

Minutes

Radiation Protection and Shielding Division
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday 12 November, 5:00 – 7:00 pm
Chairman's Boardroom, Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, DC

Present

Officers:

John Wagner, ORNL, Chair (2008), wagnerjc@ornl.gov
John S. Hendricks, LANL, Vice-Chair (2008) jxh@lanl.gov
F. Arzu Alpan, Treasurer (2008), alpanfa@westinghouse.com
Erik F. Shores, LANL, Secretary (2008), eshores@lanl.gov

Executive Committee: (year term expires)

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Larry Townsend, Univ. of Tennessee (2009), ltownsen@tennessee.edu
Man-Sung Yim, NCSU (2008), yim@ncsu.edu

RPSD Members:

David Court, LANL, davec@lanl.gov
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Nolan Hertel, Georgia Tech, nolan.hertel@me.gatech.edu
Raymond Klann, ANL, klann@anl.gov

Executive Committee Absent

Charlotta Sanders, YMP (2008), charlotta_sanders@ymp.gov
George Xu (2010), xug2@rpi.edu

1. Call to order – John Wagner, Chair

Boston (June 5, 2006) meeting minutes previously approved via e-mail; no comments.
Meeting agenda was approved

2. Student Conference – Matthew Gidden (matthew.gidden@gmail.com), Texas A&M

- The next student conference is at Texas A&M University, Feb 28-Mar 1, 2008; Matthew thanked RPSD for financial support, encouraged professional participation, solicited judges, and suggested several possible keynote speakers.
- Please see the conference site: <http://ans.tamu.edu/2008Conference.html>

3. Officers Reports

- Chair's Report (John Wagner)
 - Overall, the ANS metrics of RPSD are in good shape. Numbers of papers and sessions have noticeably improved in recent years

- Discussion about the RPSD Technical Program Committee (TPC) and its chair led to a motion (unanimously approved) appointing Charlotta Sanders to the position effective Feb11-12 2008 National Program Committee meeting in Chicago
- ANS losing support from utilities; a special committee is looking into the issue
- The public outreach budget has been cut; it's not clear who organized this cut
- Also during the President's Meeting, Wagner learned we're supposed to be receiving \$60 per paper (above a 20-paper quota for large divisions) from the national meetings and RPSD is not being paid (we're not the only division); it's not clear if divisions are supposed to explicitly request these funds. We have not made some minimum paper threshold prior to the 2006 Winter Meeting in Albuquerque
- Wagner did not attend Saturday's professional division workshop but suggested the officers should consider attending; it would be nice to have at least one representative at this meeting. Light dinner and drinks are provided. Wagner will remind the Executive Committee for the June meeting; he's planning to attend.
- Our topical meetings generate funds for RPSD.
- The transactions \$60.00 page charge came up; why, since ANS transactions are now electronic, is there a page charge? Others have brought up the same issue and it should be discussed at the next professional division meeting.
- In answer to the question, "Should this meeting be moved to Sunday instead of Monday?" there was much discussion. It's clear we cannot please all the people all the time. It seems Monday was selected because of the plethora of meetings on Sunday. There are clearly meeting conflicts; a suggestion was made that Wagner look into availability of Sunday time options and report back.
- Copies of Wagner's notes are available upon request
- Vice-Chair's Report (John Hendricks)
 - The next newsletter will be in February in time for the ICRS-11/RPSD2008 topical meeting in Pine Mountain, Georgia (April 13-18, 2008) and also after the June Annual Meeting in Anaheim is settled.
- Secretary's Report (Erik Shores)
 - Minutes of the June meeting were approved and are available.
- Treasurer's Report (Arzu Alpan)
 - Thanks to S. Frankle (previous treasurer) for assistance with the budget.
 - Summarized the proposed 2008 budget (and provided, for comparison, budgets for 2005, 2006, and 2007).
 - The difference between the 2007 balance and 2008 carry over entry is \$150 (Charlotta Sanders gift cards for membership survey)
 - The 2008 member allocation was the same as last year (it may increase, double?)
 - Will update the awards and plaques to include \$500 proposed by Hertel
 - Will update the scholarship entry to include \$2000 for additional student travel to RPSD2008 as proposed by Hendricks
- Technical Program Committee (TPC) – John Hendricks

The TPC met immediately before this RPSD Executive Committee meeting. Minutes will be attached and Hendricks recapped the meeting for the Executive Committee.

