

FPS Tele-Conference Meeting February 25, 2004

Meeting was called to order by Mark Sakitt at 2:32 pm

Attending:

Mark Sakitt, Ed Gerjuoy, Maureen Melody, Andrew Post-Zwicker, Andy Sessler, Joel Primack, Barry Berman, Al Saperstein, Tony Nero, Laurie Fathe

Newsletter Report – Al Saperstein

Current issue is a web-only issue. Shortage of materials, especially from Forum sessions. That was one of the main purposes. Over the last year, we have not received reports from session Chairs. Must fix this.

Can we link with the FPS Board Site? Can we put copies of slides from these sessions online as well with links (especially when P&S is online only). Discussion led by Tony and Joel.

Mark will contact folks to try and arrange

Need a News Editor. Jeff Marque was News Editor but he is now Co-Editor.

Al needs suggestions for potential volunteers.

Treasurer's Report----Andrew Post-Zwicker

As of 1/31/04, we have \$46,147.33 in our account. This is an increase of \$7,324.10 from the same time last year. Our expenses for the last three months were \$2,459.10 for the newsletter (did not include domestic mailing which will be on the next report). If we estimate our operating expenses as approximate \$15,000/year, and assume another \$10,000 in expenses for the calendar year, we have as much as \$20,000 to spend on new initiatives, in order to keep a reserve of one year's operating costs.

POPA Report---Barbara Levi

Report was emailed to Exec. Committee

All are appropriate for sessions. Illinois State has a good ethics program

2004 Meetings- Business Meeting and Executive Meeting in May----Mark

Sakitt

8:30 am 5/2/04 is our Executive Meeting. The Business Meeting will be after the prize session on 5/3/04 at 4:30 pm.

Please send an email to Mark letting him know whether or not you will attend the meeting and dinner. Those attending will be asked to make a short presentation.

The Djordjevic Case and Visa Issues...Ed Gerjuoy

VISA issues: This has become a serious issue. What can APS do? Contacted American Immigration Law Association. APS will link to the organization.

Djordjevic Case: Physicist that was denied asylum. He became an illegal immigrant and was arrested last July. Helen Quinn has written a letter to Homeland Security protesting the arrest and requesting Ed to meet with Djordjevic. Ed is working actively on stopping this as quickly as possible.

Early Thoughts on 2005 Program plus Einstein in 2005---Joel Primack and others in discussion

Ed proposes a 2005 session on physicists' efforts in the area of human rights, particularly the APS CIFS efforts. Because 2005 is the Einstein year, Einstein's human rights efforts well could be part of the program at either the March or April meeting. Need FPS support and Ed will work with Joel on the details.

Other proposed topics include government policy in space, militarization of space. Maureen can help with space research sessions. Andy suggests nuclear policy.

Other suggestions on topics and organizers should be sent directly to Joel.

Fellowships---Joel Primack

Need people to form the committee. Joel, Barbara, and one more.

FPS Board Site---Tony Nero

Tony still needs help to record sessions for the FPS Board site. Will contact Fed and Grad student forum for volunteers.

Updating the FPS Web site

Still not done. Andrew will do it this time (and he means it...☺)

Possible New Initiatives Due to Budget Surplus---General Discussion

- 1. Support Sakharov award?**
 - a. If so, as a request for matching funds might be best. \$10k?**
- 2. Student award**
- 3. others, send to Exec. Comm.**

Next meeting will be in Denver, 8:30 am 5/2/04, location to be announced

Meeting adjourned: 3:50 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

FPS Secretary