

The regular monthly meeting of the LAPA General Assembly was held on Wednesday, June 13, 2007 at 12:04 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 (4/11/07), which had been posted on the LAPA webpage, were approved without correction. The Secretary recognized three new Voting Members and presented them with copies of the bylaws.

Officer reports were given by the outgoing LAPA President (Jason Stairs) and Treasurer (Laura Stonehill). Committee Reports were given by Nate Mack (chair, Communication Committee), Chandra Savage Marsden (in the absence of the Social Committee chair, Nenad Velisavljevic), and Michael Demkowicz (member, Career Committee). Nate Mara (chair, Conversion Committee) and Laura Stonehill presented the results of the Conversion Committee's analysis of postdoc conversion statistics before and after the LANS management transition. A motion was approved by unanimous consent that the Conversion Committee be tasked with coming up with a way to present these data to management, and to have this prepared for the next GA meeting.

The ongoing item of unfinished business concerning the status of the Employment Concerns Committee was presented for consideration by Jason Stairs, along with a summary of the issue. The following motion was approved by unanimous consent:

The Special Committee of Employment Concerns will remain disbanded according to Robert's Rules and any services concerning LANL postdoc employment concerns will be provided by the Policy Committee.

Following the approval of the motion, its implementation via an amendment to the bylaws was discussed. By a vote of 15-0, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, the Los Alamos National Laboratory Director Michael Anastasio tasked LAPA with hearing the concerns of postdocs at the Laboratory; and

Whereas, LAPA previously moved that the first amendment to the LAPA Bylaws would set the precedent for future amendments;

Resolved by the Los Alamos Postdoc Association, That the following paragraph will be added to Article VII, Section 3:

"The Committee will meet at least twice per year to allow the postdoc community to bring before the Committee any issues or concerns related to postdoctoral life at Los Alamos National Laboratory. The Committee Chair will be responsible for providing a report of this meeting to the President of the Association in a timely manner."

; and

Resolved by the Los Alamos Postdoc Association, That the following Article, words and paragraph shall be added to the LAPA bylaws:

*“Article X
Amendments*

Amendment 1: The following paragraph was added to Article VII, Section 3:

The Committee will meet at least twice per year to allow the postdoc community to bring before the Committee any issues or concerns related to postdoctoral life at Los Alamos National Laboratory. The Committee Chair will be responsible for providing a report of this meeting to the President of the Association in a timely manner.”

;and

Resolved by the Los Alamos Postdoc Association, That an amendment to the LAPA bylaws shall be made by the insertion or addition of words/paragraphs, the striking out of words/paragraphs, the striking out and inserting of words and/or the substitution of paragraphs directly to the main body of the LAPA bylaws and that these Amendments shall be the noted in details in Article X, Amendments.

In another item of new business, a motion was approved by unanimous consent to appoint Laura Stonehill as the chair of the Finance Committee until the Executive Committee is able to meet and appoint a new one.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM.