

2005 Fall DPP Executive Committee Meeting

Adam's Mark Hotel, Denver, Colorado

Sunday, October 23, 2005

Business Meeting: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Location: Director's Row H

Lunch: 12:30 p.m. (Director's Row F) ~ Social hour: 5:30 p.m. (Director's Row F)

Agenda

1. Welcome remarks Jill Dahlburg

Executive Committee Attendees: Jill Dahlburg, Melissa Douglas, David Hammer, Steve Allen, Jim Drake, Ray Fonck, Christina Back, Amitava Bhattacharjee, Fred Skiff, Martin Greenwald, David Newman, Vincent Chan, Bill Heidbrink, Herb Berk, Cris Barnes

Guests: David Meyerhoffer, Chris Keane, John Kline, Francois Waelbroeck, Edmund Synakowski, Mark Koepke, Robert Bingham, Steve Eckstrand, Rick Lee, Lee Berry, Jim Van Dam, Steve Cowley, Gail Glendinning, Tim Meyer, Scott Robertson.

DPP Administrator: Saralyn Stewart

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Spring Executive Committee Meeting Steve Allen

Saturday, April 16, 2005, Tampa, Florida (*written report*)

The secretary is to distribute the minutes to the executive committee for comment no later than six weeks after the meeting. We will attempt to approve the minutes of the Spring meeting by way of E-mail. If it becomes very iterative, this will not be possible.

3. Chair's Report Jill Dahlburg

a. DPP Election Results

(Electronic ballots = 718, Paper ballots = 30)

Motion: (Newman/Barnes) DPP will have a special election with the current Nominating Committee for the office of Vice-Chair elect. Motion passed.

This could be an opportunity to poll the membership on various things at the meetings – such as is wireless capability important, should DPP hold mini-conferences at annual meetings or at APS April meetings, should laptops be supplied by DPP, are there too many poster sessions, should DPP have an Ethics Committee to cite guidelines, should DPP offer a “door prize” on Friday, is the Bulletin a necessary expense to attendees. DPP has paid a one-time fee for electronic balloting (\$600).

Newly elected DPP members:

David Meyerhofer (University of Rochester) Member (11/2008)

Edmund Synakowski (PPPL) Member (11/2008)

Francois Waelbroeck (University of Texas) Member (11/2008)

c. Letter to Secretary Bodman for education and outreach (*written*). Apparently there were multiple letters sent to DOE for DPP business. Letters to DOE leadership must go through the DPP chair.

d. Padma Shukla receives Nicholson Medal for Human Outreach. Would like to receive medal at April meeting, and give invited talk at November DPP annual meeting. The timing was too late for him to give his talk at the 2005 DPP annual meeting. The talk will be related to his prize.

e. Endorsement of Meetings

Innovative Confinement Concepts, February 13-16, 2006, Austin, TX (*written*) -
- Voted Passed, no opposed

HEDLA March 11-14, 2006 Houston, Texas – APS March meeting overlaps these dates, APS could in turn decide to endorse this. – Voted Passed, no opposed.

Some discussion about how it is decided whether meeting conflicts are important- if a group should schedule a meeting at the same time as another.

Burning Plasma Workshop, December 7-9, at Oak Ridge National Lab. –passed, no opposed.

International Congress on Plasma Physics, held every second year, being held in Kiev, May 22-26, 2006. They joined APS when we met in Quebec, and joined with EPS in Prague. – passed, no opposed.

f. Washington Outreach (*lunch time speaker*) Michael Lubell

This was a discussion of the study that APS and industry completed on competitiveness. He indicated that this report was rejected by the President. He also talked about general difficulties of funding.

4. Secretary-Treasurer Report Steve Allen

a. Financial Report (*written report*)

Secretary-Treasurer Report for Fall Executive Committee Meeting

Steve Allen

October 22, 2005

Based on the Financial Statement for the 8 months ended 8/31/05

Note that the comparison with previous years depends somewhat on the date of the annual meeting – i.e. when fees are received and are obligated.

	8/31/05	8/31/04	Change	Two Years Ago
Funds Available	\$470,648.48	\$375,274.63	\$95,373.85	\$361,205.70
Deposits(Meeting)	46,000.00	62,125.00	(16,125.00)	366,430.70
Total Assets	\$516,648.48	\$437,399.63	\$79,248.85	\$366,430.70

Recall that DPP’s largest income and obligations occur with the annual meeting. This year, because of the negotiations of the APS meetings department, the cost for the meeting rooms is very low, and we decided to maintain the registration fee at the same value that it has been for the last two years. Here is the attendance and income for the last few years.

