

DNP Business Meeting, June 9, 2008

Attendance: See appendix for attendance and key to initials

Note: The reports discussed below are posted to the DNP web site. As such the notes below only indicate selected highlights of the reports and ensuing discussion.

Meeting called to order by MB 12h40

Introduction

MB introduced the executive. All members serve two year terms, and this meeting represented the mid-point of those terms. Elections will take place next year.

Chair's Report on Activities: MB

The 2007 DNP prize this year was awarded to Simon Turbide. The award is a \$750 cash award from DNP. Also, TRIUMF covers travel expenses for the winner to present his paper at the Banff WNPPC. This year, GMH, WvO and RK were judges. It was proposed that for future competitions, the chair elect of DNP is automatically the chief judge; a member of the new CINP/ICPN Education Working Group is a judge; and TRIUMF will continue to nominate a judge. The eligibility criteria were reviewed. The 2008 competition is open to any student obtaining a Ph.D. in 2007 or 2008 at a Canadian institution. Both supervisor and student must be DNP members, but they may apply at time of submission. The materials to be submit are the thesis, the student's CV, and letters from the supervisor and the department head verifying the status of the student's thesis. This year, these are to be submitted to KS by Sept. 30. Electronic PDF format of all materials is strongly recommended. A minimum of three theses are necessary to invoke the competition one thesis from McMaster will be carried forward this year.

CINP incorporation has involved a lot of work, including many reviews with lawyers. The incorporation of CINP is imminent but charitable status will take a while. The first CNIP Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held Monday afternoon at 14h15. The NSERC GSC Chair's report and TRIUMF Directorate report, which traditionally have been given during the DNP business meeting, will be given at this and future CINP AGMs. Anyone who has not received a recruitment e-mail should contact AS. KS has started a website for the institute, www.cinp.ca. Students are welcome to join

Treasurer's Report on Finances and Membership: GSH

The DNP operating budget had a modest surplus in 2007, and the financial situation remains sustainable. There was a small discussion of setting up a special endowment to fund the DNP thesis prize. GMH noted that the APS DNP has special endowment for their DNP thesis prize.

As of May 2008, there were 121 full members and 41 student members of DNP, compared to 101 and 31 (estimated) last year. This is a significant increase. There were fewer full paid memberships in the 2007 calendar year than in 2006. GSH is encouraged by the first fact and considers the second one to be an anomaly.

2009 Congress

MB stated the fact that there was a small number of contributed posters and talks this year, leading to a small number of DNP talks. MB led a discussion on graduate student participation – what were the obstacles, how could they be overcome. In particular, MB wanted to discuss money, awareness, and timing. On the money issue, MB opened the discussion by introducing the idea of a special DNP student prize award. SP noted that student prizes definitely increase participation by students in other divisions. MB also suggested bursaries; this would bring two more students to the meeting, based on the feedback from the audience. MF indicated that it is not fiscally practical to send a student to both WNPPC and CAP. It was also noted that major international nuclear structure meetings and the Jefferson Lab user group meeting were major timing issues, as they both traditionally happen near or during the CAP. On the issue of awareness, MB will work to have a program filled earlier next year.

MB then asked about using the new CINP working group arrangement to help with session organization. By his estimate, there are typically six time slots available, and proposed five topical sessions and one mini-symposium. An additional constraint is that student talks eligible for the CAP-wide best student talk competition must be given and evaluated before the judges meet, typically 16h00 on Tuesday. The discussion took a brief but relevant digression to the timing of the CINP AGM. SP suggested a joint presentation by TRIUMF directorate and the GSC chair to the IPP and CINP, followed by separate AGMs. MB encouraged participants to bring up suggestions for mini-symposiums. MB will work with the CINP working groups to find chairs. It was noted that topical sessions tend to broader than mini-symposia.

Any Other Business:

None.

Session closed by MB at 13h22

Participants:

Alexkandas Alkxejevs
Roby Austin
Sonia Bacca
Gordon Ball (GCB)
Svetlana Barkanova
John Behr
Peter Blunden
Charles A. Davis
Styn De Baerdemarker
Willie Falk
Makoto Fujiwara (MF)
Naomi Galinski
Paul Garrett
Gerald Gwinner
Greg Hackman (GSH)
Shen Yang Ho
David Hornidge
Garth Huber (GMH)
Rituparna Kanungo (RK)
W.E. (Liam) Kieser
Elie Korkmaz
J.P. Lavoie
Cecilia Levy
Randy Lewis
Ryan MacLellan
Jeff Martin
Ryan Martin
Art McDonald
Art Olin
Pierre-P.A. Ouimet
Shelley Page (SP)
Paradorn Pasuthip
Jean-Michel Poutissou
Roby Pywell
Rene Roy
Goetz Ruprecht
Adam Sarty
Kiana Setoodehnia
Kumar Sharma
Juris Svenne
Carl Svensson
Willem T.H. van Oers (WvO)
Erich Vogt
Patrick Walden
Stanley Yen