

2008 SPD MEMBERS MEETING

Call to order: 6:15 pm

Chairs report: (See ppt)

- Metcalf travel fund almost \$90k. Setting up committee to define it.
- Student committee instituted
- Summer school?
 - Need to collect info on any plans for 2009.
- EPO
 - Very active
- Strategic planning
 - Sarah - Will be lunch meeting to discuss
 - Jim - Solar will not be part of Astrophysics survey (almost certain)
 - Discussion: Do we benefit being in astronomy plan? That will be discussed tomorrow. Half of ground-based solar astronomy comes from NSF astronomy program. How do they compare these fairly?
- AAS report
 - Journals transition is going smoothly. Page charges for color will change.
 - Meetings: SPD will be alone, then in 2010 with AAS in Miami: 2009 is IYA. IAU in Rio and will probably want help. (Boulder SPD meeting. Meeting will be July 6-10. Telluride still possibility. (Date is a problem for eclipse)
- Need more voter turnout and nominations for prizes.
- Budget process being initiated
- Need better participation with AAS. Asked by AAS to support statement on peer-reviewed projects. Members asked to support this in their lobbying efforts.
- Thanks to Leonard, Ed and Bala for their services.
- 210 SP abstracts submitted to AGU meeting

Secretary report

- Need more voters.
- Bylaws changed to not require two nominees for secretary and treasurer
- New officers: Shadia Habbal for VP, Scott MacIntosh and Holly Gilbert
- Necrology:
 - Tom Metcalf, NWRA, July
 - Pete Wilson, U of Sydney, November
 - Paul Wild, Second Hale Prize Winner, CSIRO, May

Treasurer Report:

- Budget in good shape after recovering from AAS accounting errors
- All funds in good shape
- Metcalf fund being organized

Student Committee

Best student poster award this year \$250 to be decided by session chairs and judges; this year 5 student travel awards to be announced during Harvey Lecture

EPO Committee

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Starting 3rd year; moving into active phase. Website up and running; working to improve support for students at meetings; booth doing well; working on IYA activities; exploration station and astrozone to be held at AGU, AAS and SPD meetings. EPO committee wants to serve as resource to community. Need help formalizing this. Need volunteers. Discussion: SPD working with AAS as an example; SPA serving similar role in AGU; is there a website for this? The charter of committee was expanded to include heliophysics and geospace.

Summer School

No report

Popular Writing awards

- Journalist Award: Richard Telcott, Astronomy
- Scientist Award: Rene James, Sky & Telescope article

Press officer

Good year for press with new missions. Several Hinode and STEREO press releases; SDO coming up soon; Encourage individual researchers to come forth

Other liasons

No report

NASA Report - Alex Pevtsov

- SR&T News 34 Awards in 2008 ~1 in 4 funded; funding level same as last year
- Several sub-orbital launches
- SR&T proposals should be out earlier than usual this year
- Program reports now go to different center
- SH MOWG has Joe Gurman as Chair, looking for 4 new members.
- SDO Science AO will be announced soon. Details will be announced. Looking for Single large proposals, but funding may be multiple. NOI 20 June; Proposals July 25!
- LWS: Solar Probe report out, AO later this year; same with Sentinels Lite; FOSO selections this summer; RBSP and SDO on track.
- Heliophysics Roadmap (see website); Townhall meeting earlier this month. Style is different this year: List of important topics rather than missions.
- Personnel: Eric Christian (replaced by Arik Posner) and Alexei Pevtsov leaving soon; Charles Holmes retiring, Jeff Hayes taking over.
- Discussion: Is there a replacement for Bill Wagner? No. How do we get someone at headquarters to advocating for solar missions. There should be a solar/heliophysics person there.

NSO Report - Steve Keil

- ATST: Entered MRE account; Congress can now fund it. ATST has gone through all reviews; decadal surveys etc so no political issues. Site mitigation is being sorted out. Building permit can go after that. Hope to start in 2009/10.
- FASR proposal goes in next week

Adjourned 7:27pm