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
DPP Attendance	1,373	1,375	1,418	1,558	1,412
Avg. Revenue per attendee	259	235	246	296	308
Avg. Expense per attendee	(266)	(242)	(211)	(265)	(293)
Avg. Income (Loss) per member	(6)	(6)	36	32	15

So far, I have not seen any large unexpected bills coming in for miscellaneous items.

b. Membership Counts (*written report*)

Our numbers are down slightly this year.

Action item. Saralyn will get clarification on how our numbers of fellows are determined – i.e. if our 5.59% determines how many fellows DPP has.

Action item. Saralyn will ask Justin Stewart APS Membership, to organize a lapsed member campaign for DPP.

5. Online 2005 Ballot Statistics and History (*written report*) Saralyn Stewart
A general reminder message to vote is emailed to DPP members who haven't voted.

6. Fellowship Committee Report (*written report*) Vincent Chan
DPP received 21 new nominations, with 16 deferred nominations, with a total of 37. We have a total of 12 slots available, 9 regular and 3 alternate nominations. We received an additional slot because the fellowship committee recommended a slate with 4 foreign members. All 13 recommended new fellows have been approved by the APS. These fellows will be introduced at the banquet on Wednesday.
The chief duty of the vice-chair is to chair the Fellowship Committee, and currently DPP is without a newly elected vice-chair. Ray Fonck was elected as DPP vice chair however he resigned after accepting the position as Head of the U.S. Burning Plasma Organization. Jill Dahlburg asked Charlie Verden from LLNL to be chair of the fellowship committee. Mike Maul is on the APS wide fellowship committee.

7. Nicholson Medal Committee Status Report (*written report*) Herb Berk
summarized the approved motion for the funding of this endowment at the last meeting. The travel money will be granted only if the recipient requests it. The goal of being endowed should be reached by the end of this year – endowment requires \$40K. Current collection is over \$30K. A reminder letter was mailed recently. One can write a check at this meeting to donate to the endowment.
Motion: (Barnes, Berk) Move to amend item 7, written report on Nicholson Medal Committee Status Report, to add sentence at the end of the first paragraph, “Dr. Shukla will be invited to give his prize address at the October 30-November 3, 2006 DPP annual meeting.”

8. Coalition for Plasma Science Activities Lee Berry

Reported on hosting the Congressional Luncheon and had David Newman as a speaker that was very successful. Also reported on judges for the International Science and Engineering Fair in Phoenix, Arizona.

Will begin charging a membership fee, try to increase the awards for the Science Fair. Budget is slightly negative each year. CPSA is an independent, not for profit group. DPP is a principle sponsor of the CPSA, along with the IEEE. The budget item is in the Education and Outreach area.

Idea about bringing the science fair winners to the DPP annual meeting and present their papers.

Action item: Lee Berry will work with Melissa on how to bring science fair winners to the DPP annual meeting in the future, including requests for science fair volunteers.

9. Education and Outreach, and Plasma Physics Support (*written report*) Rick Lee presented an executive summary

a. Summary of Major Education and Outreach Activities and Costs
115 teachers with 9 workshops on Tuesday. Expo expects about 1200 students on Thursday, and 500 on Friday. On the order of 16-18 exhibitors at the convention center. A spring follow-up workshop in Savannah was held. They built a pump station and did some plasma physics with it. Plan to do this in March/April of 2006 in Denver. We have organized about 10 visits in the local area schools by scientists. Some will be assemblies, and some will be classroom style. DPP has recognized the co-sponsors for this program, who have donated nearly \$6000 so far. There is a 'Fundraising' page in education and outreach on DPP web page. Darlene Logan has agreed to add DPP co-sponsors on the APS web site.

b. Student Poster Awards
Undergraduate and High school poster session on Tuesday afternoon. On the order of 66 posters at this session. There will also be a student appreciation reception Tuesday evening. Wednesday afternoon there will be two plasma education talks – Don Correll and Alkesh Punjabi.

c. Distinguished Lecturer's Program
David Newman gave a report on the lecturers – 42 talks are pending, 8 have been given. Michael Brown, Gail Glendinning, Chuck Greenfield, David Newman, Edmund Synakowski, Christopher Watts are the 2005-2006 speakers. This list was approved last Spring. APS mailed a flier to U.S. colleges and universities about two weeks ago. Speakers have received another set of requests for talks. Next year, DPP will have 8 speakers.

