

FPS Tele-Conference Meeting December 8, 2003

Meeting was called to order by Andy Sessler at 2:32 pm

Attending:

Susan Ginsberg, Mark Sakitt, Barbara Gross Levi, Andrew Post-Zwicker, Tony Nero, Ed Gerjuoy, Andy Sessler, Al Saperstein, Joel Primack

1. Comments on the minutes of the last Conference Call, All

None

2. Report from Council, Ed

Notes from meeting previously sent out via email. Were our Fellowship nominations accepted? Four were sent to Council by FPS. Presumption is that all four were approved. Don't know if others were submitted.

Prize Winners:

Mark Ross - Szilard
Pete Zimmerman - Burton
Eugene Stanley – Nicholson

Note: This is Ed's last report as Forum Councilor. Thank you!

3. Report from POPA, Barbara

Notes sent out previously. There are plenty of topics that can be turned into future APS sessions for 2005. Nuclear testing, hydrogen economy are of particular interest.

4. Treasurer's Report, Andrew

As of 10/31/03 we have \$32,219.52 in our account (up from \$31,662.19 as of 9/15/03). There were no expenses since our last conference call.

5. Sessions for 2004, Business Session, Invites to Prize winners, Mark

Complete details will be sent out via email.

April: 4 sessions plus prize session

With Nuclear, "Technology for counter terrorism" Sunday

With Education, "Teaching socially relevant physics" Sunday
With History, "Scientists advising in government" Tuesday
Pete Z, "Threat of radiological dispersive devices" Monday
FPS Prize Session – Monday
Open business session – Monday
Executive Committee meeting – TBD
With FHP – Mossbauer - Tuesday

March: 3 slots

With Grad students, "Alternative careers" Wednesday
With History, "History in the Industrial Labs" Tuesday
"Non-proliferation", organized by Charles Ferguson Monday

Note: Ed G. is urging FPS to set aside a session in 2005 for presentations on the laudable human rights activities of the APS during the past quarter century. He will be happy to organize as part of his duties as Chair of CIFS during 2004.

6. Funding for speakers at symposia, Joel

General agreement that while we do not normally provide financial support to speakers, we will as long as it is clear that no other support is available and the amount requested is not deemed excessive by the Executive Committee. Preference will be given to non-physicists and to retired physicists.

7. Help on Vice-Chair duties, Joel

Joel will be both Vice-Chair and Chair-Elect next year. He will have both the responsibility to run the Fellowship committee and to arrange the FPS programs for the 2005 APS meetings. The Fellowship work is done in the early part of the year and the program is done during the entire year with a rush period in the summer to fall period. Barbara volunteered to help. New members of a Fellowship committee will be appointed by Mark with input from Joel.

8. Up-date on sending hard copies to libraries, Rob

Rob is ready to go but still needs the newsletter and the library information. Andrew will make sure he knows whom to contact at APS.

9. Editor's report, Al

January issue is being printed. As always, we need more submissions. Really need more from our APS sessions.

10. Update on revisions to the officer's Manual, Laurie

No report. Andy will work on the manual after January 1, 2004.

11. Status of student projects, Laurie

No report. Sue to follow-up and get the project off the ground. Tony suggests that we find out how the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists handles their student fellowships. We could possibly collaborate with them give them money to sponsor a Fellowship, or recreate what they do for our own Fellowship.

12. Report of the Bulletin Board, Tony

Board is online but inactive currently. Plans to get it started in January with April meeting as ultimate goal. Some evidence from other boards that registration increases activity.

13. Sakharov Prize / Nicholson Award, Andy

DPP will take over Nicholson

Sakharov is a new prize, \$200,000 needed to fully endow the prize. Sessler is taking the lead on fundraising

14. De-mining, Pete

No report

15. Membership coordination, Sue

Nothing has been done yet by the APS.

16. FPS web site

In desperate need of an update. Andrew to work with APS to ensure all pages have current information.

17. When should the Meeting in April be?

Need to find a time that does not conflict with other sessions. Andy and Mark will work on it.

18. Date for next Conference Call?

Next meeting will be, February 9, 2004 at 2:00 EST

Meeting adjourned: 4:04 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

FPS Secretary