2021 ANS Hybrid Winter Meeting, Nov 30-Dec 3, 2021

# Reactor Physics Division Program Committee Meeting Monday, November 29, 2021; 3:00 - 4:00 PM ET

[**Teams Meeting Link**](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MWUwNTQwNzktNzdhYi00MDlhLWEzMTItOTMwMjMwZTJhZjg2%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%222ede383a-7e1f-4357-a846-85886b2c0c4d%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22b847b125-57b2-47ac-b4a2-57d6f92eeecd%22%7d)

**AGENDA**

**Resources:** [**http://rpd.ans.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/RPD\_Fall\_2021\_Newsletter\_final.pdf**](http://rpd.ans.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/RPD_Fall_2021_Newsletter_final.pdf)

1. Welcome! Call to Order – **Amanda Lang**

*Called to order at 3:05pm over Zoom. After “technical difficulties” the meeting was abandoned and moved to Teams, reconvening around 3:30 pm.*

1. Attendance – **Shane Stimpson**

*31 participants (full list appended)*

1. Introductions – **All**
2. RPD Program Committee Matters

* Expand committee membership and its diversity
* Identify a vice chair
* Summary reviews
* *Currently no real structure in terms of members of PC and election process.*
* *Max proposes putting more structure and defining the roles and responsibilities of the committee.*
* *Conference paper reviews is a substantial role and commitment. What is the point of having 300 reviewers if only a few do a majority of the reviews? What can we do to clean this up and distribute it better?*
* *Asks do we need a larger or small committee?*
* *How do we identify new members? Keeping in mind to ensure diversity as appropriate.*
* *Asks if anyone wants to be vice chair? Or nominate anyone for it.*
* *Cenk Guler volunteers.*
* *Florent asks if it helps to ensure the PC members are more active in terms of session organization and review.*
* *Blair requests to keep it large to ensure a pool of volunteers and ensuring regional and institutional diversity. Suggests generating a list of institutions and universities to ensure we have good representation.*
* *Amanda proposes requiring PC members to co-chair at least once per year.*

1. National Meetings

* Report from 2021 Winter Meetings
* Update on 2022 Annual Meetings
* *48 summaries at winter meeting, 10 paper sessions and 4 panels*
* *1 panel is the Wigner lecture, which instead of a 20 minute talk buried in a session, has been given its own panel and a 45-50 minute talk.*
* *2022 meeting will be on June 12-16, 2022 in Anaheim, CA. Papers due Feb. 4th, 2022. Currently 15 paper sessions identified.*

1. Topical Meetings

* Update from PHYSOR 2022 Organizing Committee
* Planning for PHYSOR 2024
* *Cenk and Vefa provided an update on the PHYSOR 2022 meeting status.*
* *Paper collection is on-going. 241 papers currently.*
* *Event locations are set and contracts have been signed.*
* *Conference schedule is drafted.*
* *Plenary speakers almost finalized.*
* *Website is up and running.*
* *Registration template is complete.*
* *$120,000 committed from 7 sponsors (2 Platinum, 1 Gold, and 4 Silver).*
* *$5,500 committed scholarship funds from the Pittsburgh Local Section.*
* *Reviewed technical sessions, emphasizing that panel sessions are geared towards industry.*
* *Florent asks about COVID provisions. Cenk clarifies that ANS has full responsibility and there are provisions for getting out of contracts. Contingency for remote participation if necessary. Hybrid approach is more expensive than fully remote.*
* *Blair remarks that “you can never be as pessimistic as reality” highlighting very poor in-person attendance at AccApp2021, where 30% of expected participants showed up in person.*
* *Not much to be done with respect to PHYSOR 2024. Bids planned for Feb. 2022.*

1. Best Paper Award

* *10 papers have been identified as contenders for the RPD Best Paper Award at the upcoming National Conference.*
* *Max emphasized need for more reviewers. Pavel and Stephanie have already agreed to review, but need several more.* *(do not need to be in-person)*

1. Adjourn

*Adjourned at 4:06pm.*

**Attendees:**

Max Fratoni

Scott Palmtag

Fausto Franceschini

Matt Jessee

Yunlin Xu

Abdalla Abou-Jaoude

Amanda Lang

Andrew Osborne

Ben Betzler

Blair Bromley

Cenk Guler

Chris Perfetti

Eva Davidson

Guy Marleau

Jason Hou

Lisa Reed

Kristin Stolte

Luiz Leal

Miriam Kreher

Nathan Roskoff

Nick Luciano

Paul Romano

Pavel Tsvetkov

Rike Bostelmann

Stephanie Kempf

Thomas Sutton

Vefa Kucukboyaci

William Dawn

Zach McDaniel

Steven Douglass

Shane Stimpson