

The regular monthly meeting of the LAPA General Assembly was held on April 11, 2007 at 12:10 PM in Siderooms A & B of the Otowi Cafeteria. LAPA President Jason Stairs was the presiding officer. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent, and the minutes from the previous meeting (3/14/07), which had been posted on the LAPA webpage, were approved without correction.

Chandra Savage Marsden, the LAPA Secretary, gave a report on the National Postdoc Association annual meeting attended by LAPA representatives. Committee reports were given by Nate Mack and Jessica Houston (chair and member, respectively, Communication Committee), Nate Mara (chair, Conversion Committee), and Michael Demkowicz (member, Career Committee). Following the Career Committee report, a motion to invite postdocs from Sandia National Laboratories to the Career Fair was approved by unanimous consent.

The unfinished item of business from the previous meeting concerning the status of the Employment Concerns Committee was discussed briefly, and a motion was approved by unanimous consent to postpone future discussion until the next GA meeting.

The floor was then opened for LAPA officer nominations. Laura Stonehill was nominated *in absentia* for President, and Michael Demkowicz accepted the nomination for President. Roshan Shrestha and Jessica Houston accepted the nomination for Vice-President, and Joseph Hickey was nominated *in absentia* for Vice-President. Chandra Savage Marsden accepted the nomination for Secretary. Nate Mack and Kevin Houston accepted the nomination for Treasurer.

In other business, the MSCookies & Tea seminar series asked that LAPA give a talk on the organization. By unanimous consent, a motion was approved to task the Communication Committee with preparing and presenting the talk. Concerns were raised about how postdocs would be allowed to charge their time while attending career development activities and job interviews. The Career Committee was directed to bring the issue up to management in the context of attending the career fair, and then ask about the other activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 PM.