



**NEW YORK STATE SECTION
AMERICAN PHYSICAL SOCIETY**

Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

100th Semi-annual Symposium

141th Meeting of NYSS/APS

April 17, 2009

University of Rochester

Bush and Lomb, Hall, Room 375

Time: 9:00 AM

Members Present: Chair, Bob Pompei (09); Sunil Labroo, (09) Vice Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, Larry Josbeno (09); Section Council Observer, James Owens (11); Executive Committee: Nicholas Bigelow (11); Michael Kotlarchyk; (09); David Trauernicht (11); and Gianfranco Vidali (11)

Guests (New Members) George Cardoso (11); John Noe (13); Bruce White (13)

Members Absent: Shu Chang (09); Enrique Galvez; (11); Scott Heinekamp (09); Jill Linz (11); Jay Newman (11); Stacie Nunes (09); Michael Rogers (09); Cindy Schwarz (09) and Donnell T. Walton (11)

**1. Approval of minutes from the 2009 Fall Symposium at Corning Museum of Glass
Motion to approve: Sunil Labroo, seconded by James Owen, Unanimous**

2. Introduction of new members and guests

3. Report of the Local Committee (Nicholas Bigelow)

a) Report of local organizers –

- Presently, there are 110 people registered.
- 61 students
- 62 banquet tickets have been sold, (There are 3 extra tickets).
- 110 Saturday Lunches have been requested.
- Posters have been submitted, (11 students).

b) Student support – Sunil Labroo

15 (\$900) students have requested support.

c) Posters – A local judging committee was appointed.

- James Owen, chair
- Bruce White
- Michael Kotlarchyk
- Jing Ghou

d) Results – **See Appendix A**

POLICY: (PASSED October 15, 2004) the judging committee may award prizes (up to \$600) FOR POSTERS (no more than \$100 per poster), categories at the discretion of the judges. Motion to approve: Larry Josbeno, seconded by Stacie Nunes. Unanimous

4. Secretary/Treasurer Report – Larry Josbeno - See Appendix B

Assets with APS as of 10/21/2008 were \$23,842.92 up from \$23,033.82 a year ago, down from \$36,699.19, from two years ago, and down from \$43,874.69 from three years ago

5. Election report (Sunil Labroo)

The election went very well, 354 members voted (342 electronically), that is 14.52% of the membership. Six four-year Executive Committee members and two two-year members were elected, along with the Vice-Chair and Secretary/Treasurer. – **See Appendix C**

6. Future Symposia

- a. Fall 2009 - Ithaca College - November 20/21, 2009 – Physics in Archeology
- b. Spring 2010 – ?
- c. Fall 2011 – Binghamton University
- d. Spring 2011 – Stony Brook University

7. Newsletter Report

The Spring 2009 Newsletter was done electronically. This was the first time we published just an electronic version. The Newsletter was posted on our web site and each member was emailed directions on how to access it. Enrique Galvez did an outstanding job of editing and publishing this Newsletter. Kiko has agreed to continue as editor, although there was discussion that each Newsletter should have a different editor. The suggestion was to publish an electronic Newsletter twice a year. It should be posted on our web site, (at least), six weeks prior to the Symposiums and/or an election.

8. Outreach

There were no requests for Outreach.

8. Report from Fall Symposium - Corning Museum of Glass - See Appendix D

9. Membership development effort.

Chair reports on current efforts and future plans. The membership has increased from 1,938 in 2005 to 2,436 in 2008, thanks to the efforts of the current chair and APS. However there are still 1571 members of APS that live in New York state that do not belong to our section. The discussion that followed offered several strategies for recruitment. This item will be revisited again in the Fall.

10. APS Unit Convocation:

The APS Convocation was held in Washington, DC, and Greenbelt Maryland on February 19-21. The New York State Section sent three members at APS' expense. We sent vice-chair Sunil Labroo, Secretary/Treasurer-elect Gianfranco Vidali, and Chair, Bob Pompei who went in place of vice-chair-elect =Donnell T. Walton,

11. **Possible By law change –**

Bob Pompei: There has been a concern about our current officer structure, Chair, vice-chair, Section Observer. The discussion was to change to Chair, Chair-elect and Past Chair. This would constitute a by-law change, (Article 6, Section 5 and 6; and Article 7, Section 5. This discussion will continue at the Fall Symposium.

