportation
	\$403.41	\$403.41	1	Kvamme - Hotel
	\$150.00	\$150.00	1	Kvamme - Meals
	\$99.00	\$99.00	1	Delea - Hotel
	\$547.59	\$547.59	1	Somers - Airfare
	\$40.00	\$40.00	1	Somers - Travel Agency Fee
	\$25.00	\$25.00	1	Somers - Baggage Fee
	\$24.00	\$24.00	1	Somers - Parking
	\$22.00	\$22.00	1	Somers - Shuttle Tips
	\$112.00	\$112.00	1	Somers - Meals for 4 days
	\$26.00	\$26.00	1	Somers - POV to and from airport
\$7,005.50	\$7,005.34			
\$0.16	= Total Balance			
\$2,303.00	= Amount Due from APS To Ithaca College			
	(Paypal and check income - paypal cost, website cost, and positive balance)			
	2 Registration : Retired			
	43 Registration : Student			
	28 Registration : NYSS APS member			
	5 Registration : NYSAA Member			
	9 Registration : Non-Member			
	13 Guests			
	31 Banquet : Students			
	31 Banquet : Faculty			
	8 Banquet : Guests			