

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
90th Semi-annual Symposium
130th Meeting of NYSS/APS
Campus House-Bldg #5
Buffalo State (SUNY) at Buffalo
April 16, 2004

Time: 9:00 AM

Members present: Chair, Enrique Galvez(Colgate University); Vice Chair, James Owens(05); Council Advisor, Gianfranco Vidali; Secretary-Treasurer, Larry Josbeno (Corning CC); Executive Committee: Lawrence Brehm (07); Michael J. DeMarco (05), Steve Duclos (05), Joel Kubby (07), Sunil Labroo (05), Jill Linz (07); Jay Newman (07), Stacie Nunes (05), Zohreh Parsa (05), David Trauernicht (07) Guests: Roman Kezerashvili (New York City College of Technology, CUNY), (Fall Symposium chair, 2004), Mike Kottarchyk (RIT), (Spring Symposium co-chair, 2005)George Thurston (RIT), (Spring Symposium co-chair, 2005)

Members absent: Jim Hannon (05), William Kilgore (05),

1. Approval of minutes from the Brookhaven National Laboratory, October 17, 2003

Motion to approve: James Owens, 2nd Zohreh Parsa, Unanimous.

2. Report of the Local Committee

a. Report of local organizers

- i. Michael DeMarco and Dan MacIsaac arranged the agenda and speakers.
- ii. Pre-registration is 100, 60 banquet tickets, sold, with many local members expected.
- iii. Chairs for sessions were announced.
- iv. The banquet will be catered by Oliver's.

b. Student support – The following policy, that was approved Spring 2003 will be followed;

- i. **Student support will be a maximum \$50 per student, with discretion on the part of the student support coordinator on the amount. Banquet will be \$6 for pre-registered students (with certification by a faculty member at the institution).**

c. Posters – Six posters have been submitted. Judges are needed. Three volunteers were obtained.

d. Mike DeMarco (Local committee), Jill Linz and Lawrence Brehm.

POLICY: (PASSED October 17, 2003) the judging committee may award prizes (up to \$600)

FOR POSTERS (no more than \$100 per poster)
One prize was awarded for \$50.

3. Report from BNL Meeting (Zohreh Parsa)

The 89th Semi-annual Symposium was held at the Brookhaven National Laboratory on October 17/18, 2003. The conference, organized by Zohreh Parsa, was truly outstanding. There were 205 attendees, 120 paid at the banquet. (Also, there were four students and the Minister from Israel)The cost of the mailings, food for breaks and banquet fee was \$6,180.00. (Six thousand one hundred eighty dollars and no cents). The cost of the Conference bags, given to each participant was \$1,151.70 (one thousand one hundred fifty-one dollars and seventy cents). The fees collected were \$2,285.00 (two thousand two hundred eighty five dollars and no cents). Contributions from BNL and various contributors came to \$4,477.30, (four thousand four hundred seventy-seven dollars and 30 cents), leaving APS/NYSS a balance (to be paid) of \$568.40. (five hundred sixty eight dollars and forty cents. Zohreh will send thanks to the appropriate parties. APS/NYSS Thanks Zohreh.

4. Secretary/Treasurer Report - See report attached at end

5. Future Symposia

Kilo Galvez

The following future sites and topics were approved:

- i. Fall 2004 Symposium – October 15-16, 2004
PHYSICS OF THE MICROWORLD: From Quarks to Nanostructures
New York City College of Technology, CUNY; Roman Kerzerashvilli, Chair
- ii. Spring 2005 Symposia – April 15/16, 2005
FRONTIERS IN SQUISHY PHYSICS (Soft Condensed Matter)
Rochester Institute of Technology; George Thurston, Mike Kottarachyk, Co-chairs

New Business

6. Report from APS - Gianfranco Vidali, Council Advisor.

Gianfranco attended the meeting at Tuson, Arizona, November 2, 2003.

- i. Scientific communications will undergo strict rule changes.
- ii. International affairs – Due to increased concerns about National Security several foreign students and research scientist have not been granted Visas, or visa extensions. APS should be informed of these problems.
- iii. The next scheduled meeting is in two weeks in Denver. If there are any issues e-mail them to Gianfranco.
MOTION: The NYSS have an observer (2006 to 2008). This position will be placed on the 2005 Ballot. Motion made by: Larry Josbeno, 2nd Zohreh Parsa, Unanimous

7. Elections:

- a. Electronic Balloting (Larry Josbeno)
The report reflects information obtained at the APS 2003 Unit Convocation. See 11. ii).
- b. Nomination of the Nominating Committee for Spring 2003 Elections –The bylaws call for the Vice Chair and four others. The committee is Vice-chair Jim Owens, Gianfranco Vidali (representing APS), Lawrence Brehm and Jay Newman.
This committee will present a slate at the Fall Symposium..

11. Report from APS Convocation – James Owens was a lobbyist.

- i. James Owens, Larry Josbeno and Zohreh Parsa attended and their expenses were paid by APS National. (APS will support up to three section members, usually the chair, chair-elect, secretary/treasurer and/or the newsletter.) A section can send more than three but APS will not fund them. APS provides training on the duties of these positions and the support they offer.
- ii. Larry Josbeno reported on electronic voting. APS sponsored voting is presently being conducted by several APS sections. Larry will monitor these and submit a motion to he implementation of electronic voting for our section. (The new bylaws require electronic voting for Spring 2005.)

12. The meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM. Motion to adjourn Lawrence Brehm, Seconded by Joel Kubby Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

Larry Josbeno, Secretary-Treasurer