

APS DBIO Executive Committee Annual Meeting and Dinner
March 17th, 2026 at 6:45 pm (MT) in person, Hyatt Capitol 6

In attendance

<u>Chair:</u>	Arpita Upadhyaya
<u>Chair-Elect:</u>	Michelle Wang
<u>Vice Chair:</u>	Vernita Gordon
<u>Past Chair:</u>	Ajay Gopinathan
<u>Secretary/Treasurer:</u>	Andrew Mugler
<u>Member-at-Large:</u>	Patricia Soto
<u>Member-at-Large:</u>	Elena Koslover
<u>Member-at-Large:</u>	Jasmine Nirody
<u>Member-at-Large:</u>	Andrew Leifer
<u>Member-at-Large:</u>	Alison Patteson
<u>Member-at-Large:</u>	Daniel Weissman
<u>Early Career Member-at-Large:</u>	Christopher Lynn
<u>Councilor:</u>	Jennifer Ross
<u>Incoming Vice Chair:</u>	Moumita Das
<u>Incoming Secretary/Treasurer</u>	Dimitrios Vavylonis
<u>Incoming Member-at-Large:</u>	Aaron Dinner
<u>Incoming Member-at-Large:</u>	Roseanna Zia
<u>Incoming Early Career Member-at-Large:</u>	Linnea Lemma

Not in attendance

<u>Early Career Member-at-Large:</u>	Jules Nde
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Agenda (MT)

6:45 pm	Dinner
7:10 pm	Welcome and introductions
7:15 pm	Summary of EOY reports (year in review)
7:25 pm	Budget Update
7:30 pm	Review and approval of Operating Procedures
7:35 pm	Review and approval of Committees for 2026-2027
7:40 pm	Updates from APS – Jane Gould and Cortney Bougher
8:00 pm	Discussion of priorities, initiatives and changes
8:30 pm	Adjourn

Minutes

Welcome and introductions (Arpita Upadhyaya)

- Welcome
 - Bylaws: <https://engage.aps.org/dbio/governance/bylaws>
 - Operating Procedures: <https://engage.aps.org/dbio/resources/operating-procedures>

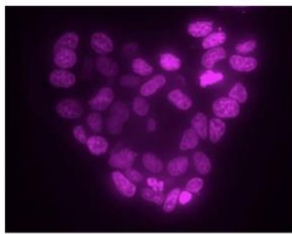
- Resources:
 - [APS Unit Service Desk](#)
 - [DBIO ExCom Engage Folder](#)
- 2025 DBIO Executive Committee
 - **Chair:** Arpita Upadhyaya, **Chair elect:** Michelle Wang, **Vice Chair:** Vernita Gordon, **Past Chair:** Ajay Gopinathan, **S/T:** Andrew Mugler, **Councilor:** Jenny Ross
 - **Members at Large:** Elena Koslover, Alison Patteson, Patricia Soto, Daniel Weissman, Andrew Leifer, Jasmine Nirody, Christopher Lynn, Jules Nde
 - **Incoming members:** Moumita Das: Chair line (Vice Chair), Dimitrios Vavylonis (S/T), Roseanna Zia (Member at Large), Aaron Dinner (Member at Large), Linnea Lemma (EC ML)
- Prizes and Awards
 - Early Career Award
 - Committee: Alison Patteson (Chair), Sujit Datta (vice Chair), Jennifer Curtis, Roya Zandi
 - Winner: Benjamin Good (Stanford)
 - For developing novel theoretical methods to understand the evolutionary dynamics of complex microbial communities
 - Delbruck Prize
 - Committee: Arvind Murugan (Chair), Terry Hwa (Vice Chair), Eric Siggia, Xiaowei Zhuang, Ajay Gopinathan
 - Winner: Boris Shraiman (UCSB)
 - For contributions to morphogenesis, evolution, and biological information processing, combining mastery of biological knowledge, innovative analysis of biological data, and rigorous theoretical reasoning to uncover deep insights into the underlying principles of biological processes
 - Dissertation Award
 - Committee: Daniel Weissman (Chair), Vernita Gordon, Chris Lynn, Andrew Mugler
 - Winner: Francois X. P. Bourassa (Princeton)
 - For groundbreaking contributions to the biophysical understanding of T cell response, providing a low-dimensional theory of immune response and indicating promising future avenues in cancer immunotherapy
 - Travel Awards
 - Committee: Patricia Soto (Chair), Andrew Leifer (Vice Chair), Elena Koslover, Jules Nde
 - 20 awards were made (out of 68 applications)
- Fundraising
 - PRX Life will provide financial support (\$12500/yr) for the next 5 years:
 - PRX Life Poster Awards : \$1000 - certificates to be signed by DBIO program chair and PRX Life rep
 - PRX Life Early Career Talk Awards: \$2000 - certificates to be signed by DBIO program chair and PRX Life rep
 - Food and Travel Support: \$5,000 for the DBIO Business Meeting Buffet

