

LAPA General Assembly Meeting Minutes 8/09/06

14 attendees

J. Stairs elected as Pro Tem Presiding Officer

N. Mara elected as Pro Tem Secretary

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee:

- Budget is finalized and on the website.
- Tuesday, August 15 12:00 noon for meeting of committee chairs.

Social Committee:

- Socials are proceeding as scheduled.

Policy Committee:

- First draft of bylaws completed, Jason Stairs has revised to add continuity.
- An upcoming meeting will finalize the bylaws.
- Ratification of bylaws: September General Assembly meeting.

Communications Committee:

- LAPA poster was displayed at a booth at the LANL student research symposium.
- Director Anastasio has received letter from LAPA, he should respond shortly. He should receive an invitation to an upcoming GA meeting.

Conversion Committee:

- Marius Stan gave a presentation on the conversion process on Tuesday, July 25 to a standing room only crowd.
- Have 4-6 more speakers in the process of being scheduled.

Old Business:

- Logo selected (approved with 8 votes) agreed with initial selection made by communication committee. Will change “Postdoctoral” to read “Postdoc”, and thicken lettering.

New Business:

- New social events proposed: 1.) Tech Transfer outreach. Tech transfer will present ins and outs of Technology Transfer and provide free food. Social Committee will follow up—need ~30 postdocs to show up. 2.) Joint career fair, possibly with other participants from local colleges. Should include postdoc research posters, attendees from LANL, industry, academia (open to all). Future joint meeting between career and conversion committees to plan this event.
- C.V. compilation: “self” updated on website w/pdf files from postdocs.
- ratifying the by-laws, members present automatically become Voting Members.
- A postdoc portrait of LAPA Voting Members could be taken at regular yearly intervals.

- Will start using name tags at socials.
- Melissa Lucero (T-division) has a trail guide in .pdf format that could be distributed to postdocs upon arrival at LANL.
- Possibly start a “postdoc orientation” (established by Mary Ann With) for new postdocs to introduce them to LANL. Could include speakers, contact list, outreach flyers, etc. As part of standard orientation, LAPA reps could meet new hires for lunch at their orientation.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 1:15pm.