

Minutes

GPMFC Executive Committee Meeting
Anaheim, CA
Sunday, May 1, 2011

Present: Jun Ye (Acting Chair), Fred Wietfeldt (Sec/Treas), Stuart Freedman (Vice-Chair), John Gillaspay (Past Chair), Kristan Corwin, Dave Kawall, Susan Gardner (for Mike Chapman)

Newly-elected members present: Mike Romalis (Vice-Chair elect), Holger Mueller, Bill Marciano

Guest: Kate Kirby (APS)

Meeting called to order at 12:15 PM.

The newly-elected members (see above) were welcomed.

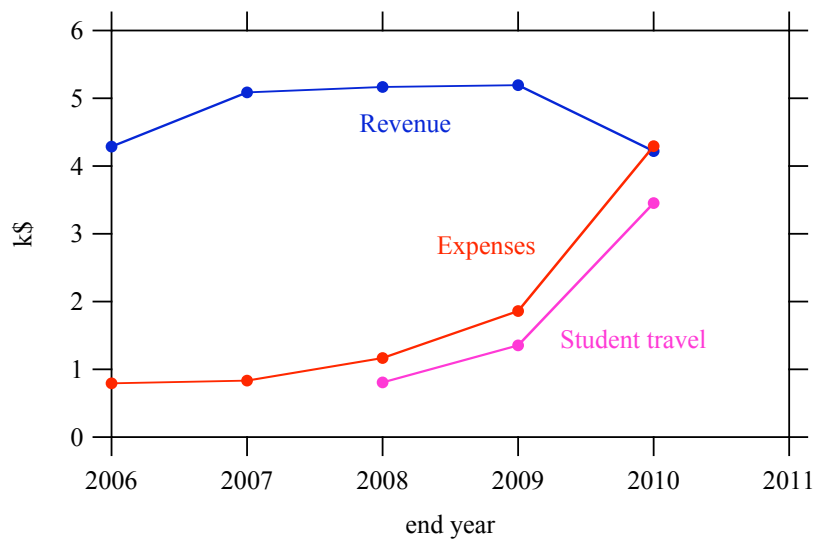
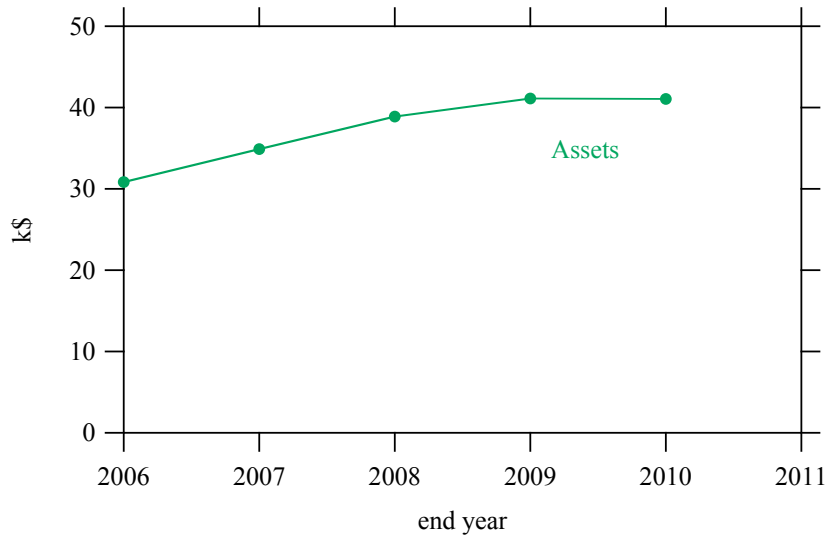
Election: Fred reported that 142 members voted online and 2 by mail in the 2011 election, out of 445 eligible members, for an overall participation rate of 32.4%. There has been a downward trend in participation in recent years. Kate pointed out that GPMFC participation is higher than the APS-wide of about 25%. Students tend not to participate. Fred will send out an extra email next time imploring members to vote, with a special request for students to vote.

Membership: Group membership as a fraction of APS total went up for the first time in five years - attributable to Kristan's membership drive with first year free. Currently 0.92% of APS members belong to GPMFC. Above 1% of APS membership would be a nice goal.

