

SPD Members Meeting Minutes (5/25/2005) started prior to 8:15
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Treasurer's Report

Division in good financial state.

Secretary report

Elections will be fully electronic next year.

25% turnout similarly bad as in previous elections

Gordon Holman & Harry Warren elected

Please use SolarNews webform for submission.

Vice Chair reports

Discussion of Congressional Visit

Stongly encourage community to communicate to Congress.

From the audience: *Cuts in grants & projects should inspire letter writers*

DPS committee has meeting in DC; why not SPD?

Good to develop rapport with staffers – we are looking for Cadre of activists

Idea: make sure good news, like press releases, science nuggets, etc get to congressional staffers.

Today Griffin is quoted as supporting earth and solar science.

Even a better way to get involved contribute your time & money to congress campaign: you can establish a good rapport with them and their supporters.

Go to www.senate.gov to find how who to contact.

Office of OMB is another place to know since they set out the budget. They will listen to reasonable arguments

It would be nice to have a congresssional liason within the SPD would be helpful.

What is the best way to use time when visiting congress? Call Kevin Marvel: he will make appointments.

Could we get a solar person in as a congressional fellow? Probably not by field.

AAS was kicking in money to support them, so you might contact Kevin Marvel again. Be prepared to be a general scientist.

NSF report (PB)

8 new faculty submissions for new faculty: 3 funded

23 submissions, 3 or 4 winners for Space Weather?

Shine deadline is in August: execting ~\$2M this year for funding.

Don't know about next years budget but may steal funds from MRSC program.

ATST may be impacted.

FASR is in the works. NSF is concerned about operational budgets for these facilities.

NSWP is having decadal self assesment with final report in 2006.

NASA (LG)

Things changing fast. New administrator had produced increase in morale & hope.

The news of Voyager is great help to solar & heliospheric.

2 New people coming into Solar Heliospheric group to replace Todd, etc.

SDO news:

Going well; HQ meeting last week elicited comment: "This mission has no problems. BUT delayed to congressional earmarks. So please encourage

congress not to earmark.. ~\$35M earmark in SEC lead to SDO delay.
Delays can lead to 100 to 200% increase in cost. Launch slid to August 2008.

MODA:

lost again for the second year in a row: ~\$22M cut. GI and VO AOs delayed to next year. Senior review in Nov, will use new roadmaps which are due in Sept. Cautious optimism that MODA fundings will be better in the future.

Explorer:

Hurt by growth of Mars program. SMEX 7&8 selected. AIM & THEMIS launched next year; Next MIDEX AO in 2006; next SMEX 2009. IBEX to launch in 2008. Everyone realizes this is very important line.

STP:

Program cut in half. SolarB & STEREO moving forward. So steady missions until 2010. After that ? Radiation Probes in works Solar Probe draft report due in June. Sentinels has budget profile; but broken in 3 parts. Inner Heliospheric in 2013. Trying to combine solar probe and Orbiter may be coordinated.

Missions of Opportunity

Cindy/CNOFS coming up.

TRT

New announcement just announced. Strategic capabilities added in collaboration with NSF. ~\$500k/yr each for up to 5 years.

SRT is looking good...

Overall HQ is feeling optimistic with new administrator.

NSO (SK)

Looking towards Senior review.

EPO: ~20 students & 4 teachers visiting NSO

Diffraction-limited SP being assembled. Narrow band filter work.

Roadmap:

on the web. Looking for inputs. KPVT closed. Solis ramping up.

Spectrometer is coming along;

GONG++ is running 1000+ days online. Magnetograms available soon.

Dunn ST & MPT are due to phase out with ATST. Big issue in SR, they might speed up phase out if community is too quiet.

Other services coming along fine (VSO...)

What should new NSO look like: Seeking to colocate with university program.

New capabilities with Ultrahigh res (ATST); Precise obs with SOLIS...

Senior review:

NSF can support all facilities: looking to reduce programs. Looking for \$30M out of \$100M/yr.

Time frame is ~2011: ok with current roadmap.

Need ground-based community roadmap like NASA.

New Chair for NSO users committee: KD Leka

NASA Roadmap. (TH)

In past driven ground up: This time handed a goal #10 from above. New program is coming next month. Emphasis is on E&M fields & plasma overall pressure and gravity.

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Comments: *Great job.*

FASR (DG)

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Heliospheric-Solar in University (TZ)

In past few years 10 positions have been or are being filled. There was a concern that average professor teaches ~1 space course/3 years and 1PHD in 5 years. PhDs are getting 4-5 offers. Seeking help in building curriculum in solar physics using e-learning techniques.

Press Officer

Slow this year. Some good stories: Past training is paying off in reports making it out without Craig. But need more input at meetings for ideas. Great conference of "Great observatory" story. Three more stories in for summer. Trying to get hooks into upcoming superhero movies.

Public writing awards (RH)

Prize goes to Kirk ?, director of NSF legislative affairs for article in National Geographic and Charles Lou, Prof of Astro, City U. of New York & Hayden

IHY

Making progress. UN program has resolution for vote next years. All nations have been contacted. Activities happening all over. Meeting this summer; Black sea meeting underway. IHY is AGU secretariat now.

Future Meetings

UN H -2006

AAS – Honolulu 2007

AGU ?? 2008 depending on where they meet.

High Energy Astrophysics Joint Meeting. VP : To increase interaction tried to have a joint meeting. Aim for their next stand-alone meeting. Will be discussed by SPD committee.

Solar & Space Physics & vision for space exploration meeting being organized Oct 16, 2005

Committees

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Liaison

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MLSO 40th anniversary

Big party at SHINE
New user interface
HAO investigating next generation corona observing system.
Meeting adjourned 10:40

SPD committee meeting reconvinced. 2004 minutes approved. Meeting adjourned