 - We're still struggling with the concept of "invitations" to conferences and what that means in terms of financial obligation to RPSD, the society. Addressing this discussion, the executive committee feels it's the Program Chair's prerogative to make invitations sufficient to maintain a strong program. Hendricks made a

strong argument that any costs of our invitations are readily covered by the ensuing interest generated from compelling presenters and topics at our sessions.

- There are also financial issues with the tutorials (e.g. “paying for plugs and projectors”); maybe we can call them something else?
- RPSD2008 is in Callaway Gardens, Georgia, April 13-18, 2008.
- Hayes provided a brief update on 2010 Las Vegas topical meeting. We already have some limited support!
- Benchmarks -Richard Amato solicited volunteers to assist with the Joint Benchmark Committee. Please contact Dick with any questions.
- Nominating Committee– Andrew Hodgdon AREVA, Bernie Kirk ORNL, Bob Little LANL, Larry Miller UTK, Ray Klann ANL
 - Andrew has a slate of candidates and will soon share with the Exec. Committee
- Standards – Bill Hopkins. No report.
- Membership – Charlotta Sanders. No report.
- Honors and awards – Dave Court
 - Court will provide input for the next RPSD newsletter
- Scholarship – John Poston. No report.
- Bylaws – Erik Shores
 - Will coordinate efforts with the Chair sometime after conference
- Public Policy – no report
- Website – Jeremy Sweezy
 - Volunteer help would be appreciated. Could web-savvy students be identified?
- Newsletter – John Hendricks
 - No complaints the last newsletter was distributed solely by e-mail

4. Old Business

- None

5. New Business

- During treasurer’s report, there was much discussion around the budget. Regarding the Blizzard scholarship, a motion was made by Sweezy to continue to contribute \$2000/year for 5 years. Discussion included possibility of establishing a new scholarship (e.g. Yim mentioned potential international students and possible restrictions limiting many awards to US students). Hayes seconded Sweezy’s motion, which passed unanimously
- Hodgdon suggested we look into scholarship restrictions to become informed
- After hearing background information from Hertel (e.g. 31 requests for travel grants), Hendricks made a motion to give \$2000 to Atlanta RPSD 2008 for student travel. Seconded by Hodgdon, this motion passed unanimously.
- Charles Daily gave us an update on M&C2009 in Saratoga Springs NY (May 3-7, 2009)
- Hertel would like to present Enrico Sartori with an award (\$500) at RPSD 2008.

6. Review of Action Items

- June meeting action items were closed out
- Members interested in judging for TAMU student conference, Feb 28-Mar 01, contact: Matthew Gidden, matthew.gidden@gmail.com
- Chair will look into availability of Sunday times (for possibly moving this meeting)
- Chair will remind Exec. Com. members to attend June’s professional division workshop
- A volunteer is sought to help Jeremy Sweezy with the web site

7. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

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Standing and Special Committee Chairs:

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Honors and Awards – Dave Court, LANL, davec@lanl.gov
Scholarship – John Poston, TAMU
Program – John S. Hendricks, LANL, jxh@lanl.gov and Charlotta_Sanders
Benchmarks – Dick Amato, BAPL, amators@bettis.gov
Standards – Bill Hopkins, Bechtel, retired, wchopkins@insightbb.com
Bylaws – Erik Shores, LANL, eshores@lanl.gov
Nominating – Andrew Hodgdon, andrew.hodgdon@areva.com
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