Nominally, we have the money for about six talks per person, and we are reaching this limit. Also trying to defer some of the talks to next year. David has a list of the colleges that are being visited – the lecturer program is doing the kind of thing that we want. Some affiliations have invited 2-3 people from the list. We could consider sending only one person from the list.

A question about why this has become more popular – it is due to the better communication and announcements.

There was discussion about how the speakers and topics were picked. Cris Barnes, David Newman, Rick Lee proposed the speakers. Should the topics be coordinated with external events like ITER? The existing criteria is to make sure that the person can give a good talk.

Action item. After this meeting, Rick Lee, Saralyn Stewart, and David Newman will talk with Melissa Douglas about next year. It was suggested that someone from NNSA be on the list for this discussion.

David Newman suggested sending two fliers per year, perhaps one in black and white.

d. 2005 Denver Budget Update

At Teachers Day there will be lunch with the Scientists on Tuesday in the Majestic room. Len Barron is a local actor that is going to speak at the teachers luncheon on "Einstein and Education".

Suggestion about putting an announcement in the local news about the Thursday and Friday outreach.

10. APS Meetings Department Donna Baudrau

There were 1200 preregistrants, and we expect around 1400-1500 onsite. The housing block is 108% - the Adam's Mark did continue to take reservations after the cutoff date. It was noted again that the meeting rooms were at no cost to DPP.

Future Meeting Sites and DPP Room Block

DPP2006 (*October 30 to November 3, 2006, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*)

The Marriott, downtown Philadelphia is the headquarters hotel. The rate will be \$160 per night for a single, and there will be no government rate. Room block is 800. The current government rate is \$125 per night. The Expo site meeting space is about a block away at the Crystal Tea Room, and DPP has put down a deposit of \$1000. There was discussion on whether there was going to be an expo next year due to issues of bussing and obtaining schools' permission for the students to attend. By November 20, Melissa will inform to the APS Meetings Department with DPP's decision about whether there will be an expo. Rick Lee and the Education and Outreach ad hoc committee has been asked to provide input for the decision.

DPP2007 (*November 12-16, 2007, Orlando, Florida*)

DPP2008 (*November 17-21, 2008, Dallas Texas*)

DPP2009 (*November 2-6, 2009, Atlanta, Georgia*)

Donna Baudrau discussed the meeting in 2010 – she looked for cities where you can go to a hotel and not use a convention center because of the expense. Orlando, San Francisco, Las Vegas, San Diego, Chicago, Baltimore, New Orleans, and Denver were the cities she proposed. She suggested New Orleans and Denver as good sites. Both of these cities require using the convention center for an expo. Perhaps these could be for

2010 and 2011 – these need to be decided by the end of 2005. (We will discuss this at the end of the day).

There was a discussion on geographic diversity of the meeting – but this is subject to getting good rates.

11. Sherwood participation in the APS 2006 April Meeting Jim Drake
April 22-25, 2006, Dallas, Texas

There were written notes summarizing the Sherwood meeting participation at the APS 2006 April Meeting.

None of these April meeting talks overlap the Sherwood meeting talks. The invited speakers have mostly been identified, and we need to get good contributed talks.

This is an experiment, and Sherwood has made a commitment for one year. There will be an assessment by the Sherwood ExCom after the April 2006 meeting.

12. Meetings: April 2006 APS April Meeting-Joint Sessions (*written report*)
Vincent Chan
April 22-25, 2006, Dallas, Texas

We are trying to increase the DPP involvement with the April meeting. The Division of Astrophysics regularly participates in this meeting, and so this would be a good contact. Talks dealing with laboratory astrophysical experiments will be encouraged. The April Program Committee responded very favorably to this proposal of a joint meeting.

Made a proposal for a plenary talk by Bill Dorland which was accepted, and another by Ed Stone proposed jointly with the Division of Astrophysics. This Division has also been very supportive of DPP at this meeting. There are a total of six invited sessions in experiments in plasma astrophysics (four of which are co-sponsored by DPP). Drake presented an overview of the sessions during the week on plasma physics and astrophysics.

The challenge now is to get good papers to the meeting. Where there are experiments that are plasma physics relevant to Astrophysics.

13. Department of Energy Fusion Energy Sciences Steve Eckstrand

Steve's viewgraphs were included in the handout at the meeting. He discussed the short amount of run time for the facilities in the present plan under the continuing resolution. The estimated funding profile for ITER goes from \$49.6M in 2006 to \$146M in 2007, and \$200.8M in 2008. The content of the US fusion research program during ITER and adequate funding for it are major issues. He did not like the discussion of the "base" program, and the better way to discuss it was the research program and the ITER construction program.

