

APSUO Update: Users' Meeting, Subcommittees, and Advocacy

August 9, 2006 APSUO Meeting Summary

Present Members:

Simon Billinge
Keith Brister
Millie Firestone
Thomas Gog
Barbra Golden
Tim Graber
Gene Ice, Chair
David Reis
Ward Smith
Carol Thompson, *ex officio*

Topics Covered

- Users' Meeting
- Upgrade Discussion
 - APSUO strongly supports the upgrade of the APS and urges inclusion of beamline instrumentation, optics, and detector development
 - APSUO communicated a general community view that a year for a shutdown was a very serious issue and wanted to encourage alternative paths
- Election of Vice-Chair
 - Tim Graber elected Vice-Chair
- Facility Advocacy
- Nominating Committee
 - Simon Billinge
 - Barbra Golden
 - Ward Smith

Users' Meeting

- The Users' Meeting will be held May 7-11, 2007
- We welcome suggestions for workshops, speakers, etc..
- Upgrade issues will be addressed at the meeting in some way
- Initial planning has begun, more to report later

User's Meeting:

**Millie Firestone
Larry Lurio
Simon Mochrie
Anne Mulichak
David Reis**

Poster Committee Chair:

Thomas Gog

Advocacy

- The APSUO would like users from across the country to contact their local Congressional Representatives and request a face-to-face meeting.
- This type of grass-roots support is essential to ensure that the APS and the Partner Users continue to receive sufficient funding.
- We are looking into ways to contact the user community individually and provide them with specific information regarding their district representative.
- Keith Brister is investigating a possible database application.