The meeting adjourned at 12:12 PM. Motion to adjourn **Robert Pompei**, seconded by **David Trauernicht**, **Unanimous**.

APPENDIX A

Undergraduate category: Seth Levy (SUNY at Buffalo) - \$100, Eten Svanidze (SUNY at Fredonia) - \$75, Ryan Held (SUNY at Brockport) - \$75

Graduate student category: Suzanne Leslie (University of Rochester) - \$100, Justin Dressel (University of Rochester) - \$100

APPENDIX B

Treasurer's Report – April, 2009

Assets with APS as of 3/30/2009 were \$30,515.94 up from \$21,029.27 a year ago, and up from \$23,033.82, from two years ago, and down from \$36,699.19 from three years ago.

Income yet to be posted: +2,000.00 (from Fall Symposium)

Total: 32,515.94

NYSS – Membership

HIGHLIGHTS (2008)

1999 – 1,962	Student Support	-\$1,788.00
2000 – 1,886	2006 Poster Awards	-\$600.00
2001 – 1,906	Outreach	-\$ 833.00
2003 – 1,842	Investment Income (2009)	+\$307.67
2004 - 1,871	Fall Symposium	+2,000.00
2005 - 1,938	Dues	+\$10,012.00
2006 – 2,167		
2007 – 2,221		
2008 - Spring 2,436		
2008 – Fall 2,402		
2009- Spring 2511		

The Section has been committed to increasing outreach (Our Outreach program was lauded, again at the January 2009 APS Convocation). The Newsletter expense is justified because it provides information for our members, and is a recruiting tool for new members. An increased membership will enable us to continue to provide student support and promote physics education.

There are **3987** APS members living in NYS as well as others in surrounding states, so we have the opportunity to grow.
 The Section receives a base of \$1,000 plus \$4.50 per member up to 3% of total APS membership, plus \$3 per member over the 3% (or NYSS that's ~1,500 members).

There is talk of increasing the base to possibly \$2,000 next year. The dues are recorded in January.

APPENDIX C

The following are the newly elected Vice-Chair, Secretary/Treasurer and the six "four-year" Executive Committee members, in no specific order, (the computer randomly selected the order. Congratulations to all of you.

Although a participation of 15.14% sounds low, it's above average for an APS unit and a high for us.

All members, (new and old), have been invited, and encouraged to attend the Executive Committee meeting at the University of Rochester on Friday April 17, 2009.

Executive Committee Member	John Noe
Executive Committee Member	Bruce White
Executive Committee Member	Michael Kotlarchyk
Executive Committee Member	Stacie Nunes
Executive Committee Member	Jim Hannon
Executive Committee Member	Erica Snow
Vice-Chair	Donnell Walton
Secretary-Treasurer	Gianfranco Vidali
TWO YEAR Exec Member	George Cardoso
TWO YEAR Exec Member	Michael Rogers

Number of Members with Email Addresses: 2438

Number of Members Voted: 354 + 15 paper ballots
(369 voted)

Participation: 14.52% (15.14%)

Larry Josbeno
 Secretary/Treasurer
 APS/NYSS

APPENDIX D

100 Years of Optics and Materials
APS Symposium
14-15 November 2008
Corning, NY

Corning Incorporated sponsored the Fall 2008 Symposium of the New York State Section of the American Physical Society in at the Corning Museum of Glass. The meeting coincided with the 100th anniversary of Corning Incorporated's Research and Development. The meeting contacts were Donnell Walton from Corning Incorporated and Larry Josbeno from Corning Community College. The meeting agenda comprised alternating sessions on optics and materials. The speakers were from both academia and industry. The meeting closed with a session of student speakers. The banquet speaker was Scott Kardell, the director of outreach at Palomar Observatory. Scott presented on the next generation of giant telescopes. The banquet was preceded with a reception and poster session and followed by a trip to the CCC Observatory and Planetarium. There were 22 poster presentations before the banquet at the Corning Museum of Glass Auditorium.

In addition to the speakers, there were 27 APS members, eight retirees and 83 students in attendance. Approximately 108 attended the banquet. The total symposium expenses were \$24481. \$2728 was collected from registration with the remainder covered by Corning Incorporated. Registration was conducted entirely online. The registration format, including hosting service, PayPal account, and Corning Credit Union account was retained for the Spring 2009 Symposium at the University of Rochester.

Donnell Walton
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