He discussed the 2006 Targets, which included 2 MW of counter neutral beam power for DIII-D and nonlinear plasma edge phenomena with a resolution of 40 MHD modes. In operations, the target was to operate the facilities at greater than 90%. Also keep cost and schedule of major construction costs within 10%.

From the US side, CD-0 was approved in July 2005, and CD-1 and CD-2 are scheduled for September 2006 and August 2007. The US ITER Project Office is a partnership between PPPL and ORNL. There was an expression of interest sent out by the US ITER Project Office and it received over 250 proposals. This included calls for Chief Scientists, Chief Technologist, and Procurement Team leaders.

Ray Fonck is the Head of the US Burning Plasma Organization, and DPP has “endorsed” their workshop (today) which will be held in December, 2005. He also discussed the International Tokamak Physics Activity.

He also discussed the relationship between the research programs on foreign facilities, US domestic facilities, and research on ITER and this would progress from 2005 to 2020. OFES carries out its business by solicitations, they have the largest number in the Office of Science, and particularly the largest for the given budget. He presented the decision dates for solicitations, most of which have passed, except for the Innovative Confinement Concepts in November. In theory, 11 out of 27 have been funded, with 3 on the borderline depending on the overall budget. He also noted that the situation is worse than it appears, since the funding requested is 3-4 times the funding available.

(NSF-DOE solicitation is separate from all of these, and is not included in the General Plasma Science (GPS), which is the national lab version of the General plasma science solicitations).

He reported on a Committee of Visitors report that recommended: 1) a uniform, clearly stated rebuttal procedure for proposal writers, 2) several simple modifications to the peer review process, including correlations between score and funding, expanding the scale to 1-10, and 3) improve the uniformity and consistency of the information contained in the review folders (keep better records).

14. Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Defense Programs Chris Keane

The stockpile and nuclear weapon complex will be transformed – this is a Secretary of Energy Advisory Board report on the future of the nuclear weapon complex. Inertial Confinement Fusion (ICF) vision is for ignition in 2010. National Ignition Facility (NIF) is 81% complete, and had a positive Lehman review. June 30, there was a revised plan for NIF Project and NIF ignition – JASON/Lehman review support moving forward on planned path. High Energy Density Physics (HEDP) is recognized as an emerging field. Funding is very tight. By 2012, the US nuclear weapons stockpile will be the lowest it has been since the Eisenhower administration. NNSA is having trouble convincing people that there is science in the nuclear weapons. Chris talked about the reliable replacement warhead.

Presented ICF campaign strategic goals: 1) achieve ignition, 2) HEDP experiments for stockpile stewardship, 3) advanced technology capabilities that support long term needs, 4) Maintain robust national program infrastructure.

The status of NIF – June 30, 2005. Updated plan for use of NIF and JASON review, along with letter from lab directors stating ignition target of 2010. This completed plan

was delivered to Congress on schedule. The re-baselined program calls for ignition experiments in 2010. One major change in NIF is that there will be no shots on NIF through 2009 – required by re-baseline. Described OMEGA, which is the principle experimental laser facility in the US. It is being upgraded with petawatt capabilities (OMEGA EP). ZR and Z Beamlet – petawatt are being upgraded and refurbished to improve the reliability and operational parameters. Energy applications are supported by Congress, and include High Average Power Laser Program and Z-pinch IFE. A task force has developed a roadmap for HEDP.

There was a wide difference in the funding amounts for NIF between the House and the Senate; this is being worked on by the conference committee. The Secretary of the Energy has become involved in this debate.

NNSA does fund Academic Alliances, particularly when Advanced Simulation and Computing is included.

15. 2005 Annual Meeting in Denver (*written report*) Melissa Douglas

APS Meetings Department has a new software program – and the program looks quite different. It allows searches by affiliation, and has a session chair list. You can also make your own customized schedule for the meeting.

Several nice review and tutorial talks this year, including Dr. Kimitaka Itoh from Japan on zonal flows. There are four mini-conferences:

Astrophysical Explosions, Reconnection and Turbulence, Fast Ignition, and Dynamics of Magnetic Flux Tubes.

DPP will provide a PC laptop for the talks. There are two options available, either the PC laptop or use their personal laptop. Each speaker is encouraged to visit the Speaker Ready Room before their talk.

