

Welcome and FPP Report

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Welcome

– Thanks to members completing their terms

- Monika Sharma
- Ondrej Chvala
- Renee Fatemi

Chuck Whitten
Hank Crawford
Andre Mischke

– Thanks to new members

- Mei Bai
- Jiangyong Jia
- Megan Connors
- Christine Aidala

Paul Stankus
Bedanga Mohanty
Terry Tarnowsky

– And Chair Elect Helen Caines

Introduction to UEC

- Four working groups
 - Funding, Politics and Programmatics – Jim
 - Site Access and Science – Susan
 - Quality of Life – Abhay
 - Meetings, Communication and Outreach – Helen
- Agenda
 - Introduce topics but not solve all today!
 - Focus today on a few that need our attention
 - Identify guests for future meetings

FPP Business

- News from Washington
 - At S&T we learned that House and Senate passed bills for DOE office of science not as good as President's original request for Nuclear Physics Office
 - Could lead to request to members to contact reps.
 - Recent FYI (<http://www.aip.org/fyi/>) from AIP OMB and OSTP guidance on priorities for 2011 agency budgets
 - Doubling at NSF, DOE OoS, NIST not mentioned
 - Emphasis on goal oriented research
 - Continuing to gather information

FPP Business -II

- Washington visits
 - NUFO Poster session Oct. 15
 - Visit OMB and OSTP at that time?
 - This is good time for that and not optimum for Congress
 - Visit Congress reps in Feb. at time of APS “spring” meeting in Washington?
 - This is about time the receive budget from the President and begin work

QOL Business

- Ongoing Issues
 - Adopt a physicist
 - Café - respond to Sam
 - Lighting on RHIC road
 - Transportation on site
 - Housing sharing
 - Weekly team housing
 - New issues?