

DPF Executive Committee Meeting

December 3, 2008

Attending

DPF EC: Dan Amidei, Chip Brock, Bob Cahn, Al Goshaw, Boris Kayser, Andreas Kronfeld, Ritchie Patterson, Kevin Pitts, Jack Ritchie, Natalie Roe, David Saltzberg

Guest: Alexey Petrov

Regrets: Janet Conrad, JoAnne Hewett, Cecilia Gerber, Patty McBride

Agenda and minutes

1. Chairs welcome of new EC members, thanks to departing ones (Bob Cahn)

2. Report from Secretary-Treasurer (Al Goshaw)

2.1 Status of funds available to DPF

The treasury balance as of Oct. 1, 2008 was \$159,637. The income/year is ~\$40K from interest on principal, APS/DPF dues, travel grants from NSF, etc. Expenses/year have varied between ~ \$20K to \$70K in a year we contributed \$50K to the endowment for the Panofsky Prize. The bottom-line is the DPF has some flexibility for funding good causes such as student travel grants. The available funds are ~\$40K/year in the steady state, with the ability for additional funding for important single-shot needs.

2.2 Overview of the DPF calendar in 2009

* APS Convocation at College Park, Maryland, February 28, 2009. Chip Brock, Patty McBride and Al Goshaw will attend this year. The business discussions include:

- general APS and personnel news
- publication issues
- plans for APS meetings in 2010
- news about science funding and APS-organized congressional visits.

* DPF Committee appointments in February

- DPF Nominating Committee (5 members from DPF one appointed by APS)

This year the Committee will make nominations for: Vice-Chair, Secretary-Treasurer, and two at-large EC members

- Prize Committees: Sakurai, Wilson, Panofsky and Tanaka
 - Program Committee for APS/DPF 2010 (Chaired by Patty McBride)
 - APS Fellowship Committee composed of all DPF Chairs (review Fellow nominations).
- * May 2009: DPF EC nominations to membership and start election process (ends Oct. 1)

* DPF meetings (see details below)

APS/DPF Denver May 2-5

DPF2009 Wayne State July 26-31

* Misc. activities

- DPF web site updates and improvements
- Newsletter (see below)
- Outreach activities

3. Discussion of DPF 2009 meeting (Alexey Petrov)

Alexey summarized the status of preparations for PDF2009. The scientific program and other conference information can be found at: <http://www.dpf2009.wayne.edu> .

Arrangements for dorms/hotels and the banquet have been completed. Larry Krauss will

give a public lecture. Funding has been requested from DOE (\$25K) and NSF (\$15K).

The EC congratulated Alexey and Paul for their excellent preparation for the meeting. There was some discussion about publicity, with the recommendation that information be broadly circulated in early January.

The main theme of the conference was to be “first LHC data”, but this is not to be. Although we still want to hear about the LHC and detector preparations, a better theme is perhaps astrophysics where interesting data will be available.

- **Please send suggestions about the theme for DPF 2009 to Alexey and Paul.**

4. Discussion of the DPF Newsletter

Al reviewed the history of DPF Newsletter publication. Paper Newsletters have been sent to the DPF membership at the rate of about one/year from 2000 to 2007. In 2008 we did not send out a Newsletter but posted 4 articles on the DPF website in the Newsletter section. The time scale from past experience for publication of a Newsletter is approximately as follows:

- ~ 4 weeks to collect articles
- ~ 2 weeks for final editing
- ~ 2 weeks for APS formatting and delivery

That is ~ 2 months from “concept” to delivery to a mail box. This could probably be shortened to ~ 6 weeks but not much less.

Pros and cons to publication of a paper Newsletter were reviewed.

Pros: serves as a focus of DPF EC activities; provides a visible outreach to the HEP community and funding agencies; very likely read by more people than a web posting.

Cons: delay from concept to delivery; significant effort by EC members; cost – really not an issue.

A discussion followed on the best approach for the EC to deliver news to the HEP community. There seems to be two natural time frames, one set by the start of the year, when the DPF changes membership and makes plans for the year, and the second by the occurrence of HEPAP meetings, when major issues effecting the HEP community are discussed. A general consensus was reached to produce a paper Newsletter in January, with the planning and preparation done in December of the previous year. In addition the DPF EC representative on HEPAP (the DPF Chair) would prepare a meeting summaries to be posted on the DPF web site.

- **The action item here is to immediately start plans for a DPF Newsletter to be sent out by ~ end of January 2009. Send your suggestions for Newsletter articles the DPF EC.**

5. D0 issue on reuse of detector descriptions in PRD (Bob Cahn)

Bob has exchanged messages with Joe Serene at APS about this issue (see Bob’s message circulated to the EC). The bottom-line is that the APS no longer considers this to be an issue as long as very basic rules are followed. Quoting from Joe Serene’s message: “The only additional restrictions from the editorial side are ones that I’m sure will seem obvious and uncontroversial: (1) a new paper has to have enough new results to merit publication in our journals; (2) the reused parts must be limited to things like the description

of an apparatus (or for a theory paper, the description of fundamental or commonly-used theoretical or computational techniques); and (3) the new paper must refer to the earlier paper in which the reused description first appeared.”

6. Update on APS 2009 in Denver (Chip Brock)

Chip reported that essentially all preparations for the DPF sessions at the May 2-5 APS meeting in Denver are now complete. All talks have been filled, and he was pleased with the introduction of mini-symposia that combine a plenary overview talk with invited talks. The Prize winner's sessions have become very long due to the awarding of the prizes to multiple people. Chip is in the process of assigning the session chairs.

7. Report from Commission on Particles and Fields of IUPAP on the Assessment of Individual Achievements (Bob Cahn)

The report was circulated by Bob to the EC. Due to lack of time, the discussion was postponed to the next EC meeting.

END Minutes

Al Goshaw