DPP Chronicle will include the award recipients. David Newman is on the cover of the Bulletin, from last year's plasma expo in Savannah.

Because of the World Year in Physics, several special activities. Len Barron will be a speaker at several activities as an Einstein "character". There is an Einstein poster display in the Adam's Mark Tower building – this is provided by APS.

\$2K of the discretionary funds are used for Marshall and Sara Rosenbluth student stipend to enable a graduate student to attend the DPP meeting. Jason TenBarge, University of Texas won the award. This will also be announced at the banquet.

For people who stay the entire week, there will be a drawing for a GPS and an IPOD on Friday after the last speaker.

(Clarification that students should check the "student" box and they will be charged at the student registration rate).

16. Best Practices Documentation Proposal (*written report*) Martin Greenwald

Martin discussed the concept of collecting and maintaining a set of "best practices" documents, authored by the appropriate officers, administrator, and chairs base on their experiences. This set would comprise a living document that would be passed along and augmented or amended each year. For example, the ??? has a sixteen page document on

how to run the meeting. His focus is on the annual meeting, but could include other committees.

Action item. Form a committee (Greenwald, Douglas, Stewart) to present a draft of all of these proposals by the April Executive Committee meeting.

17. Additional Committee Reports
 - a. Nominations Committee (*written report*) Earl Marmar

Don Batchelor will be the chairman for the new committee beginning February 1. Linda Sugiyama was nominated by APS. The committee presented a slate of candidates and the ballot was on the APS website in July.

Action item. Submit a slate of DPP members to the APS-wide election, and present a slate of candidates for the Vice-Chair position ‘special election’.

It was noted that this committee was primarily magnetic fusion, and should perhaps be drawn from a wider group.

- b. Concerns of Junior Scientists (*written report*) John Kline
John Kline and Troy Carter have a new addition to the DPP website that is an outreach to the junior scientists. Dr. Anne Davies from OFES was invited to give a talk to the junior scientists.

- c. Women in Plasma Physics (*written report*) Gail Glendinning
Written report, plus an oral presentation. In 2000 the Women in Plasma Physics committee was established. Martha Redi spoke in November 1999 about the poor representation of women in plasma physics, and included that women are not proportionally represented in leadership positions: invited speakers, officers. Membership of women is about 7% of the total. The current Chair and Vice-Chair of DPP are women. 1/3 of the women membership are graduate students. It is recommended to recognize women as session chairs, and as members of the program committee. Gail also presented numbers for women giving invited talks, which has fallen off since 2003.

The percentage of women as fellows is increasing, but it was mentioned that DPP needs to nominate women APS fellows.

18. International Union of Pure and Applied Physics Mark Koepke
Commission 16 (*written report*)

In summary, personnel on IUPAP’s Plasma Physics Commission recently rotated according to the usual 3-year (or 6-year) cycle so that the U.S. representative, formerly Valery Godyak, will be Mark Koepke at the end of October 2005. An IUPAP Early Career Award in Plasma Physics has been recommended, with a scientist’s eligible age defined as less than 40 years. It is being discussed whether or not to make this eligible age different in different countries. In South Africa, an IUPAP Conference on Physics

and Sustainable Development (www.wcpsd.org) will take place during the first week in November 2005, immediately following the APS-DPP annual meeting.

19. 2006 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia (*October 30-November 3*) (*written report*)
Vincent Chan

The makeup of the program committee was circulated, which includes the areas of Basic Plasma Research, Beams and Coherent Radiation, Astrophysical Plasmas, Plasma Simulation and Integrated Modeling, MFE, HEDP/ICF/IFE, Plasma Technology, and Education and Outreach.

Local Arrangements (John DeLooper, Princeton Plasma Physics Lab)

Cris Barnes discussed the organization of the DPP meeting – to have other diverse speakers such as is being done at the April meeting. – like talks on education and outreach. The current chair had trouble getting the program committee to 'trade' slots for invited talks in 2005. In 2004, the Marshall Rosenbluth session discussed a broader range of topics.

The suggestion was that the executive committee could give the program committee guidance on these broader topics. In topic 3 of the subject classification index, one could increase the topics to include a broader range of physics. There was also expressed a concern on the attendance at these sessions. Perhaps we could also look at other science communities and learn how they encourage attendance. Mini-conferences could also be used to foster broader topics.

The mini-conferences are also still being evaluated – and whether they are being successful in bringing in scientists from other fields to the DPP meeting.

