

Annual SPD Open Meeting Notes

May 24, 2018 6:30 pm, Leesburg VA

Holly Gilbert opened the meeting with a report on SPD membership. There were 447 total members. The breakdown of full, affiliate, junior, international, etc., can be found in the slides.

The recent SPD elections results were reported. In summary, Dana Longcope stepped down from Chair and become a committee member. Dale Gary became Vice Chair. Maria Kazachenko and Sarah Jaeggli were elected committee members for 2 year terms. Aimee Norton will serve a 2nd term as Secretary for three years.

The public writing awards were discussed including a change in the bylaws for wording to enable someone to win these awards for a series of short articles instead of one long article.

Public policy was discussed.

Current meeting venue and scientific program were discussed with some concerns voiced about the cost of the hotel for this year's venue. There was general belly-aching over having the meeting in an exciting city but with a higher cost versus a lesser loved city (or small town in the boonies) with lower costs.

The press officer shared the 3 press releases for this meeting.

The treasurer report was given by Dave McKenzie. Next year's meeting will have a 0 dollar registration for students. Most other awards and items were kept the same as next year. \$2k for software development workshop at next meeting. Changing 'Childcare Grant' to be worded as 'Dependent Care Grant'. Agreed on keeping childcare / dependent care award levels the same. The SPD dues will not be increased.

Scott McIntosh provided HAO organization report. Shared the working group category. Compounding flat budgets and indicates of dire FY 2018 meant cuts were made - 23 people were cut from NCAR/UCAR and 2 of those were from HAO. HiWIND instrument was described. This launches from ESRANGE today. HAO - US Air Force signed a letter of intent to work together for space weather forecasting. COSMO, a suite of instruments proposed for Mauna Loa HI, was discussed. The Hill top dome from Sac Peak may be given to HAO and can house a new instrument. Scott is interested in community ideas for instrumentation in this dome. CSAC and DKIST were discussed as Scott wanted to encourage the discussion around the data pipeline. 80% of DKIST science use cases discuss physical variable sand or magnetic diagnostics. Therefore, this requires some form of inversion or level 2 data and warrants a sophisticated pipeline.

Valentin Martinez Pillet provided the NSO report. This year is the last year of the “funding wedge” for DKIST. The budget for DKIST is still on target. Regarding the Dunn telescope, the state of New Mexico is providing a one year \$273k for NSMU to operate the Dunn telescope. NMSU and NSF will operate for another 3 years. KPVT demolition is planned. McMath Pierce may be turned into a museum. The DKIST update shows how the project was restructured after Joe’s (Project Manager) departure. Spring 2020 is when the instrument should have first light. Maui offices are in construction. Data center will begin construction. Valentin shows\ed the science use DKIST workshops – 6 workshops so far that generated 20-30 SUC each. They would like to further engage the community in how to use the data, especially Stokes polarimetry data. One future project is bringing SOLIS back on line. NSO hired Maria Kazachenko who is officially a CU hire but works closely with NSO.

No other items put forward for discussion.
Meeting adjourned.