

# **FPS Tele-Conference Meeting**

## **September 15, 2003**

*Meeting was called to order by Andy Sessler at 2:35 pm*

Attending: Brendan Plapp, Marc Sher, Susan Ginsberg, Mark Sakitt, Laurie Fathe, Barbara Gross Levi, Andrew Post-Zwicker, Tony Nero, Rob Nelson, Ed Gerjuoy, Antonia Herzog, Tina Kaarsberg, Peter Zimmerman, Andy Sessler

### **1. Election Comments, Marc**

850 votes, most ever, 80-90 were duplicates, Marc will look at ways to reduce/remove the number of duplicate votes cast electronically

### **2. Report from Fellows Committee, Tina**

Officially submitted 4 nominations, vote by Council in November. 1 was too late but will be submitted next year, several more are already in the works

### **3. Comments about Szilard / Burton and Nicholson, Antonia**

**Nicholson:** 3 nominees, all excellent, difficult decision, finished and submitted. There is a conflict of interest for the Chair-elect, Herman Winick, and the APS will make a change (as well as appoint new members)

**Szilard / Burton:** No report

### **4. The Bulletin Board, Tony**

Still need to stimulate use of the board. Some topics are now posted but activity is still lower than expectations. Executive committee members are encouraged to post. Possible future topics include APS studies, how to do them faster and cheaper. Tony will set that one up.

### **5. The Newsletter and Libraries, Al, Andy**

Need someone to volunteer to coordinate the copying and mailing of paper copies of newsletters to the libraries on our list. Two aspects: converting our list to mailing labels and arranging for the mailing –

Rob Nelson volunteered to convert the list to mailing label format and will do the first mailing. He will try to find an undergraduate to assist.

## **6. We need a Membership Coordinator, Andy**

Need a person to coordinate with APS concerning membership issues.

Sue G. volunteered to get it off the ground but not commit to beyond a few months.  
Laurie F. volunteered to take over, if necessary.

## **7. Treasurer's Report, Andrew**

As of 7/31/03 we have \$31,662.19 in our account. The expenses since our last conference call are all newsletter related. Printing = \$2,141.00; Postage = \$732.68; Overnight mail = \$52.76; Foreign mail = \$702.97; Mailing Services = \$499.52; Grand total of expenses = \$4,128.93

## **8. News from POPA, Barbara**

POPA meets in a few days, 9/20. New statements coming out on perpetual motion, classified information. Energy subcommittee narrowing down a topic to study but focused upon "hydrogen"

## **9. Sakharov Award, Andy**

No news since our last conference call

## **10. De-Mining Developments, Pete**

There is no possibility of APS supporting the study. Kings College in England is interested in exploring whether or not it is feasible for them to host it and/or fund it. Pete will be over there in two weeks to discuss.

## **11. Student Projects, Laurie**

1<sup>st</sup> step is to put together guidelines, application procedure, etc. Must form a committee to push this forward.

Laurie agreed to do that. Andrew, Sue volunteered to serve on committee.

## **12. Up-Date of Officers' Manual, Laurie**

No update at this point. Laurie will get to it soon.

## **13. "Commercial" messages to Europeans, Andy**

At this point we have simply agreed to follow what other Divisions/APS do.

#### **14. APS sessions – Mark Sakitt**

*April: 4 sessions plus prize session*

With Nuclear, “Technology for counter terrorism”  
With Education, “Teaching socially relevant physics”  
With History, “Scientists advising in government”  
Pete Z, “Threat of radiological dispersive devices”

*March: 3 slots*

With Grad students, “Alternative careers”  
With History, “History in the Industrial Labs”  
“Non-proliferation”, organized by Charles Ferguson

Next meeting will be Monday, Dec 8 at 2:30 EST

Meeting adjourned: 4:08 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

FPS Secretary