

Highlights of the First Partner User Council

APS Monthly Operations Meeting

P. J. Viccaro, Chair

John Quintana, Deputy Chair

July 30, 2003

Topics

- The Partner Users Council: What and who are we?
- Our charge
- Brief review of organizational aspects
- Interaction with other partner user or APS groups
- Standing and ad hoc committees
- Relevant operational aspects

The Partner User Council

- The Council (PUC) replaces the APS Research Directorate
- APS had oversight of the Research Directorate with user input
 - APS set the agenda with a user ‘facilitator’
- The Users have oversight of the Council meetings
 - The Users set the agenda in consultation with APS management
- The focus continues to be on issues related to policy, APS operations, user relations, etc.
- User responsibility: a proactive/coherent interaction with realistic expectations
- APS responsibility: responsive and open reception with realistic alternatives

The Partner User Council (See Charter on APS web site)

- The APS-recognized management of each sector may appoint one member to the Council to represent the interests of Partner Users that invest in that sector.
- Members are non-APS employees.
- The APS may appoint *ex-officio* members who may be APS employees.
- The Council may create other *ad hoc* positions for specific purposes when APS or other entities request representation from the Council.

Our Charge

- The Council shall be advisory to the Associate Laboratory Director for the Advanced Photon Source.
- The Council will provide advice and recommendations to the ALD in matters affecting current and future beamline operations, APS facility development, and special APS-to Partner User relationships

Organizational Aspects

- (The) Chairperson ... will conduct meetings and act as a point of contact for the Council. The Chairperson shall be responsible for calling and chairing the meetings.

Actions to date

- John Quintana appointed as Deputy Chair
- Roy Clarke appointed PUC representative to the SAC
- John Quintana, Mark Rivers, and Daniel Hausermann PUC representatives at the APS Ops meeting
- Jim Viccaro and John Quintana PUC representatives in the Agenda discussions of monthly APS Operations meeting

Interaction with other user or APS groups

- The Council will seek to interact with complementary APS-related groups such as the APSUO, TWG, APS/OPS
- The APSUO will have an standing attendee to the Council (Mark Rivers)
- The TWG can play a relevant role as a forum for technical discussions and mini workshops required in conjunction with a particular issue under discussion. The TWG Chair(s) or designee will be standing attendees of the Council.

Agenda for July 23, 2003 Meeting

Report/Discussion Topics

- Overview of Partner User Council Purpose - J. Viccaro
- APS Highlights: XOR and PUPs - M. Gibson
- Operations Update - B. Ruzicka
- General User Program: Status, Highlights - D. Mills
- Sector Reviews - S. Strasser
- Sector Highlights
- Working Lunch; Discussion of Proposed Workshop: Machine Enhancements for APS Science
- Executive Session to be scheduled for each meeting

Some Actions from the July 23rd Meeting

- Machine-shop training sent for discussion to the APS Ops meeting via John Quintana
- Discussion of emergency power requirements sent to TWG (please attend when scheduled)
- Materials preparation lab and/or sharing of special equipment to be discussed at TWG

Standing and ad hoc committees

- The Council will set up ad hoc Committees with membership appropriate for the particular issue under discussion. The charge will be to evaluate specific issues and report to the Council
- Committees discussed at the July 23rd meeting:
 - future operating modes of the storage ring (configured)
 - beamline operations and staffing (input to the APS)

Relevant operational aspects

- Our advisory role to the APS
 - We can provide a coherent set of requirements and scientific case. The APS must set priorities based on information.
 - We cannot set priorities for the APS. (We can strongly recommend!)
- The APS needs an accepted forum representing the Partner User group to present alternatives, scenarios for review and acceptance. The recommendation given by the Council must reflect the views, requirements, etc. of the Partner Users, CATs, etc.