

qqSPD Business Meeting 2007
Called to order: 8:09pm

1. Chairs Report

- a. Fantastic year for Solar physics; Hinode & STEREO
- b. Serious funding problems continue, but some cause for optimism with new science director (Alan Stern)
 - i. Emphasis on smaller missions, R&A...
 1. R&A “Czar” (Yvonne Pendleton) appointed sara@nasa.gov for comments
 2. Next explorers will be two or three SMEX
- c. SPD going well
 - i. Membership up 5% to almost 600
 - ii. New EPO committee
 - iii. Updated website
 - iv. New certificate of appreciation award
 - v. Committee meeting summary
 1. SWRI will sponsor 2009 meeting in Boulder
 2. Next year in Ft Lauderdale with AGU May 27-30
 3. Studentship program
 - a. Gordon has been running on his own for years
 - b. Time to institutionalize the program
 - i. Form studentship committee
 - ii. Regularize requirements
 - iii. Expand awardees
 - iv. Increase DA to \$20 to support this
 - v. May increase regular dues.
 - vi. Kudos to Gordon!
 4. Encourage DA to convert to full membership
 - a. AAS is great aid: Advocacy, meeting support, ApJ...
 5. Summer school program:
 - a. Unclear on future
 - b. No schools a few years ago
 - c. This year too many!
 - d. Insufficient number of students to host one this year
 - e. Need to consider number and how SPD supports schools
 6. Craig Wheeler seeking input on future of e-publications
 - a. Looking for young “hip” person to join new committee

2. Vice Chair report

- a. Meeting report
 - i. Going well due to lots of new data!
 - ii. 300 members here +200 regular members contributing +100 others...

3. Secretary report
 - a. New members: Amy Winebarger & Doug Biesecker
 - b. Changes in SolarNews distribution
4. Treasurer report
 - a. Summer school seems to be encouraging junior members
 - i. See powerpoint for details
 - ii. 596 members this year!
5. Committee status
 - a. See ppt for current membership
 - b. John Leibacher running for AAS Council – VOTE!!!
6. Popular writing awards
 - a. Winners: Gordon Holman for scientist award in *Scientific American*
 - b. Francis Reddy and Roen Kelly for writers award in *Astronomy*
7. Certificate of appreciation
 - a. New award for service to the community in managerial and related services
 - i. Bill Wagner – a Fixture at NASA providing an essential service for the community.
8. AAS – Kevin Marvel
 - a. Moving journals to AIP publishers starting Sept 1, 2008 submissions
 - i. Page charges will drop!
 - ii. Subscription rates will stay low
 - iii. Looking for input on new features
 - iv. Watermarked figures with full reference to articles
 - v. Moving to print on demand instead of offset printing
9. NASA Solar & Heliospheric Report
 - a. Dick Fisher
 - i. See Powerpoint
 - ii. Transformed structure
 - iii. Budget based on decadal survey
 - iv. Intend to increase flight rates through partnerships
 - b. Alex Pevtsov
 - i. SR&T funded 18 awards and 50+ GI programs
 1. Success ratios back to norm $\sim \frac{1}{4}$
 - ii. Encourages ideas for press releases
 - c. Lika Guhathakurta
 - i. Space weather forum was successful
 - ii. STEREO planetarium show being released
 - iii. Eclipse documentary being released on cooperation of NASA and Libya
 - iv. Heliophysics summer school being organized
 - v. NASA is chair of ILWS this year

vi. IHY

10. NSF

- a. ATM report – Paul Belaire
 - i. Funding up, but number of proposals are too.
 - ii. Small satellite workshop
 - 1. Support National space weather program
 - 2. Will buy or borrow launch services
 - iii. NSWP student competition in ~2008
- b. AST report – Eileen Friel
 - i. Supports all astrophysics, including Solar, usually in solar/stellar panel
 - ii. Only about 6 solar out of ~100 stellar proposals.
 - iii. Success rates improving
 - iv. ~\$1M/year funding Solar, typical size >\$100k/yr
 - v. ATST status: readiness stage, environmental impact study expected ~fall

11. SPD Press

- a. No report!!!

12. EPO – Emilie Drobnes

- a. First year of committee: Adding two new members Dave Dooly & Spiros Patsourakos
- b. Added education reception & astrozone for local “hands on” activities for visiting city.
- c. EPO will assume help for Zoe Frank with booth
- d. Creating strategic plan in alignment of AAS guidelines

13. NSO – Steve Keil

- a. Solis up and doing well
 - i. Coordinating with Hinode
- b. Dunn focusing on joint observation with Hinode
- c. McMath-Pierce available for IR work

14. By Laws

- a. Proposed wording on bylaw amendment discussed and will be voted upon this year.

Meeting adjourned 10:11.