

Minutes of the GSCCM Business Meeting

Call to Order

Mike Furnish called the meeting to order at 12:50 on Wednesday August 11 at the Crystal Ballroom at the Wyndham Emerald Plaza Hotel in San Diego, California.

The agenda was as follows:

Minutes from the last general meeting were distributed and approved.

Gerrit Sutherland presented the Treasures report prepared by group treasure Mike Boteler. The balance in the general fund after a \$3K transfer to awards account and a \$50K payment to the proceedings publisher will be approximately \$50K. Mike Boteler indicates that the normal balance is about \$40K. This leaves about \$10K extra to spend on student stipends or to transfer to the award fund.

It was indicated that it was against APS bylaws to transfer money from general fund into awards fund. Note: Checking afterward with Mike Boteler (Sec/Treas., who was unable to attend) showed that money can in fact be transferred into the awards fund (Board Designated) from general fund but not from the awards fund into general fund. Mike also indicates that it is APS policy that the interest generated in the award account should be sufficient to pay for award and travel expenses. For a \$5,000 award an increase of \$7.3K to our present award fund balance is necessary.

Discussion of the award amount resulted in the following discussion points and motions.

Bill Deal suggested that we solicit corporate contributions to increase our award fund balance. In addition, it was the impression of some at the meeting that a \$5,000 amount was an APS guideline. Two motions also resulted from this discussion:

- Jerry Forbes made a motion that the suggested contribution collected along with the registration fee be kept at \$10 for the Portland Meeting. This means no increase from the suggested contribution for the Atlanta Meeting. This motion carried.
- Rick Gustavsen made a motion seconded by Gerrit Sutherland that the Shock Physics Award be increased to \$5,000. This motion also carried.

Membership Report

No membership report was given as Bill Anderson was not present. According to APS records, the July membership is 351.

Atlanta Meeting Report

In the absence of Yuki Horie and Naresh Thadhani, Mike Furnish reported that Yuki Horie would like the following points known:

- Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the conference.
- Teacher workshops should be continued.
- A prize should be given for the best student paper.
- Reduced registration fee for retired members. (note – this was done at Atlanta)

Portland Oregon Shock Conference

In the absence of Yogi Gupta, Jerry Forbes presented the following information:

- Portland has a extensive transportation system, reducing the need for a rental car
- Tour will be of Willamena Gorge in Central Oregon
- Second conference announcement due out shortly
- Sorters meeting will be held late March in Portland, Oregon
- Budget will shortly forwarded to President and topical group
- Electronic presentations will be available but not mandatory, Washington State University to provide Staff
- Need to determine the amount of student stipends which may come from general fund
- No action was taken on the issue of the conference paying for APS membership for those who were not APS members. This is a recurrent question. Typically the nonmembers (33%) provide a significant amount of the conference revenue.
- If we want APS membership personnel to assist at the conference, we may need to pay APS. Whether this is just for travel expenses (most likely) or also time was not specified.
- An invitation will need to sent out to APS executive secretary

Old Business

Electronic Submission of APS papers

The use of a common format for electronic submission of APS papers was discussed. Some people indicated that all authors do not use Microsoft Word. Mike Furnish indicated that he feels the time is not here for a common format. Mike did indicate that he would supply authors with electronic templates for APS papers for the next conference.

Video Taping

At past conferences there has been occasional videotaping of the some of the presentations. The APS has no policy on videotaping of the presentations. After some discussion the following motion was made by Steve Bless, seconded by William Deal, and then approved.

“Videotaping will be allowed with permission of the speaker and session chairman.”

Visa Approval

No contact has been made with APS on this issue yet. It was suggested that some speakers might need to have a letter of invitation and be interviewed by our State Department. It is suggested that letters of invitation be issued as soon as possible. The bottom line was that care should be taken to allow sufficient lead time (two months?).

Bylaw Changes

Proposed Bylaw changes suggested by Mike Boteler (which are attached to these minutes) pertaining to the membership committees were discussed. Briefly, the Selection Committee would be replaced by an APS-appointed committee to select the winner of the Shock Compression Science Award and a Topical Group-selected committee to rank candidates for Fellow status. The latter would be comprised of three Fellows in the TG. The current Selection Committee is APS-appointed, and includes 4 – 5 TG members (mostly Fellows). APS bylaws require that a committee charged with selecting recipients of APS Awards or Prizes (e.g. the Shock Compression Science Award) be appointed by APS (with input from the appropriate APS unit, here, the Shock Compression Topical Group).

No action was taken on these proposed bylaw changes. Some discussion points were:

- We are the only APS unit that uses a single committee to select Fellows and Award/Prize recipients.
- Each Topical Group Chairperson should be allowed to appoint some members to the committee
- The selection committee should not be restricted to just fellows

Mike Furnish indicated that the next action item was for Rick Gustavsen, Steve Bless and him to contemplate a new committee structure if appropriate and to present it to the executive board and next general meeting for possible implementation. According to the APS Bylaws (Article VIII.3), the APS Council must approve unit bylaw changes.

Shock Data Base

Yuki Horrie has submitted a proposal (attached) for a shock physics database. Some discussion and an action item came out of this discussion. Some discussion points are:

- An index of the APS Shock Conference Proceedings like that of the detonation symposium should be considered. The past 3 Conferences are already on CDs, and all Proceedings except for those from the 1981 and 1985 Conferences have subject indices.
- Some past Proceedings (books) are hard to obtain
- Existing data bases may be found from a newly formed Pan Asia Shock Physics Group and thru University of Cambridge.

- The Sandia Shock Compression database (AskSam format) was maintained to 1996 – For more information see Mike Furnish (who is document custodian for the 12+ spacesavers of this material).
- A suggestion was made for the group's APS Website to post links to the above databases
- Action item is for Yuki Horie, possibly John Diennes of Los Alamos and any other interested parties to further research this item and report back to the next business meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Portland Shock Conference most likely on Wednesday Afternoon.

Meeting adjournment

A motion was carried to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 PM.