

Minutes of the RAMPS board meeting (12/6/2010)

Present: Vishruta Dumane, Richard Riley, Steven Balter, Doracy Fontenla, Jean St.Germain, Robert Barish, Larry Rothenberg, Jussi Sillanpaa, Albert Sabbas, Yakov Pipman, Chandra Burman, Ziad Saleh, Jacob Kamen, Jenghwa Chang

1. New Members

Three new members were accepted (two junior, one full).

2. Failla Award Dinner

The dinner will be held on 1/24/2010. It was agreed that the early-bird fee should be \$50. Jean St. Germain will contact the faculty club and enquire about the cost of serving wine beer, as opposed to the traditional full open bar.

3A. 2011 Spring Symposium

The main organizer for the event is Albert Sabbas.

The symposium will be held in April. The topic will be new detectors and imaging technology, a preliminary list of speakers will be considered in January. Company sponsorship is a possibility, but the sponsor will only get their ad in the program, a separate display table is not permissible.

3B. Young Investigator Symposium

The main organizer for the event is Jenghwa Chang.

Will be held in early March, along lines similar to last year's symposium.

3C Getting young members more involved in RAMPS activities

Vishruta Dumane will think of ways to achieve this, including contacting students in medical physics programs in the city.

3D Improving the mechanisms for member communication

i Use of AAPM for email communication

All persons listed as officers of RAMPS on the AAPM web site can mass email all AAPM members that have self-identified as RAMPS members (go to <http://www.aapm.org/org/chapters/default.asp> , scroll down past the chapter map and select “[Mass email national AAPM members who report membership in your chapter](#)”).

Likewise, an option exists to remind self-identified members of future meetings (go to <http://www.aapm.org/org/chapters/default.asp> , scroll down past the chapter map and select “[Post your Chapter Meeting to the Future Chapter Meetings list](#)”). (Jussi Sillanpaa will contact current membership and ask them to select RAMPS as their chapter on the AAPM web site.

ii Online / email evaluation of seminars for CAMPEP credit application

Evaluation can be easily accomplished by email, claiming credit for attendance is more problematic (could be done either as an honors system or by distributing numbered slips at the meeting). The evaluation / attendance for the 12/6/2010 meeting will be done over the web.

iii More effective use of RAMPS web site

The board meeting minutes will be posted on the web site.

iv RAMPS permanent email account

It was agreed that using a personal email address for all RAMPS correspondence is not the optimal solution. An email account for RAMPS was subsequently created (rampsnyc@gmail.com) by Jussi Sillanpaa.

3E **Balance of budget**

Robert Barish noted that we have wide discretion in balancing the budget and setting the fees for events. The budget for 2011 will be discussed further in January / February.