

2016 SPD Open Business Meeting

June 2, 2016

Held at University of Colorado Campus, Boulder, CO

Meeting Called to Order 7:00 pm

The SPD committee and ~40 members of the solar physics community were in attendance. A staff member from AAS was also present.

Chair Dana Longcope introduces meeting

This is the 47th SPD meeting with 309 participants.

Oral segments accommodated at 50% rate

Since this is Memorial day weekend it means we only meet for 4 days.

Agency meeting was held over lunch.

Secretary report was compiled by Norton but summarized by Longcope. Membership numbers were presented. Newly elected members of Lyndsay Glesener and Holly Gilbert were announced.

Science writing awards summary was provided.

Studentship awards summary was provided.

Public policy summary was provided.

Congressional visits summarized, endorsement of Space Weather Research and Forecasting Act, letter writing campaign organized by Welsh, Kelly Korreck presented on the hill "Cloudy with a Chance of Flares".

Venue change for 2017 Meeting – Portland OR was discussed. The eclipse will be viewed in Salem OR. The cancellation of the Jackson Hole property resulted in the receipt of some monies since the property had to pay for the cancellation inconvenience.

Hale Prize timing was discussed.

Child care grants have been successful to allow delegates to attend meetings.

The 2018 Meeting will be joint with TESS

The 2019 Meeting is still "to be determined". AAS is encouraging a joint meeting with them.

EPO Chair: Raftery was appointed and she is preparing for a busy year with the eclipse.

Press officer change from Deforest to Winters. Craig de Forest was applauded for his long years of service and given a parting gift.

SPD Secretary Report – David McKenzie gave his report.

The gain at the TESS meeting was discussed as it is still uncertain what the final budget / gain / loss looks like. The EPO funds used last year was low but this will change this year. SPD childcare grants were given which is a success. The Metcalf

fund was discussed and it was decided that more would be spent per year with the intent of using the fund up completely by 2026 as the intention of the fund when it was established in 2009 was that it would last for ten years. See full report for more details.

Jason Jackiewicz on consortium to take over Dunn operation: NMSU is working on spear-heading taking over the Dunn tower operations. This consortium would train students, develop instruments. It has NSF support. Synoptic observations would be part of the plan. PI driven obs would be the rest. Members buying into the consortium will contribute roughly 500k. Community needs commitments and would cost 50-100k per 2 weeks of observing time. NMSU has asked the State of New Mexico for support on the order of 200-300 k. Also NSF support has been requested. Cal State Northridge and CU Boulder have both expressed interest.

Susanna Kohler / AAS gave a report on the journals managed by AAS – AJ, ApJ, ApJL, AJ Supplements. Also the AAS Nova website is edited by Kohler. 11-12% of all papers in their journals are solar. 75 % of the movies they have are solar. See full report from Kohler. Two questions were raised by audience members. Sterling asked whether abstract word limit was changing and Habbal asked about efforts to ensure written English was of an acceptable quality.

Valentin Martinez Pillet presents NSO Status

2019 will see 1st light for DKIST. Consortium was discussed. DKIST science plan is well developed. Instrument development going well. GONG refurbishment requested. SPRING is an international effort. Vector field data production is going well with SOLIS. Some opportunity for He 10830. Two CU /NSO positions are available – one offer made another given in 2017. See full report.

Scott McIntosh gave HAO report

Provided org chart. Emphasized that HAO is a solar-terrestrial research lab. Provided update on Mauna Loa facility. Staff numbers including FT and PT were broken down. Provided COSMO update. Mentioned the highlight of the MuRAM code being extended into corona. They are participating in 2 Grand Challenge efforts. Intends to extend visitor program. See full report.

John Leibacher encouraged that the anti-harassment policy be read at the beginning of our SPD meeting to remind delegates that the intent of the meeting is to do science and that any harassment is inappropriate as well as reminding members how to report any unwelcome attention. He also reported that women were ~30% of the participating conference attendees at this meeting. This is a high percentage compared to earlier years.

Meeting adjourned 8:58 pm.