

RHIC & AGS UEC Meeting Minutes  
August 13, 2004

Present: Gary Westfall, Susan White-DePace, Brant Johnson, Christine Aidala, Peter Steinberg, Kelly Guiffreda, Derek Lowenstein

Called in: David Hofman, Steve Pate, George Stephans

The minutes from the June 11, 2004 meeting were approved.

Peter Steinberg was nominated chair of the Computing Subcommittee and accepted. Brant volunteered to be a member.

Wireless access in the apartments was discussed. Should be thoroughly investigated before the end of the fiscal year--Peter Steinberg will do this. Seven transmitters expected to be available; the best locations for them should be determined.

Visit to DOE:

Gary Westfall and Vicki Greene will go in early February. There will be a meeting with Praveen Chaudhari in December to plan the trip in more detail; Peter Bond should be consulted. The trip should include meetings with the attendees' Congressional representatives from Michigan and Tennessee. Brant Johnson is considering going as well, as a constituent of the district in which BNL is located. Coordinating the trip with users' groups from other facilities is still a possibility. See Susan White-DePace's slides and the file on "DOE Facilities Information" for the various reports and information APS can provide in preparation for trips to Washington.

Fall DNP Users' Meeting:

17:30-19:00, Thursday, October 28, 2004  
Toronto Room, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Chicago

Speaker still under discussion. Suggestions included:  
Computing/cybersecurity - Tom Schlagel (ITD) or Bruce Gibbard (RCF) Foreign national access - Brenda Kirk (HR) RHIC-II or e-RHIC - Wolfram Fischer (C-AD) NSAC report - Peter Barnes

Users' Center Report - Susan White-DePace (see slides):

Upcoming meetings -  
FVA meeting Sept. 1-2, SLAC  
Facility Administrators' Meeting November 8-9

DOE Order 142.3 - Many details presented - see slides

ASAP - Numerous successful events organized by Benji Lewis this summer.

Still concerns about the future of the group. Proposal to move the lounge to the Energy House near the dorms. Benji will make a presentation to the Science Council on September 14.

Guest Information System Projects - see slides

Training -

Consistency in JTA assignments being addressed; Read & Acknowledge, Skill of the Craft, and Awareness training moving to web; two new training stations being installed at Users' Center.

National User Facilities Web Page - First version is nearing completion.

Cyber Security Update -

New DOE Cyber Security Order still pending may affect current separation of site-access approval and remote-only computer access approval.

Information from APS - relevant to trip to Washington, D.C. - see separate file

Research Support Building - final plans to be submitted within a week, scheduled to be complete in 2006.

Subcommittees: (\* = chair)

Users' Meeting - Brant Johnson\*, George Stephans

Thesis Awards - Vicki Greene\*

Computing - Peter Steinberg\*, Brant Johnson

FVA - Mike Sivertz\*

QoL - Steve Pate\*, George Stephans, Christine Aidala

Public Affairs - Vicki Greene Bylaws (will not abolish this subcommittee as proposed in June) - David Hofman\*, George Stephans

There will be a meeting of subcommittee heads on September 17. Gary will send e-mail.

Other business:

Proposal to include representatives to the UEC from special interest groups at BNL, e.g. NSRL, AGS, ASAP. Bylaws subcommittee will consider.

Proposal to move Annual Users' Meeting - current dates of May 16-20, 2005 conflict with Particle Accelerator Conference, so most people from C-AD will be away. Other dates being investigated by the Users' Center.

--C. Aidala