

APSUO – Update on advocacy efforts

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Advocacy: Current budget cycle

- Neutron and Synchrotron User organization chairs
 - co-signed letter to Sec'y of Energy Bodman expressing concern for adequate operations support of the facilities
 - Using these supportive comments for DOE reply, letter to OMB Director Bolten was drafted and sent to users by Chairs
- Users of all organizations sent letters.

APSUO – Thank you to users!

- Thank you to all APS users who responded to the email request and faxed their letter of support to OMB Director Bolten.
- These efforts were joined together by the faxes from users of the other synchrotron and neutron facilities!!

Long-term APSUO Advocacy

- What is happening?
 - Ongoing discussions between facilities
 - Meeting of user organization chairs (synchrotron and neutron facilities)
 - April 12, 2005
 - October 17, 2005 (@SSRL User meeting)
- Long term goal
 - to provide increased effectiveness by coordinating effort

Long term actions

- Suggestions
 - Create an external organization (similar to that of the Neutron community)
 - Identify user from each facility
 - who can serve for several years as volunteer coordinator
 - Keep an eye on the action in Washington, DC to inform the APSUO and sister organizations at critical budget times (proactive instead of reactive)
 - Maintain communications to his/her counterpart in the other facilities