

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
89th Semi-annual Symposium
129th Meeting of NYSS/APS
Brookhaven National Laboratory
October 17, 2003**

Time: 9:00 AM

Members present: Chair, Enrique Galvez (05) (Colgate University); Vice-chair James Owens (05); Secretary-Treasurer, Larry Josbeno (05); Executive Committee: Lawrence Brehm (07), Michael J. DeMarco (05), Steve Duclos (05); Jim Hannon (05), Roman Kezerashvili (Guest); William Kilgore (05); Jill Linz (07), Jay Newman (07); Stacie Nunes (05); Zohreh Parsa (05),

Members absent: Sunil Labroo (05); David Trauernicht (07); Council Advisor, Gianfranco Vidali

1. Minutes from the April 4, 2003 meeting, Erwin Hall, SUNY Geneseo

The minutes were distributed and amended. They 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. Zohreh Parsa arranged the agenda and speakers.
- ii. The mailings (including Posters) were done at Brookhaven.
- iii. Estimated Pre-registration is 200 members and local attendants. There are approximately 60 students. (Including 23 from West Point)
- iv. A volunteer from the local committee will take pictures for the website.
- v. The Speakers dinner and housing and all student tickets are being paid by APS/NYSS.

b) Poster Session

- i. There were 22 posters submitted.
MOTION: THE JUDGING COMMITTEE AWARD CASH PRIZES (UP TO \$600) FOR POSTERS (no more than \$100 for one poster)
(THE DISTRIBUTION TO BE DETERMINED BY THE JUDGES)
Motion made by James Owens , Second by Zohreh Parsa. Passed Unanimously.
- ii. Poster Committee: Kiko Galvez, Mike DeMarco , and William Kilgore. Kiko Galvez will submit the list of winners to the Treasurer (Josbeno)

c) Report from the Spring 2003 Symposium at SUNY Geneseo:

- i. Total Attendees: 174, (Students: 57)
- ii. Total at banquet – 77
- iii. Total Expense - \$2575.31
- iv. Registration and Banquet Fees – 2,395.00
- v. SUNY Geneseo Physics Department Contribution – secretarial assistance and souvenirs
- vi. Net Cost to NYSS/APS - -\$180.31
(There were about 20 people or so who registered but did not attend because of the weather.)

d) Student Support.

Motion: To increase the maximum student travel reimbursable from \$50 to \$150.

Motion made by James Owens , Second by Jim Hannon. Passed Unanimously

The decision was flexible so that Jim Hannon can decide what was appropriate in each case. He suggested exploring the possibility of a chartered bus for students. Jim said he would put the updated information for students on our Web site.

4. Outreach

2003 – Fall Awards

Robert Forties, Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y., to purchase materials for a set of physics demonstrations.

Jesse Chvojka, Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y., to provide equipment and airtime for experiments in particle physics to be designed by high school students.

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Joseph Sundermier, Deer Park High School, Deer Park, N.Y., to purchase materials and equipment to construct “thermos bottle” muon detectors for use in particle physics experiments in a high school classroom.

Tom Dunbar, Corning Community College, Corning, N.Y, to support construction of a vector scan laser light projector to expand the current Planetarium show.

New Business - Enrique Galvez

5. Future meetings:- Enrique Galvez

Spring Symposium – April 16-17, 2004

Buffalo state College (SUNY), Buffalo

Physics Education

Michael DeMarco/Dan MacIsaac

Stacie Nunes and Jim Owens expressed concern on the topic titles. Stacie suggested a Poster session specifically for Presenters

Fall Symposium (2004) – Date Needed
New York City College of Technology
Roman Kezerashvili

Motion: To hold the fall 2004 Symposium at the New York City College of Technology at a date to be selected by the Host Institution.

Larry Josbeno, Seconded by Enrique Galvez – passed Unanimously

Spring Symposium (2005) – Cornell?

Jim Owens will investigate a possible meeting at Princeton
2005 is 100 anniversary of Theory of Relativity
2005 is the Year of Physics.

Kiko suggested a Quantum Information symposium at Colgate as another possibility for 2005, or later if Princeton comes through.

6. Newsletter – The first Newsletter came out in December 2002. Zohreh Parsa received praise from the Entire Executive Committee for an outstanding product. Zohreh graciously agreed to do a second newsletter. DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES IS November 1, 2003.

MOTION: \$6,000.00 (Six Thousand dollars be budgeted for Newsletter).

Larry Josbeno, Second James Owens. – passed Unanimously

7. Electronic Balloting – **Larry Josbeno**, Electronic voting will be implemented for the Spring 2005 elections. We may use several existing one, although APS Nation is working on one for all the members to use. The new methods will be investigated at the APS January Convocation.

8. APS Convocation – January 22-24. The APS sponsors a Unit Convocation at College Park Maryland for all Unit Officers. The chair, chair-elect and the secretary/treasurer (three members) will have their expenses paid for by APS National. All three plan to attend.

MOTION: NYSS will sponsor a forth attendee, the Newsletter Editor to attend Convocation.
Larry Josbeno, Second James Owens. – passed Unanimously

9. The meeting adjourned at 12:39 PM. Motion to adjourn Stacie Nunes , Second James Owens.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Josbeno, Secretary-Treasurer