Minutes of the Eastern Great Lakes Section Executive Committee Fall 2021

Date: 11/12/2021

Location: Virtual (zoom)

Present: Executive Committee Members: Jay Mathews, Chair (UD); Niklas Manz, Chair-elect (College of Wooster); Bhujyo Bhattacharya, Vice-chair (Lawrence Technological University); Cynthia Aku-Leh, Past-chair (ISciences); Don Priour, Treasurer (YSU); Ulrich Zurcher, Secretary (CSU); Edward Carlo Samson, Member-at-large (Miami University); Zifeng Yang, Member-at-Large (WSU).

Not present: Tracy Edwards, Student member (MSU).

Guests: Mike Crescimanno, Awards Committee (YSU), Richelle Teeling-Smith (Mount Union); Roy Day, Organizer Spring 21 meeting (JCU).

Call to order 10:00 am

Section Business:

Secretary’s report and approval of minutes Ulrich Zurcher
Report was approved

Treasurer’s report Donald Priour
Full report distributed to the Executive Committee. Total balance (estimated) $36,280.36; Income: interest $328.21; expenses $941.66, $41.66 executive committee lunch, prizes $200.00 (poster at Spring 21 meeting) and $700.00 (Science day). Additional $200 award for poster at Spring 21 provided by APS; EGLSAPS should ordinarily cover 2 graduate and 2 undergraduate poster awards for a total of $400. Doc Brown endowed $30,000 to EGLSAPS (plus a separate $100,000 endowment to APS).

Meetings Reports

Spring 2021 Meeting at JCU Roy Day
Theme: Physics Research in Space.
29 contributed talks in 4 parallel sessions
16 posters: separate breakout room for each poster
Number of registrations: 111.

Fall 2021 Meeting at Mount Union (held on zoom) Richelle Teeling-Smith
Theme: COVID careers and curriculum, 3 plenary speakers
24 contributed talks
11 posters
Number of registrations: 105 (about half students)

Spring 2022 Meeting at YSU Don Priour
Theme: New Pathways in Physics; 3 invited speakers confirmed
Date: April 1 and 2 – currently planned as an in-person meeting only
Support from Dean (YSU): $2K – goal to limit support from EGLSAPS to $3.5K
In (current) negotiations to avoid cost for parking; outside catering
No contact so far with local sections of AAPT (very low attendance at recent meetings) and SPS.
Doc Brown Young Investigator Award is planned for the meeting; suggest that Bob Brown is invited to present award.
Careers/Diversity: contact Crystal Bayley (APS)

Fall 2022 Meeting at Lawrence Technological University
Date TBD, theme TBD.

Bhujyo Bhattacharya

Standing Committee Reports

Membership Committee
Zifeng Yang
Total members 1577. APS Engage website provides no demographics data; seek data to present at Spring 2021 meeting; best to reach out to Holy Croft (APS), Cynthia Aku-Leh will help in this effort
Will recruit student members at Spring 22 meeting (YSU).
APS plans to create an APS student chapter (for graduate students) and hire a manager

Honors and Awards Committee
Mike Crescimanno
a. Discussed changes to Doc Brown Young Investigator award: include the possibility of self-nominations; change from mentoring undergraduate students to publications in peer-reviewed journals to mentoring undergraduate students to publications in peer-reviewed journals or conference presentations.
b. Possible oral presentation award discussed; difficulty finding judging (Jay Mathews shared a ratings sheet)
c. 2 nominations for Fowler and 2 nominations for Maxwell awards.
d. New member is needed

Nominating Committee
Niklas Manz
For Spring 2022 elections: needed are nominations for member-at-large, secretary, and Vice chair (Zifeng Yang expressed interest).

Meeting Support
Niklas Manz
APS no longer willing to extend deadline for abstract submissions: request that APS sends out several reminder emails (can be done in a single request).

New Business
EGLSAPS website still contains old some old documents where name change has not been updated
Contest for EGLSAPS logo.
2022 Congressional Visit Day: Jay Mathews, Niklas Manz, and Bhujyo Bhattacharya

Meeting Adjourned 1:16 pm