

UEC Meeting, May 21, 2008 (at Users' Meeting)

Approved 8/14/08

Attendees: John Parise, Dan Fischer, Jean Jordan-Sweet, Jeff Keister, Bruce Ravel, Annie Heroux, Michael Vaughan, Jiufeng Tu, Andreana Leskovjan, John Sutherland, Vivian Stojanoff, Paul Northrup, Paul Dvorak, Helmut Strey, K. Nasta

- John Parise led off – objectives of meeting: (1) choose vice chair, (2) choose secretary, and (3) approve minutes from February's meeting.
- Vice Chair – opened with Don Weidner as suggestion; Parise stated Weidner wasn't happy about possibility of serving in vice chair position. Parise said people who stand for election need to understand job ahead of them before agreeing to be nominated, and Parise wants an e-mail next year that they agree to serve, understanding they might be chosen as vice chair. Jordan-Sweet was suggested, and she offered to serve in 2009 (can't this year because of family commitments). Ravel was suggested as possibility – Ravel didn't say "no" loudly enough so reluctantly agreed to be nominated for vice chair. Majority vote endorsed Ravel (one objection).
- Secretary – Jordan-Sweet volunteered. Sutherland nominated, Parise seconded. Voted unanimously to accept Jordan-Sweet.
- February 2008 meeting minutes as taken by Jordan-Sweet: Fischer motioned to accept with correction to error in month, Ravel seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.
- Additional business:
 - Feedback at Users' Meeting so far – include NSLS-II-centric workshops at next year's meeting.
 - Absolutely need a workshop organizer for Users' Meeting – Sanchez-Hanke was great. Last time person was chosen at August meeting, but that's too late. Sanchez-Hanke had been "strong-armed" to do it. Parise suggested Ravel "strong-arm" someone. Nasta will think and make suggestion to Ravel for consideration. (NOTE: After meeting, Nasta and Parise mentioned to Sanchez-Hanke who agreed to serve again.)
 - Parise recognize Fisher's service with a thank you.
 - Sutherland requested SpIG list serves – Nasta will work on updating ASAP.
 - UEC and Town Meeting tentative dates (8/14 and 8/18) – preference seems to be 8/14
 - Question about UEC e-mail addresses – they are on the website. Keister stated that the website is out of date and should be worked on. Can send updates to Steve Giordano directly or send to Nasta. UEC secretary will also work on updates.

- Parise discussed desire to contact users in districts where their representatives are appropriators in Congress. Can match zip codes to districts but needs help on this. Discussion of having APS or other lobbying expert talk at next Town Meeting.
 - Fischer is on weekly NSLS/NSLS-II transition planning working group with Steve Hulbert, Lonny Berman, Andrew Broadbent, John Hill, and others. He will continue attending as UEC SpIG rep for NSLS-II. Parise will join in. Next meeting is tomorrow, Wednesday, at 1:30 p.m. Meeting is every Wednesday at same time.
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- Parise moved to adjourn meeting; Keister seconded.