- Early-Career Award: \$4,500 : Sponsored by PRX Life - on certificate, website etc., certificates to be signed by DBIO program chair and PRX Life rep, till award is fully endowed
- Recognition and Branding: DBIO agrees to advertise PRX Life at the event—specifically at the Business Meeting and during the award ceremony and also by displaying flyers and gadgets at the DBIO table and at the DBIO Business Meeting (as provided in advance by Marketing), and by featuring PRX Life on their engagement page and social channels. PRX Life will be recognized as the exclusive journal sponsor for poster and early career talk awards at the GPS. PRX Life’s logo will appear on conference materials, the website, and the award certificates.
- Early Career Award endowment:
 - Ajay Gopinathan, Josh Shaevitz, Andrea Liu, Arup Chakraborty, K.C. Huang
 - Endowment drive restarted with PRX Life announcement. Chasing down commitments.
 - Website live: <https://main--aps-org.netlify.app/about/support/early-career-biological-research>
 - Please consider donating!

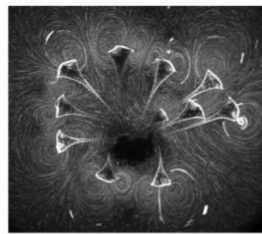
Summary of EOY reports (Arpita Upadhyaya)

- Program Committee Report
 - Committee: Michelle Wang (Chair), Vernita Gordon, Andrew Mugler, Jasmine Nirody, Alison Patteson, Daniel Weissman
 - 38 Focus session topics, 61 sessions, 747 abstracts, 63 sorters (Thank you!!)
 - 8 Invited Symposia + 3 with DBIO as secondary sponsor (1 GMED, 2 DSOF)
 - Early Career Prize session (Monday 8-11 am, Bluebird 1A)
 - Early career awardee, Thesis prize awardee
 - 9 selected talks from contributed abstracts (5 student talks, 4 postdoc talks)
 - PRX Life sponsored prizes
 - Delbruck Prize session (Tuesday 12-3 pm, Bluebird 1c)
 - Boris Shraiman awardee
 - PRX Life Invited Session (Wednesday 8 – 11 AM, Bluebird 1A)
 - Poster session (Wednesday 12-3 pm) 94 posters
 - Early Career Meet and Greet (Tuesday 3-4 pm)
 - Business meeting (Tuesday 6:45-7:45 pm)
 - Industry panel (Wednesday 3-4 pm)
- Tutorials
 - Vernita Gordon, chair
 - Physics of the Immune System
 - Arup K. Chakraborty, MIT (organizer)
 - Form and functions of topological defects in biological matter
 - Pedro Lowenstein, Daniel Beller (organizers)
- Fellowships

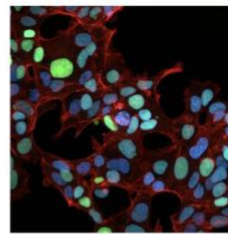
- Committee: Vernita Gordon, Nikta Fakhri, Pankaj Mehta, Daniel Weissman, Andrew Leifer
- New APS Fellows
 - Ariel Amir, Weizmann Institute of Science
 - G. Marius Clore, NIDDK/NIH
 - Thierry Mora, Laboratoire de Physique de l'École normale supérieure
 - Padmini Rangamani, UC San Diego
 - Steve Pressé, Arizona State University
 - Roseanna Zia, University of Missouri
- Membership Committee
 - 2026 image contest: received over 20 images
 - Winners:



MCF-7 Cancer Cell Cluster
Mikayla Greiner
University of Maryland at College Park



Feeding flows of a *Stentor coeruleus* colony
Shashank Shekhar
Emory University



Transcription bursting of cancer cells on stiff hydrogels
Mikayla Greiner
University of Maryland at College Park



New DBIO sticker

- Membership table – new member recruitment. Please volunteer and stop by!
- Engagement Committee
 - Members: Lena Koslover (Chair), Jasmine Nirody (Vice Chair), Ajay Gopinathan, Chris Lynn, Michelle Wang, Sarthak Gupta, Connah Johnson
 - Webinars
 - “Being a Voice for Science”, hosted by Chris Lynn, ~40 attendees
 - “Teaching and Learning Biological Physics”, hosted by Patricia Soto and Sarah Marzen, 29 attendees
 - “Incorporating AI in Research and Life”, hosted by Jasmine Nirody
 - “Non-academic Career Paths in Biophysics”, hosted by Elena Koslover, ~62 attendees
 - “Navigating the Journal Review Process”, hosted by Ajay Gopinathan
 - “Navigating the Global Physics Summit”, hosted by Sarthak Gupta.

Arpita: The webinars are saved, yes?

Ajay: Yes, the videos are online.

- Squishy Science Sunday
 - Held at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science
 - 22 activity tables – 7 DBIO run

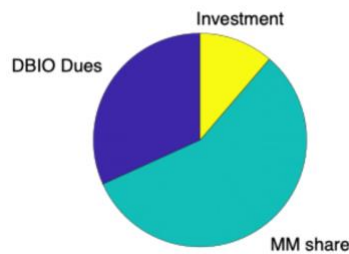
- 1500+ participants! Many young kids
 - Huge Success!!!
 - It will continue, there is a good succession plan
 - DBIO Newsletter
 - Trung (Average) Phan and Jonathan Dawson (editors), Jacqueline Acres and mentorship from Sarah Marzen
- Nomination Committee
 - Ajay Gopinathan (Chair), Daniel Goldman, Omar Saleh, Hugo Sangria, Jen Schwarz
 - Elections held (thanks Andrew!)
 - Voter turnout is low – something to keep in mind
 - New incoming members!
 - Moumita Das: Chair line (Vice Chair)
 - Dimitrios Vavylonis (Secretary / Treasurer)
 - Roseanna Zia (Member at Large)
 - Aaron Dinner (Member at Large)
 - Linnea Lemma (EC ML)
- Event sponsorship: APS DBIO Event Funding Calls
 - Last year call for events in 2025
 - Reports received from last years' awardees (2025 events)
 - First call: for events between January - June 2026
 - Selections made: December, 2025
 - Second call: for events between July – December 2026
 - Selections made: March 2026
 - May 2025- Oct 2025 - Seven Awards made
 - Biophysical Society of Canada Trainee Symposium, McMaster University, Canada, May 2025
 - Interdisciplinary challenges in the physics of complexity & life, EMBL Heidelberg, Germany, June 2-6, 2025
 - Frontiers in Biophysics, University of British Columbia, Canada, July 11, 2025
 - Unifying Theories in High-Dimensional Biophysics, ICTS, Bengaluru, India, July 21 - August 1, 2025
 - Gordon Research Seminars - Soft matter, Colby-Sawyer College, NH, USA August 9 - 10, 2025
 - Alma Dal Co School on Collective Behavior, Venice, Italy, September 29, 2025 - Oct 4, 2025.
 - Molecular Biophysics in the Northeast (MBN2025), University of New Hampshire, USA, 11 October 2025
 - 2026-27 - Seven Awards made
 - Interdisciplinary Challenges International Conference Series, Corsica, April 2026 (Antonio Carlos Costa):
 - Colloquium Outside of Equilibrium, Yale University, Jan-May 2026, (Yu Fu)

- EMBO Workshop – Rules of the Game, Oeiras, Portugal, June 2026 (Andrea Giometti)
- Biological Physics across scales (Symposium), Chiayi, Taiwan, January 2026 (Keng-Hui Lin)
- Biological Physics Education initiative. March 2026 (GPS Denver), Patricia Soto/Sarah Marzen
- Frontiers in Biophysics, Simon Fraser University, July 2026 (Nancy Forde – faculty advisor)
- International Conference on Soft Matter, August 2027 (Rae Anderson)

