Quarterly SLUO Executive Committee Meeting
February 15, 2011

Where: Blue Conference Room (2nd floor Bldg 40)
When: February 15, 2011, 1:00pm-4:00pm

Attendees: David Brown, Seth Digel, Maria Elena Monzani, Homer Neal, Michael Peskin
  • By phone: Gerard Bonneaud, Anna Goussiou, William Lockman, Usha Mallik, Julie McEnery, Ian Shipsey, Michael Sokoloff

1. Acknowledgement to outgoing EC members (Henry Band, Gerard Bonneaud, Steve Sekula) and welcome to new members (Lisa Kaufman, Usha Mallik, Mike Sokoloff); welcome back to Michael Peskin, who is returning for a second round.

2. Report from the task force on the future of SLUO (Item 6 on the agenda)
   David Brown: Committee charged evaluating the future of SLUO
   • The original task force: David Brown, Seth Digel, Tom Glanzman, Michael Peskin, Steve Sekula, plus Gerard Bonneaud and M.E. Monzani as SLUO chairs
   • A survey of SLAC users was conducted in 2010 (results were reported elsewhere)
   • SLUO still has relevance and continues to address issues that interest users
   • The task force final recommendation proposed changes in the election of EC members (any changes require a change to the SLUO charter: charter modifications needs to be handled by the charter modification committee).

   Michael Peskin: trying to find a better way to ensure representation for the different collaborations (0 6 to 9 of the 12 EC seats could be dedicated to specific collaborations)

   The EC approves to pass the issue onto the Charter Modification Committee.

3. Nomination of the SLUO Chair for 2011 by the new Executive Committee
   • Thanked Maria Elena for service term as the SLUO Chair
   • The EC explicitly agrees to elect a Chair who is a SLAC employee
   • Seth Digel unanimously elected as the New SLUO Chair for 2011

4. Nomination of the Coordinator of Committees and the Secretary/Treasurer
   • Usha Mallik was elected as the new Coordinator of Committees for 2011
   • M.E. Monzani was elected as the New SLUO Secretary/Treasurer for 2011
5. Nomination of a NUFO Representative
   - M.E. Monzani will continue until the NUFO meeting takes place in the summer
   - If needed, the issue will be revisited after the NUFO meeting (June 2011)

6. SLUO Subcommittees
   - Charter Review: David Brown, Seth Digel (ex-officio), Usha Mallik, M.E. Monzani, Michael Peskin (Chair)
   - Computing: David Brown, Seth Digel (ex-officio), Anna Goussiou, William Lockman, Julie McEnery, Homer Neal (Chair)
   - Outreach: Seth Digel (ex-officio), Lisa Kaufman, Homer Neal, Michael Peskin, Michael Sokoloff (Chair)
   - Public Meetings: Seth Digel (ex-officio), Anna Goussiou, M.E. Monzani, Michael Peskin (Chair), Homer Neal
   - Quality of Life: Seth Digel (ex-officio), Lisa Kaufman, Julie McEnery, M.E. Monzani (Chair), Homer Neal
   - Task force on the Future of SLUO: concluded
   - Washington DC Trip: David Brown, Seth Digel (ex-officio), Brian Gerke (Co-Chair), Anna Goussiou, Lisa Kaufman, William Lockman (Co-Chair), Usha Mallik, Julie McEnery, Homer Neal

7. Status of the upcoming DC trip and NUFO exhibit
   - William Lockman on the DC trip: weekly training meetings – Wednesdays at 2:00pm. 9 people signed up to attend the trip. It will take place on April 12th-15th
   - M.E. Monzani: the NUFO exhibit will take place at the Rayburn House Building on April 7, 2011. M.E. Monzani will represent SLAC/PPA. Also present: SSRL, LCLS

8. Ideas for the 2011 Annual Meeting and other meetings
   Just like last year, we would like coordinate the SLUO annual meeting with collaboration meetings that will bring users to SLAC (check dates of LSST meeting, Atlas, BABAR)

9. A.O.B
   - For Quality of Life subcommittee: the SLAC Guest House is very expensive
   - Proposal to create a SLUO Award promoting excellence in science: the Outreach subcommittee will look into this

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm