

Minutes of the RHIC/AGS Users' Executive Committee Meeting

June 14, 2002

Present: R. Chrien, J. Engelage, S. Kettell, M. Lisa, J. Mitchell, M. Rosati, R. Seto (Chair), J. Thomas, P. Yamin (secretary)

Guests: W. Betts, S. Bradley (ITD), T. Corsa (ITD), S. Sevian (ITD)

Absent: B. Bassalleck

Observers: A. Giufreda, A. Melocoton, S. White-DePace,

Network Access for Visitors

Scott Bradley and Todd Corsa described network accessibility for users. Many public areas at BNL have network jacks that are outside the "firewall," to which there is unrestricted access. In order to connect to the network behind the "firewall," users must register in order to have their computer included in an ITD database. A link to the registration procedure is on ITD's home page, and Todd demonstrated the registration procedure. A few parts of the procedure were unclear, and Scott welcomed the suggestions for improvement. It was pointed out that the Physics Department also maintains a database of registered users. Jim Thomas agreed to speak with Physics Chair, Sam Aronson, about unifying the two efforts.

Preparations for Annual Users' Meeting

Mike Lisa suggested a theme for the meeting: "Talking Turkey at RHIC—Beyond the First Collisions." There was a discussion regarding choice of speakers and subjects. Mike commented that the Users meeting is an opportunity to discuss topics not presented at Quark Matter 2002. There was a discussion of which "big shots" to invite and who should invite them. The UEC agreed that an award for the best "student poster" would be desirable. Perhaps a turkey?

UEC Election

The terms of four UEC members (Bassalleck, Chrien, Mitchell, and Rosati) expire at the end of June, as does the term of Jim Thomas as ex-Chair. Richard Seto will "put together" a nominating committee and expressed the hope that we will be able to hold the UEC election before the next Annual Users Meeting in September.

Et Cetera

Eleven theses have been submitted for the first annual RHIC/AGS Thesis Award.

It was decided not hold a reception/meeting at the DNP meeting in Michigan because this follows our Users Meeting so closely.

Bob Chrien said that he has heard no objections to the revised charter.

Angela Melocoton reported that she is computerizing our election procedure; we'll be able vote via the web.

Jeff Mitchell reported that an effort is underway to set up a site-wide program for students and post docs. There was an inconclusive discussion about possible representation of any student group on the UEC.

We discussed the desirability of getting a Users Group budget (from BSA?). We presently beg as the need arises.

Susan White-DePace told us of new procedures for keeping track of non-US citizens on site that are likely to be implemented.

Finally, we decided that the next UEC meeting would be by teleconference on 12 July, followed by a meeting at BNL on 8 August, to which we will invite Jeff Swenson.

The meeting adjourned at about 1340.

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