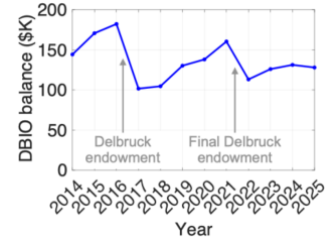
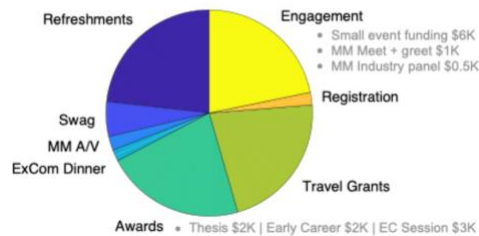
Budget Update (Andrew Mugler)

- DBIO Finances

Revenue 2025: **\$29K**



Expenses 2025: **\$34.5K**



- PRX Life will give \$12.5K per year for 2026-2030

Review and approval of Operating Procedures (Arpita Upadhyaya)

- Operating Procedures: <https://engage.aps.org/dbio/resources/operating-procedures>
- Google doc for updates: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rysAnQSZXO2632OnZuwXFpMkiWLbV6BpLbuhwObQN6I/edit?tab=t.0>
- Most updates have been made, please make any remaining updates right after GPS!
- I will send an email soon to officially approve it

Ajay: Especially if you are rotating off, complete the operating procedures.

Arpita: Yes, and more detail is better than less.

Review and approval of Committees for 2026-2027 (Arpita Upadhyaya)

- Legend
 - Black: decided by by-laws, transitions, continuity
 - Blue: ExComm members – new to a committee
 - Red: Outside people (to request)
- Committees in the Bylaws
 - **Program Committee:** Vernita Gordon (Chair), Moumita Das (VC), Dimitrios Vavylonis (S&T), Daniel Weissman ML (2025, 2026, 2027), Jasmine Nirrody ML

- (2026, 2027, 2028), Roseanna Zia ML (2027, 2028, 2029), Michelle Wang (ex-officio)
 - **Fellowship Committee:** Moumita Das (Chair, Fellow), 2ML: Daniel Weissman ML (2025, 2026), Andrew Leifer ML (2025, 2026), **Steve Presse (2y term, Fellow), Sarah Veatch (2y term, Fellow)**, Vernita Gordon (ex-officio, Fellow)
 - **Dissertation Award Committee:** **Aaron Dinner (Chair, ML)**, Dimitrios Vavylonis (VC, S&T), Moumita Das, **Jules Nde (ECML)**
 - **Travel Award Committee:** Andrew Leifer (Chair), **Roseanna Zia (VC, ML), Daniel Weissman ML, Linnea Lemma (ECML)**
 - **Nominating Committee:** Arpita Upadhyaya (Chair), Daniel Goldman (2024, 2025, 2026), Jen Schwartz (2025, 2026, 2027), **Ned Wingreen (2026, 2027, 2028)**, Plus 1 appointed by APS for a 1y term – sent names: Christina Marchetti, Yuhai Tu, Jose Onuchic
 - **Delbruck Prize Committee:** Ilya Nemenmann (Chair), **Laura Finzi (vice chair)**, Boris Shraiman (previous year's winner), Arpita Upadhyaya (ExComm), **Christoph Schmidt** (Note: Last year's vice chair Terry Hwa was unable to serve)
- **Additional Committees**
 - **Tutorial Committee:** Moumita Das (Chair)
 - **Membership Committee:** Jules Nde ECML (Chair), **Linnea Lemma ECML (VC)**
 - **Fundraising Committee:** Arpita Upadhyaya (Chair), Michelle Wang
 - **Canvassing Committee:** Michelle Wang (chair), **Jasmine Nirody ML, Patricia Soto ML** (Can also add ad hoc members from service survey)
 - **Early Career Award Committee:** Sujit Dutta (Chair, was VC last year), **Aaron Dinner, Jennifer Curtis, Shiladitya Banerjee (2y - vice chair)**
 - **Community Engagement Committee:** Jasmine Nirody (Chair), Arpita Upadhyaya, **3 ML: Andrew Leifer ML (VC), Patricia Soto ML, Jules Nde ECML**
 - **Newsletter:** **Trung Phan, Jonathan Dawson, with help from Jacqueline Ayres and Sarah Marzen, Plus external people – tentative list: Sarthak Gupta, Connah Johnson, Paul Ryan, Sreeja Sasidharan**
- **NEW: DBIO Student Committee**
 - Student members of DBIO ExComm
 - An ad-hoc committee with 3-5 student members with 1 chair
 - Sent out a call to solicit self nominations
 - Call in January 2026 – deadline February 15
 - Selections in February 2026
 - Selections
 - Narguess Alizade (Virginia Tech) (3rd year)
 - Anthony Gerg (Texas Christian U) (3rd year)
 - Kristina Trifonova (U Chicago) (2nd year)
 - Jan Willeke (Ludwig Maxmillian Univ) (2nd year)
 - Lanie McLeod (Rice) (2nd year)
 - Activities
 - Engagement committee, Membership committee, Education
 - New initiatives