Finances: Fred reported that the high level of student travel support last year (six students) caused expenses to exceed revenue. Applications for student travel were down this year to three, so there should be no repeat problem. John pointed out that there is no need to make an award to every student that applies, the Sec/Treas could cap number at, say six. Fred agreed to do that if necessary in future. Fred reported that, according to APS data, the Pipkin Award income was below sustaining. Kate said that income should be 5.2%, higher than reported. **Note:** After further investigation Fred discovered that the reported data covered only the last two months of 2010, not the full year. The full year income of 5.2% will be approximately \$2400 this year, well above the sustaining level.

Program: The new Chair of the Program Committee is Jun Ye. The other members are Holger Mueller and Stuart Freedman. Jun plans to schedule joint invited sessions again next year at both DAMOP and April. Kate described a movement to shift the APS April 2012 meeting up by two weeks to avoid conflict with academic calendars

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(i.e. final exams). A straw poll of the GPMFC Executive Committee resulted in 7 in favor, 1 opposed to moving the date.

Nominating: Susan reported that we started too late this year, causing a crunch at election time. She recommends that the Nominating Chair form the committee in

September, and begin nominations work in December. Holger Mueller is the new Chair of the Nominating Committee. Susan recommended trying to represent the breadth of Group membership in nominations: AMO, nuclear, gravity, fundamental constants.

Fellowship: No action was taken yet this year due to a miscommunication. Jun was listed as Chair of the Fellowship Committee but it should have been Stuart (Vice-Chair). Mike Romalis is the new Chair. Jun said that the APS will allow extended deadline for nominations to July 1, 2011. The Committee voted unanimously to proceed on that schedule.

Pipkin Award: We need to form the committee for the 2013 Pipkin Award. Jun will check with Blayne about recent practice in choosing the Chair and committee.

New membership drive: Kristan reported that 22 new members were signed at DAMOP last year, where we offered the first year free during Group-sponsored sessions. This cost the Group \$160, but \$100 of that was returned to the Group as its share of dues. This program seems very successful and cost-effective. The Committee voted unanimously to continue this indefinitely. Kristan said she was asked by potential new members about reasons for and benefits from joining and was not entirely sure how to answer. She will add some information to her slide about this.

Deslattes Award: John submitted a proposal previously to the APS but it was not approved. Apparently there is some resistance to approving new awards. Kate said that if we made this a student thesis award or similar award for young scientists it would be much more likely to succeed. It needs a champion in GPMFC to push it forward. Jun said he likes the idea of a Deslattes thesis award - it may improve student participation in Group.

Student member of the Executive Committee: Fred reported that last year the Committee voted in favor of adding a non-voting graduate student member. However a change in composition of the Executive Committee requires a bylaw amendment, that must be voted on by the full membership of the Group, and approval by the APS Council. That would be a lot of work. Fred proposed a simpler idea: each year the Chair can choose and invite a graduate student to attend the Executive Committee meeting as non-voting guest, in order to present a graduate student voice. A motion to do this was made and passed unanimously.

APS Child Care proposal: The APS Committee on the Status of Women in Physics recommends that all Units subsidize child care at their meetings to help members with young children attend. Fred discussed this with Deanna Ratnikova of APS, who proposed that we participate in the program already in place for the April meeting. It would cost \$250 to participate in the next April meeting, representing a 10% contribution. A motion was made to do this and it passed unanimously. Fred said that DAMOP does not yet have such a program in place. Kate responded that she

expects that to happen fairly soon. Kristan volunteered to contact the DAMOP Chair about it. When that happens the GPMFC should consider participating in that as well.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM.

GPMFC Executive Committee

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	April APS	May DAMOP	April APS	May DAMOP	April APS	May DAMOP
Chair	John Gillaspay	Blayne Heckel	Jun Ye	Stuart Freedman	Michael Romalis	
Chair-Elect	Blayne Heckel	Jun Ye	Stuart Freedman	Michael Romalis		
Vice-Chair	Jun Ye	Stuart Freedman	Michael Romalis			
Past Chair	Dave DeMille	John Gillaspay	Blayne Heckel	Jun Ye	Stuart Freedman	
Sec/Treas	Paul Vetter	Fred Wietfeldt				
At-Large	Susan Gardner	Mark Raizen				
At-Large	Michael Romalis	Chen-Yu Liu				
At-Large	Zheng Tian Lu		Bill Marciano			
At-Large	Dave Kawall		Holger Mueller			
At-Large	Michael Chapman					
At-Large	Kristan Corwin					