20. Public Information Committee (*written report*) Jim Van Dam
There are seven featured press releases, and one education and outreach press release, and an additional 13 press releases. There is a page on the APS site that is a DPP Virtual Pressroom. Bill Dorland, Mark Haynes, Rick Hawryluk, Tom Kwan, Steve Obenschain, Fred Skiff and Jim Van Dam were on the committee. A local editor at Texas was very good and cost effective. The Committee feels that describing the recent progress in plasma physics and fusion energy sciences with attractive, non-technical, popular-level text and graphics is very worthwhile. The Committee recommends a slightly lengthened schedule for its work next year, since many of the authors of press releases are preparing invited talks at the same time.

Action item: Jim Van Dam will prepare a “best practices” report for this committee.

21. Plasma 2010: National Academies new project (*written report*) Tim Meyer /
Steve Cowley

Steve Cowley, UCLA, will present the National Academies Decadal Survey of Plasma Science to the University Fusion Associates (UFA) on Monday evening at 6 PM. The National Academies are preparing reports on various areas of physics, and an assessment of plasma science in the United States is being conducted as part of the decadal assessment and outlook. John Peoples of Fermilab is co-chair of the report, and is interested in the international flavor of our work. The study has just begun, and has similar aims to the 1995 report. This group waited for a decision on ITER to get started in earnest. They are looking for advice from the community, what to be inclusive, and are giving people an opportunity to set the course. They will be drawing from many recent reports. He discussed the aims and the organization of the committee, and said that he would like to have this report finished in about a year. It would be nice to have a town meeting at roughly the halfway point of the process (April APS meeting with Sherwood would be an opportunity for this).

The aims are focused on the scientific highlight of the decade, along with the scientific priorities. What are the great plasma science questions? Also, how important is plasma science for the national priorities of: Economic, National Security, Cultural, Scientific. Also, what is the best strategy to answer these questions – with workable recommendations, but not detailed decisions on say, particular facilities. There is an informational webpage at:

www7.nationalacademies.org/bpa/PLS2010.html

The Committee is made up Magnetic Fusion (Jim Callen, leader), High Energy Density (David Hammer), Basic Plasma Science (Cliff Surko), Astro-Space Plasma (Kristina Lynch), and Low Temperature Plasma (Mark Kushner). Scientists are on more than one subcommittee. Letters are being sent out to people in the community to respond. There is also a theory and simulation sub-panel.

There was a question on why the number of citations in Plasma Physics has decreased, and the number of faculty positions has also decreased – the report could help in this respect. There are committees in other areas of physics, such as Solid State, Astronomy, etc.

Action item: Email Steve Cowley's letter asking for input from the DPP membership.

22. Other New Business Jill Dahlburg

- Meetings in 2010 and 2011. Chicago, Denver, New Orleans. Each of these cities have hotels that will hold the DPP annual meeting. Chicago is a prime location since DPP has not been there in years, and it includes geographic diversity and Denver has been a choice facility.

A vote was taken for 2010. The results were, Chicago 7, Denver 8. The DPP ExCom can revote via email if Donna can reduce the room block and the price per room in Chicago.

Therefore, if Chicago comes in as a good deal, e.g., with reduced room block and rate, then Chicago would replace Denver for the annual meeting site.

There was discussion for 2011 New Orleans was a good choice.

There was a question about 2012, and whether Chicago could be a choice in 2012.

- List of items for the member survey - put together a list, and vote item by item. Need to have a draft list by the end of this meeting.

Are Laptops useful?

Is the Prize on Friday useful?

Wireless access at the meeting?

Are there too many posters in the poster session?

Do members want to continue miniconferences at the annual meeting, or should there only be miniconferences at April meeting?

Should there be sessions on other category topics?

Do members still want a printed program distributed at the annual meeting?

Ethics in Plasma Physics – should DPP establish their own ethical guidelines?

- Best Practices – Martin Greenwald prepared this for the TTF, and it was useful. The EPS one is much more restrictive. These may be the two ends of the spectrum for such a report.

Another suggestion would be for Martin's committee to interview the committee chairs and write up a report. Melissa will appoint the committee (Douglas, Greenwald, Stewart).

New Business –

- (Hammer) – Being the Chairperson of the DPP is a task that requires a lot of care and persistence. I wish to thank Jill Dahlburg for all of her hard work as the Chair of the DPP.

23. Date for 2006 Spring Executive Committee Meeting Jill Dahlburg
Saturday, April 22, 2006 at the Hyatt Hotel, Dallas, Texas (*start time 10:00 a.m.*)

24. Adjourn

Social Hour