

# Meeting of the Executive Committee of the DPF

**September 2002**

Minutes of September 24, 2002 Meeting of the Executive Committee of the DPF

Minutes by Nick Hadley, DPF Secretary-Treasurer.

The meeting was held by phone conference.

The meeting began at noon (EDT) and ended at 1:30PM.

**Present:** Jon Bagger, Martin Breidenbach, William Carithers, Sally Dawson, Nick Hadley, Young-Kee Kim, Peter Meyers, Elizabeth Simmons, Chris Quigg, and Stan Wojcicki

## **Agenda:**

1. Discussion of Education and Outreach Subcommittee and the Government Liason Subcommittee.
2. Request from YPP for a letter of support to NSF in connection with their outreach proposal.
3. Discussion of Philadelphia APS/DPF meeting
4. Membership in ILCSC.
5. DPF Election Status

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The meeting opened with Stan Wojcicki presenting the final version of the charge to the Education and Outreach Subcommittee. The charge was approved unanimously by the Executive Committee and is given here.

The DPF Subcommittee on Outreach and Education is charged with bringing the excitement and importance of our field to the attention of general public through programs of educational outreach. In this role, the Subcommittee will coordinate existing activities in these areas relevant to particle physics, initiate new activities as it deems appropriate, and publicize those activities. The Subcommittee will be responsible for maintaining the part of the DPF Website providing links to databases of existing or future educational programs as well as research results maintained by others. Some of the new outreach programs the Subcommittee might initiate are annual series of Public Lectures on particle physics, regular publications of booklets on high energy physics for general public or particle physics exhibitions held in conjunction with the DPF annual meeting. The Subcommittee will try to get as many members of the Division as possible involved in these activities. The Subcommittee will also keep abreast of activities in these areas by the American Physical Society and its other Divisions and coordinate with them the relevant DPF activities when appropriate.

The committee members will serve for a term of three years and are: Michael Barnett, Inga Karliner, Harrison Prosper, Randal Ruchti, Elizabeth Simmons (Chair), Greg Snow, and Jodi Wittlin.

The charge to the DPF Government Liason Subcommittee was read and approved. Bill Carithers has agreed to chair the subcommittee, whose members are still being chosen.

The charge to the subcommittee is given here.

#### Charge to DPF Government Liason Subcommittee

In concert with the APS Office of Public Affairs and other APS Divisions, organize and maintain effective channels of communication between the DPF membership and the Congress and Executive Branch on matters related to science policy.

In carrying out this general charge, the Committee would:

- Organize DPF Congressional receptions designated by the DPF Executive Committee

- Regularly disseminate notices of advances in particle physics to the President's Science Advisor, to members of Congress and their staffs, to state Governors, and to state legislatures.

- Monitor Congressional and Executive Branch activities relating to science policy and support and alert the DPF membership to opportunities for providing input on key government actions.

- Develop and maintain tools for enhancing communication between the DPF membership and the Government.

The Young Particle Physicists (YPP) had sent a letter to the Executive Committee asking for support for their proposal to the NSF for Outreach. The request was discussed, and the Executive Committee expressed strong and enthusiastic support for the YPP and for Outreach efforts in general. However, the Executive Committee was reluctant to set a precedent of expressing support for a specific proposal. Each proposal is technically in competition with other all other proposals, a number of which might be from DPF members, and the Executive Committee did not think it appropriate to even implicitly express preference for a particular proposal.

The Executive Committee then discussed the Philadelphia APS/DPF meeting. Sally Dawson is helping organize the meeting for the DPF. There will be 10 invited sessions which the DPF is sponsoring either singly or in concert with other divisions. There will be a session at the University of Pennsylvania with a reception at the Art Museum. There was discussion of the logistical and organizational difficulties of holding a session away from the main meeting sessions while the meeting was in progress.

The 2004 DPF meeting will be held in the late summer of 2004 at the University of California Riverside. The Executive Committee will ask the organizers to hold the meeting as late in the summer as possible, but not over the Labor Day weekend.

There is a possibility of holding a DPF meeting in Hawaii, perhaps jointly with the DPF equivalents from other Pacific-Rim countries.

Young-Kee Kim reviewed her discussions with Sid Nagel of the Condensed Matter Division. A proposal for a symposium at the the March meeting has been submitted. The symposium would feature talks from a variety of fields of physics including DPF, DNP, AMO, and bio-physics, as well as Condensed Matter. The DPF has been encouraged to think of talks for the April meeting from outside of the traditional disciplines that go to the meeting.

The DPF Executive Committee was asked to suggest members for the International Linear Collider Steering Committee (ILCSC) which is being formed by the International Committee for Future Accelerators (ICFA). After consulting with the DPF membership, the Executive Committee chose Paul Grannis as the nominee and he has accepted.

Nick Hadley as Secretary-Treasurer asked the Executive Committee to comment on the interpretation of precisely who is eligible to vote in DPF elections. The Executive Committee agreed that all those who are members of the DPF on the date the ballots are sent out to the membership are eligible to vote.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be by conference call in early December.