

The Monthly LAPA General Assembly Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 13, 2006 at 12:05pm, in Sideroom A of the Otowi Cafeteria (TA-3). Jason Stairs was elected Pro Tem Presiding Officer and Kevin D. Houston was elected Pro Tem Secretary for this GA meeting. The minutes from the August 9, 2006 LAPA GA Meeting were distributed via email and approved without correction.

Jason Stairs moved to amend the agenda to include a vote to grant Active Voting Member status to absent postdocs. The motion was adopted. Jason Stairs moved to adopt the agenda as amended for this meeting. This motion was adopted.

Committee reports were given by acting committee chairpersons Mike Demkowicz, Nathan Mara, and Kevin D. Houston.

Jason Stairs communicated a list of postdocs absent from this meeting that were instrumental in the creation of LAPA. Jason Stairs suggested that these postdocs be given Active Voting Member status in spite of their absence. Motion to add two postdocs to the list was adopted after discussion. Jason Stairs moved to grant Active Voting Member status to the postdocs on the list. This motion was adopted. List of postdocs granted Active Voting Member status.

- Alicia Garcia-Lopez
- Joseph Hickey
- Melissa Lucero
- Vincent Pons
- Fran Stephens
- Jackie Veauthier
- Jasper Vrugt

Before consideration of the proposed LAPA Bylaws, Jason Stairs moved to amend Article VI Section 5 of the Bylaws by adding "Active" before Voting Members. This motion was adopted after discussion. Jason Stairs moved to amend Article IV Section 3 of the Bylaws to increase the duration of the voting period for the election of LAPA officials and change the deadline for the voting period to one day before the GA meeting when the results are announced. This motion was adopted. Jason Stairs moved to ratify the LAPA Bylaws as amended. This motion was adopted.

Motion to assign the responsibility of composing a welcome letter to new LANL postdocs to the Communication Committee was adopted after discussion. The Communication Committee will invite all LANL postdocs to contribute to the writing of the letter and then do so.

Jason Stairs moved to present Honorary LAPA Membership to Mary Anne With and Director Michael R. Anastasio. These motions were adopted.

The Meeting adjourned at 1:05PM.

Photo of attending LAPA members was taken following the GA meeting.