

Minutes of the APS SCCM Topical Group Business Meeting Monday, March 22, 2004

Call to Order: 10:15 am by Brad Holian

Introductory Remarks

Reading of the Minutes by Ricky Chau: It was moved that the 2003 Meeting Minutes be accepted without reading. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: The TG account is stable at \$123 K with an outstanding lien for the publication of the 2003 Proceedings. The awards account has \$47.6 K.

New Business:

Brad Holian announced the new APS GSCCM fellows.

Old Business:

There was a brief discussion of changing the name of the shock compression award to the George Duvall Shock Compression Award. There was no new information on how such a change would be made. The suggestion was made for the issue to be put on the fall ballot.

Agenda Items:

The long running issue of the by-law changes was presented by Ricky Chau. A new draft of the proposed changes to the existing by-laws was presented. The proposed changes are being driven by APS. The main issue was the separation of the awards committee and the fellowship committee. The GSCCM is the only topical group with a single committee for awards and fellowships.

One of the main concerns of the members over the proposed changes was the relatively small size of the topical group and the problem in filling all of the committees. Another concern was that the new changes stipulates a new committee annually while the topical group naturally operates on a two year cycle. It was decided to amend the new changes so that the committee turnover a two year rather than one year period.

2005 is the World Year of Physics. The APS is participating in the year long celebration and was soliciting its units for participation. The theme for 2005 is the 100th anniversary of Einstein's discoveries in 1905. The issue presented was whether the topical group would participate in the events. There was some interest but nothing concrete was decided.

The location of the next meeting conference business meeting will be held at the APS Conference on the Shock Compression of Condensed Matter in Baltimore 2005.

Motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am 2004.

Duly recorded and edited by Ricky Chau Secretary/Treasurer