

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
88th Semi-annual Symposium
128th Meeting of NYSS/APS
President's Conference Room
Erwin Hall
SUNY Geneseo
April 4, 2003**

Time: 9:00 AM

Members present: Chair, Gianfranco Vidali (Syracuse University); Vice Chair, Enrique Galvez (Colgate University); Secretary-Treasurer, Larry Josbeno (Corning CC); Council Advisor, Richard Galik (Cornell University); Executive Committee: Lawrence Brehm (07), Michael J. DeMarco (05), Steve Duclos (05), Savi Iyer (Guest), Sunil Labroo (05), Jill Linz (07), James Owens (05), Zohreh Parsa (05), William Standish (03), David Trauernicht (07)

Members absent: Jim Hannon (05), William Kilgore (05), James Napolitano (03), Stacie Nunes (05), Carl L. Shepard (03), Jay Newman (07)

1. Minutes from the October 11, 2002, Syracuse University , Room 204, Physics Building were distributed and amended. The amended minutes will be posted on the NYSS website.

2. Secretary - Treasurer Report

- See report attached at end.

3. Symposium Report

- a. Report of local organizers
 - i. Savi Iyer arranged the agenda and speakers.
 - ii. Pre-registration is 118, 3 Quests, with 85 registered for the banquet.
 - iii. A volunteer from the local committee will take pictures for the website.
- b. Poster Session
 - i. There are three posters
MOTION: THE JUDGING COMMITTEE AWARD CASH PRIZES (UP TO \$300) FOR POSTERS (no more than \$100 for one poster) (THE DISTRIBUTION TO BE DETERMINED BY THE JUDGES) Motion made by Richard Galik , Second by James Owens. Passed Unanimously.
 - ii. Poster Committee: . Enrique Galvez, Sunil Labroo, and Bob Pompei
NOTE: Five posters were entered, three prizes were given:
 1. First Prize Two-year College Category - \$100.00
“Low Temperature Wafer Bonding and Bonding of Unconventional Materials”
Nicole L. Schilling. Corning Community College

2. First Prize Four-year College Category - \$100.00
 “Thin Foil Calorimeter Calibration using a 2 MV van de Graaf Accelerator”
 David R. Burke and Robert J Erhardt (\$50 each), – SUNY Geneseo
 3. Second Prize Four-year College Category - \$50.00
 “CR-39 and the Scanning Electron Microscope”
 Kyle Sullivan – SUNY Geneseo
- c. Report from the fall 2003 Symposium at Syracuse University:
- i. Total Attendees: 175, (Students: 91)
 - ii. Total at banquet – 123
 - iii. Total Expense - \$3,976.60
 - iv. Registration and Banquet Fees – 2,660.00
 - v. Syracuse’s Physics Department Contribution - \$1000,00
 - vi. Total income - \$3,660.00
 - vii. Net Cost to NYSS/APS - -\$316.60
- d. **MOTION: “Seniors” (retired Physicists as defined by APS) will be given free registration at future NYSS Symposiums.**
 Motion made by James Owens , Second by Zohreh Parsa . Passed Unanimously.

4. Outreach – three grants were considered by the sub-committee (Stacy Nunes (Chair), Enrique Galvez, and Michael DeMarco).

The following Two Outreach Grants will be awarded:

- i. "Planetarium Scanner" (They did not list a title, so I made up one.) by Thomas Dunbar and Joe Oppenheim from Corning Community College, \$1200.
- ii. "Muons in a Bottle" by Joseph Sundermier from Deer Park High School, \$950.

Gianfanco Vidali expressed concern on the monitoring progress on grant projects. Several solutions were suggested, such as: use of the web site, of the Newsletter and presenting some of the accomplishments stemming from the grants at a session at the Spring 2003 Symposium, on “The Teaching of Physics”. More pressure should be put on the awardees to distribute and publicize their results.

5. Report on Elections (Larry Josbeno)

The ballots have been counted and the election results are below:
 There were a total of 214 ballots cast, out of 1,842 (11.6%)

Vice Chair:

Jim Owens (Torrey Pines Research, Rochester)- 206

Executive Committee (five openings):

Larry Brehm (SUNY Potsdam, Potsdam)-161

Roman Kezerashvili (NYC College of Technology, Brooklyn)-132

Joel Kubby (Xerox Wilson Center for Research and Technology)-156

Jill Linz (Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs)-170

Jay Newman (Union College, Schenectady)-182

Dave Trauernicht (Eastman Kodak, Rochester)-171

Ammendment of the NYSS Bylaws – 206 – approve changes

New Business - Gianfranco Vidali

6. Newsletter – The first Newsletter came out in December 2002. Zohreh Parsa received praise from the entire Executive Committee for an outstanding product. Zohreh shared several of the responses, all positive, that she received concerning the newsletter. Rich Galik stated this was an exceptional accomplishment and we should do more, at the same quality, and to the same audience (all NYSS members and all APS members who reside in New York. Zohreh wanted a few days, she is coordinating the Fall symposium, to decide if and when she would publish the next newsletter.

7. Future meetings:- Gianfranco Vidali

- F03 BNL: Particle Accelerators Frontiers and New Physics - Zohreh Parsa – October 17-18, 2003 Website <http://www.nysaps2003.bnl.gov/>
- S04. Buffalo State College with New Paltz (Physics Education - for Spring meeting in association with AAPT). Possibly at New Paltz. Stacie Nunes and Michael J. DeMarco will report at Spring Symposium.
- A suggestion was made to consider the offer from Roman Kezerashvili, NYC College of Technology, and a site visit will be made.
- A suggestion was made to consider an Optics and Optical Physics as future Symposium topics, at The University of Rochester, or Colgate.
- General Electric was given as a possible site.

8. Report on the APS Units Convocation and lobbying - Gianfranco Vidali, Enrique Galvez and Larry Josbeno attended the APS Unit Convocation in Maryland, on February 1, 2003. The meeting was successful, many contacts were made, and information about electronic voting, accounting and membership improvement was obtained. Gianfranco went to Washington D.C. one day earlier, (Thursday), so he could participate in an APS organized effort to lobby with New York State politicians for support for Physics research. Gianfranco reported that it was informative and successful and encourage others to do it. APS maintains an office in downtown Washington; staff is ready to support APS members wishing to visit Congressional offices at any time.

9. The meeting adjourned at 1:17 PM. Motion to adjourn Bill Standish, Second Rich Galik

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Josbeno, Secretary-Treasurer