- Term begins at the end of GPS 2026
- Terms for 1 or 2 years – members with staggered terms going forward
- Choose chair and vice chair – chair can attend our ExComm meetings

Updates from APS (Jane Gould and Courtney Bougher)

Jane: We work across all 50 units, so being here is really helpful for us. We are thrilled with the direction we are going with the SPLASHY district. And also with your education priorities: education and outreach are really important for supporting the science pipeline.

- New Journals
 - APS Open Science: supports global science
 - APCs are waived for submissions received before September 1.
 - PRX Intelligence: machine learning and AI
 - APCs are waived for submissions received before September 1.
- New membership options coming in 2026
 - More choices: Two plans based on benefits access needs
 - More ease: Auto-renew and mobile payment
 - More access: Global pricing accessibility initiative
 - SAME
 - Unit membership is open to all
 - Unit financial model unchanged
 - Benefits = same at comprehensive level
 - CHANGING
 - Plan at lower price point
 - Increased opportunity for international scientists
 - Additional payment methods available
- Unit Task Force
 - Goal: Review and recommend improvements to support long-term governance and sustainability
 - Work in progress
 - Committee is focusing on risk-mitigation, by-laws, form+function
 - Reviewing current policies and status
 - Engaging with Unit Leaders for input - e.g. ALM sessions
 - Upcoming: survey and further Unit Leader input opportunities
 - Upcoming: Draft recommendations for consideration
- New Honors Pause
 - 18-month pause
 - Strengthen sustainability
 - Expand donor opportunities beyond Prizes/Awards
 - Strengthen policy guidance
 - Develop a framework to support strategic growth and prestige
 - Increase financial transparency to ensure long-term viability

PROJECT PHASES		
	Focus	Status
Phase 1	Internal and Committee on Honors Policy Review & Initial Recommendations	In Progress
Phase 2	Socialize with Unit Leaders for Feedback and additional revisions, Draft Updates, Review/Revise	Q2 2026
Phase 3	Finalize recommendations, timelines, and implementation planning with Committees, Departments, etc	Q3 2026
Phase 4	Council approval; Implement and establish workflows, update policies, documents, websites, and socialize	Q4 2026 - Q1 2027

- APS Finances
 - Provides unit financials monthly -- usually lags 1 month
 - December financials issued mid-February due to audit
 - Final Dec year-end financials will be provided before March 31st
 - A combined Jan./Feb. financial will be shared in March
 - Financials are posted to the unit Engage page
 - Unit Secretary-Treasurer are notified by email
- Unit Revenue Sources
 - Dues Revenue (Credited annually in Jan./Feb. financials)
 - Divisions, Sections, and Topical Groups (\$5 per member)
 - Forums \$20k (if 2-year average annual ending cash balance is less than or equal to \$50k)
 - Annual Investment Income (guaranteed with a fixed rate of return), 1/12 earned monthly
 - Unit Cash Available Funds: 2.5% on average funds available
 - Contributions, Corporate Sponsorship, and Federal & Private Grants
 - Unit Meetings
 - APS Meetings: APS credits a portion of \$250k for the March Meeting units, and a portion of \$30k for the April Meeting units, using a formula that is based on invited speakers, posters, and eligible attendees. Credited annually in May.
- Finance Reports
 - To find the Units Leadership Library
 1. Go to Engage.aps.org
 2. Select Communities >> My Communities
 3. Go to the Communities Navigator and type in "Units Leadership"
 4. Click on the tab for the Library
 - How to read finance reports:

