

HPS Decommissioning Section

Business Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2009

Facilitators: J. Berger, W. Glines, D. Ottley, S. Roberts

I. Announcements

Jim Berger called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Seventeen members of the D-Section were in attendance at that time. Jim Berger introduced the outgoing and newly elected board members who were in attendance. Jim asked Sarah to provide an update on Section financial data and the web site. Sarah presented the Section account balance of \$8,234.00 as of 5/31/09. Sarah also stated that membership declined from 330 members last year to 262 current members. Sarah stated that the financial and membership data as well as other information can be accessed on the web site in the Annual Report. Sarah announced that the Section web site will be more frequently updated with current information.

Jim Berger summarized the major revisions to the D-Section Bylaws and stated that the revisions passed during the May 2009 vote. Jim is still looking into the necessity to revise the charter. Dave Ottley stated that one revision was to clarify that the HPS holds the D-Section funds versus the Section itself. The Section must make requests to spend the funding to the HPS.

Jim Berger invited all members to the Tuesday (July 14) Executive Board meeting at 7:00 am.

Ali Simpkins (Director Liaison) announced that Ed Bailey will be taking over for her as the Director Liaison for the D-Section.

II. Discussion

Dave Ottley discussed the declining membership and stated that the officers and board members would like to better serve the D-Section membership and asked "what can the Section do for you." A few ideas were suggested by members, including hosting special sessions, sponsoring students for attendance at HPS meetings, and student awards for posters and/or presentations related to D&D. One member suggested that the Section should have more control over what papers are presented in the regular sessions under "Decommissioning", given that he had submitted two papers but both were scheduled in different sessions by the program committee. The officers agreed to look into this. Dave Ottley requested that the membership submit ideas for special topics. Some ideas that were mentioned include waste characterization, non-destructive assay (NDA), MARSAME, the differences in state versus federal regulations governing cleanups, clearance rules, and decontamination techniques. Dave Ottley stated that these ideas would be further discussed at the Executive Board meeting scheduled for the following morning.

Wayne Glines asked the membership if the D-Section would better serve its membership as a service provider or an advocacy group, and asked if the D-Section should be doing things like writing position papers. There was one response that the members would benefit from better guidance for disposal of NORM.

Jim Berger discussed the transition of the old D-Section web site to ORAU. Sarah clarified that the web site Jim is referring to is now termed the "DDSC", and is jointly managed by ANL and ORAU. Sarah also stated that there is no funding to support upgrades and maintenance of this web site. Dave Ottley asked the membership if the web site is beneficial then perhaps the Section could lobby for funding to update and maintain the site. Several members nodded in agreement but no decision was made. Sarah reminded the membership that the current D-Section web site is accessed through the HPS Main Page.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.