



## **FEd Executive Committee 2013**

Attendance: Ted Hodap, Dick Peterson, Scott Franklin, Gay Stewart, Paul Cottle, Renee Diehl, Michael Fauerbach, Dan Cottle, Beth Lindsay, Angie Little, Mel Sabella, Alice Chrukian,, Susan White, Chandralekha (phone)

Renee calls meeting to order, calls for approval of minutes.

**1. Approval of Minutes** Dan moves to accept minutes. Alice seconds. Unanimous approved.

**2. Budget report (SF)** Discussion about travel and registration. Consensus that as long as we're making money we can pay travel, registration, & hotels.

FFPER funding. Beth points out that historically organizers have submitted something for the Fall Newsletter. Maybe include student stories. Beth will apply gentle pressure.

Scott moves to approve the expense. Alice seconds. Unanimously approved.

Ted says APS will distribute Newsletter at APS, AAPT, etc. meetings

Dick endorses making Newsletter copies for AAPT.

Gay moves to approve budget. Paul seconds. Unanimous approved.

**3. Program committee report (PC).** He will no longer be chair (Michael?) AAPT summer meeting will have 2 people from Berkeley super heavy element group speaking. We get allocation of sessions (4 March, 5 April). Work w/AAPT for 2 sessions (1 on LAs, 2<sup>nd</sup> is Little Shop of Physics from Colorado State). Sessions found in report (see attached).

Ted: can we make the meetings more special, attendance very sparse, and awarding of APS Fellows in front of sparse crowd is disturbing. Names & abstract of award winner in online program? Special invitation to past award winners & Fellows.

**4. Nominating Committee report (MF)** East-coast heavy in our EC members. worked very hard to find west coast representation (Randy Knight). well-represented in gender and professional rank diversity. struggled to find

representatives from smaller institutions. 1<sup>st</sup> time had international applicant. travel would be an issue. might need APS to add funding to support this initiative.

Ted: APS can help supply names to satisfy diversity concerns.

Bylaws on members at large policy may need revision.

**5. Program Committee solicitation (MF)** Same # of sessions planned for next year. Must involve member of FOAPP in program committee (1 session at March Meeting). Calls for volunteers for Program Committee.

Gay: partner w/a division to share cost?

Michael: how can we make award presentations interesting as possible?

**6. Councilor (GS)** Opinions to be taken to Council meeting go to Gay. Several Fellows no longer APS members. Might want to gently pressure them to return.

**7. FED award winners & Fellowships (CS)** Calls for EC to take active role in nominating people for awards & fellowships.

Chandra asks about individual vs. group award. individuals in **TRULY EXCEPTIONAL** cases only.

**8. Excellence in Physics Education & Reichert Award report (RD)** Endowments are in solid financial shape for both awards and selection committees have been chosen. (See attached report)

**9. Solicitation for nominations (RD)** Deadline for awards is July, for fellowships April 1. Encourages nominations. Need large number of nominations to ensure quality awards.

**10. Newsletter editorship (RD)** Bylaws say Newsletter editor should be appointed for 3 years (not 1 every 3 months). Beth Lindsay has agreed to be editor-in-chief.

**11. 2013 Graduate Education conference (CS)** (see attached report)

**12. Proposed statement on K-12 education (PC)** (see attached report) Statement goes to Council for comment. Could be voted on as early as April. High levels in APS recognizing that K-12 education is a priority for APS.

**13. Proposed statement on undergraduate research (PC)** Something to the effect that “Every physics major should have access to a real research experience.”

**14a. PER Topical Group (PC)** Council considering the formation of a Topical Group on PER. Bylaws have been drafted and approved (we think) by Committee. Council should vote on probationary status shortly.

**14b. Education Committee meeting agenda (PC)**

1. Study effectiveness of physics GRE predicting success in graduate school?
2. Forming joint task force on undergraduate physics curriculum (what would its charge be?)
3. Should APS play role in advocating for state adoption of NGSS (if so, what?)
4. Nature of interaction between GPER & COE & FEd

**15. APS Education & Diversity Initiatives (TH)**

1. PhysTEC going strong, 6 new PTEC sites.
2. PTEC meeting just finished.
3. From whence new funding?
4. Bridge program moving forward (4 sites)
5. various APS/PhysTEC personnel issues
6. APS will sponsor the Undergraduate Women in Physics conferences (8 in 2014)
7. AAPT & APS to increase frequency of Department Chair’s meeting to yearly
8. Conference on Bridge program (June 27-29)

**16. Political action on STEM education (TH)** (see attached statement) Would like to form ad hoc group to think about how to message this. Paul will discuss at COE and see what APS envisions forum involvement to be. What would Forum action item be? (Fall teleconference)

**20. Kate Kirby report** 49-50K members. 21% international members, 27% students. Board strongly supports PhyTEC. Implementation of Strategic Plan ongoing through task forces. Open Access a high priority item (existential threat)

**17. Undergraduate poster sessions judges (RD)** How can we staff undergraduate poster sessions? Involve more units (grad student forum, DPoly, GSNP, DCMP, etc.)

**18. Frequency of FEd emails (CS)** Maybe wait a day or two. Ask if digest option possible. **ACTION ITEM FOR SCOTT: DIGEST FOR EMAIL, HTML TEMPLATE.**

Renee thanks Chandra, Alice, Dick for their service.

**SCHEDULE VIDEOCONFERENCES?**