- Year over year by period- This comparison allows you to compare financial performance for the same period to date in the current and prior year.
 - Please submit questions/corrections promptly to Melaku Denbel, denbel@aps.org.
- New Unit Email
 - Have unit financial questions? Contact unitfin@aps.org
 - Direct access to Finance staff
 - Financial reports requests, including corrections
 - Questions on revenue and expenses
 - Need help? [Schedule a time to meet with the Finance team](#)
- Ethics and Ombuds
 - The APS members-only Ombuds Program offers confidential, impartial, informal, and independent conflict resolution services and problem-solving support for harassment or discrimination matters during APS and Non-APS Activities.
 - Ombuds Program [webpage](#)
 - Contact Elisa Enriquez via ombudsenriquez@mccammongroup.com or by phone at (505) 690-1138
 - Elevating Ethics e-learning
 - Launching April 2026!
 - ethics@aps.org

Moumita: What is the DBIO membership number, and the student/postdoc breakdown?

Cortney: 2247 members; ~1000 are students.

Ajay: How are Fellowship numbers determined? I know it is based on the number of non-student members. But this year that number went up and yet our number of Fellows went down.

Cortney: The number of Fellows across all of APS is, indeed, 0.5% of all non student members (151 fellows this year). Indeed, your non-student membership went up, but so did others', and in fact the DBIO proportion went down. I work with the committee on honors, and we know this is challenging.

Arpita: Could the total number of fellows increase?

Cortney: This rule is set in the APS bylaws, so that is a much bigger conversation. The last change was in 2016. But another change may come soon. For example, last year was first year in which students and early career scientists made up more than half of APS members. It is a good time to review these policies.

Ajay: You mentioned an upcoming membership option with a new price point. What is that?

Cortney: Surveys have told us that people want a way to pay less and get less, but stay connected (vote, be eligible for awards, etc). But not everyone cares about meetings discounts, for example.

Arpita: It has been hard to send an email to all DBIO members without going through additional layers.

Cortney: Yes, we are working on that.

Policy & Advocacy Update (Andrew Leifer)

- Annual Leadership Meeting
 - Feb 4-6, 2026, DC, attended by Andrew Leifer, Vernita Gordon, Arpita Upadhyaya
 - Diversity
 - Continued investment (\$\$\$ & new hires) into diversity efforts w/ new Dept of Inclusion and Collaboration
 - Director Erika Brown, PhD, brown@aps.org
 - Focus on organization and process
 - Expanding structures beyond Committee on Women in Physics, and Committee on Minorities to address intersectional groups or left-out groups
 - When other organizations and universities were removing DEI efforts, APS was doubling down, so that is a good sign
 - Advocacy
 - Top focus is on funding
 - Major thrust
 - Trump proposed 50% cut, in the end Congress cut only negligibly
 - APS is proud of lobbying on congressional budget
 - (Correlation, not causation, of course)
 - Also advocates for visas, international scholars
 - Lower priority
 - [Slides from meeting](#)

Jane: We are very proud of the advocacy that we conduct.

Andrew L: Yes, but we have paid lobbyists whose job is that too.

Jane: Yes, one.

Moumita: It is important to distinguish between lobbying and advocacy. We as scientists do advocacy.

- Panel on Public Affairs

- POPA is a ~20 person body that reviews and generates APS policy positions based on member input
 - Represent consensus of APS membership
 - Basis for APS lobbying efforts
- Current topics under review:
 - Focus: Review climate statement, new statement on AI

Vernita: By climate, do you mean global warming or how we treat people?

Andrew: The first one.

- Also: International nature of science
- My priorities: push back against erosion of rights and freedoms for scientists
 - Rule of law: Funding is only one part, needs to be spent according to congress, due process
 - Rights for immigrant scientists
 - Scientific expertise in government: advisory bodies, corrigibility
 - Academic freedom
- [Existing policy statements](#)

Biological Physics Education Initiative (Patricia Soto)

- Goal: Develop a sustainable community whose charge is to engage in Biological Physics education
 - Came out of Decadal Survey's stated need to enhance biological physics education
- Teaching Biological Physics - Focus Session in GPS 2025 on (continuing this year)
- Partnership with U Chicago Living Physics portal: Repository of Biological Physics educational resources: The repository will be a great resource for many
 - Portal came from NSF grant in 2013: resources to teach physics to life science students
 - Currently it has little funding
 - The U Chicago NSF Physics Frontier Center will revamp it by adding resources for upper and grad level courses
 - This is being done by a committee now (Catherine Crouch, Patricia, others)
- Propose a "DBIO Ed" (sub)committee
 - To sustain the momentum of Biological Physics education efforts - bridge with Living Physics Portal, FEd and perhaps GPER
 - ExComm member
 - Student member: share students' perspective as we develop programming; virtual webinar in the Fall, amplify the use of the repository resources, identify speakers for APS GPS 2027
 - DBIO liaison: Patricia Soto

- To communicate with the repository reviewers of educational materials and bring in the perspective of a biological physicist practitioner and educator.
- To amplify the visibility of the repository within the DBIO community by intentional networking, co-hosting webinars, and canvassing.

Arpita: This could be an ad hoc committee, possibly connected to the Engagement Committee.

Moumita: Maybe it could also have external members, e.g. Phil Nelson.

Jane: Connect with Michael Whitman in the APS education department if you haven't already.

Patricia: yes, he has been a part of our sessions.

Feedback on Program (Michelle Wang)

- I found out that abstracts within the SPLASHY units can be moved around without coordination. Thus, an abstract submitted to DBIO can be moved to another unit, creating a significant issue and additional work in selecting talks for the Early Prize session. A few of the abstracts submitted for the Early Prize were removed without me being informed, or before I had a chance to respond. I suggest that we ask APS not to move those abstracts without the Program Chair's explicit consent. I will bring this up at the SPLASHY meeting during the March meeting.
- Currently, the Program Chair is also responsible for chairing a committee for the Early Prize selection. Given the excessive workload of the Program Chair, it may be a good idea to delegate this to this task.
- The next APS meeting will be held from April 11–16, 2027, in Atlanta. After 2027, should SPLASHY units split from the APS Global Physics Summit to have their own meeting? Here are the units that will have their own meetings in 2027:
 - Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics (DAMOP) May 31 – June 4, 2027 Chicago, IL
 - Compression of Condensed Matter (SHOCK27) June 28 – July 2, 2027 Chicago, IL
 - Division of Plasma Physics (DPP) October 17–22, 2027 Memphis, TN
 - Gaseous Electronics Conference (GEC) October 18–22, 2027 Lisbon, Portugal
 - Division of Fluid Dynamics (DFD) November 21–23, 2027 Boston, MA
- Should we consider converting some focus sessions into flash talks + posters?

Vernita: DSOFT is actually doing flash talks.

Michelle: Yes, we should attend their session on Wednesday and learn from it.

Jane: The Division of Fluid Dynamics did this the last two meetings.

Moumita: For DSOFT, do all posters get a flash talk?

Jane: A subset. They ask people to submit.

Moumita: We would need a selection committee.

Michelle: Posters are a main focus at the meetings of both the Biophysical Society and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

Other points of discussion (Arpita Upadhyaya)

- Canvassing Committee
 - Added two members of large from the ExComm
 - Should we (going forward) solicit outside people to serve on this?
 - How to ensure a diverse and strong pool of candidates (Early Career Award did not have a diverse pool)

Moumita: Does APS canvas or just DBIO?

Arpita: DBIO – That is the Canvassing Committee.

- Service survey
 - Send this out right after March Meeting
- Social media
 - Social media posts – who will do this next? Students!
 - Any unit level email that goes out should be posted on Engage, Blue Sky
 - Create a LinkedIn page for DBIO

Arpita: Who will do social media?

Chris: We have Twitter and BlueSky. Any time DBIO puts out anything, I send it.

Jasmine: I can do that.

- Undergraduate programming at the March meeting?
- Passing on the baton efficiently: Google Drive folders for material from each committee?
 - Dated checklist of to-do items for committee chairs
 - Email drafts and templates
 - Google forms for solicitations
 - Rubrics and selection criteria used
 - Update slides

Adjourn