

DPS Members Meeting

Reno NV, Tuesday October 16, 10:30-12:00

Members Meeting Agenda

•	Opening remarks	Dan Britt
•	Reports	
	Secretary's report	Athena Coustenis
	Treasurer's report	Andy Rivkin
	 Press Officer report 	Vishnu Reddy
	EPO report	Nick Schneider
	 Prize Subcommittee 	Melissa McGrath
	 Webmaster report 	Tony Roman
	 Federal Relations Subcommittee report 	Casey Lisse
	 Icarus report 	Phil Nicholson
	 Reno Meeting report 	Marla Moore
	 Future meetings report 	Dan Britt
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•	New Business	
	 Proposal to raise dues 	Dan Britt
	 Nominating Subcommittee member election 	
•	Outgoing Chair remarks	Dan Britt
•	Incoming chair remarks	Rosaly Lopes



Secretary's Report

Athena Coustenis dpssec@aas.org

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Membership

- Current active membership: **1400**, more than last year at the same time (varying between 1100 and 1500). Non-US fraction 20%
- Renew your membership and pay your dues TODAY and in any event before 31 December 2012 to avoid dropping from lists in Feb.
 - Pay your 2013 membership dues online at https://members.aas.org/
- Also, please take a moment to update your personal DPS member file.

Elections Please remember to always vote !!

Only 304 people voted this year. More than last year, but still only 20% of the membership.

This is too low and a problem for our Division.

We are trying to make the voting procedure easier, but please take the time needed to express your preferences at the DPS elections

E-news

- •28 issues so far since October 2011
- •Some functions like meeting announcements are done more consistently with PEN but happy to include any news sent for sessions, meetings, special issues and job opportunities
- The **Job announcements** in particular are apparently well appreciated and on the rise, we get many requests.
- Jason Barnes and Tony Roman have set up a web site form to allow for direct registering of the ads:

DPS PLANETARY JOBS REGISTER NOW OPEN

DPS has developed and implemented a new Planetary jobs register, where you can find currently open jobs within the field of planetary science, broadly defined:

http://dps.aas.org/jobs

Each job listed has its associated position type, geographical location, category, title, and due date listed. Each of these fields can be sorted. The goal is for this DPS jobs site to become a central repository for any and all planetary jobs, from geochemistry to astrophysics. Posting of jobs is free. If you have a position to post, please fill out the jobs submission form at:

http://dps.aas.org/node/add/job

Please send any comments, questions, or suggestions to the DPS Jobs Czar at: dpsjobs@aas.org



Treasurer's Report

Andrew Rivkin dpstreas@aas.org

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2012 Travel Grant Recipients

- Oliver Poch
- Anezina Solomonidou
- Pryscilla Pires
- Erin George
- Erik Larson

- Joshua Brakensiek
- Jasmina Blecic
- Gwen Hicks
- Patricio Cubillos
- Johanna-Laina Fischer

Thanks to the NASA Lunar Science Institutes for their generous support, augmenting the DPS Hartmann Fund and allowing more students to attend!

DPS Finances

- DPS assets are maintained in 3 places. All accounts are overseen by AAS.
 - AAS (includes separate EO, Prize funds, Hartmann fund, Jonathan Eberhart fund) overseen by AAS and audited annually.
 - Division checking account—managed by DPS Treasurer at Suntrust bank
- DPS accounts are invested in a diversified portfolio aimed balancing growth and preservation of capital by a professional investment manager with oversight of the AAS Investment Advisory Committee.

	12/31/08	12/31/09	10/1/10	12/31/11	10/12/12	
Division EO	\$6,293	\$168,433	\$210,873	\$322,076	\$439,135*	This is our buffer!!
DPS Prizes	\$58,088	\$60,944	\$56,281	\$61,246	\$65,928	
Hartmann Fund	\$37,387	\$37,958	\$36,052	\$36,655	\$39,629	
Eberhard Fund	\$49,202	\$55,509	\$53,866	\$54,833	\$55,789	
Total	\$150,970	\$322,844	\$357,072	\$474,810	\$600,481*	

2012 Income

\$17,959 from dues in 2012 so far (\$20,189 in 2011)

Value of DPS portfolio increased by \$37,152 in 2012 so far.

*Not including meeting revenue or expenses



Budget 2012-2013

	2011	2012 2012		2013 Proposed
	Actual	Budgeted	Through 5 October	
Officers	\$2,957	\$2,000	\$1,907	\$2,100
Telecommunications	\$2,637	\$2,000	\$1,404	\$2,000
Travel and Midterm Meeting Expenses includes FRS travel to midterm meeting)	\$2,500	\$18,000	\$8,422	\$10,000
Prize Subcommittee	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$0
Federal Relations Subcommittee (not including mid term meeting)	\$0	\$1,200	\$4,678	\$4,000
Education Subcommittee	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Professional Development Subcommittee	\$1,250	\$3,000	\$0	\$2,000
Total	\$6,707	\$26,300	\$16,411	\$20,100

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Press Officer's Report

Vishnu Reddy dpspress@aas.org

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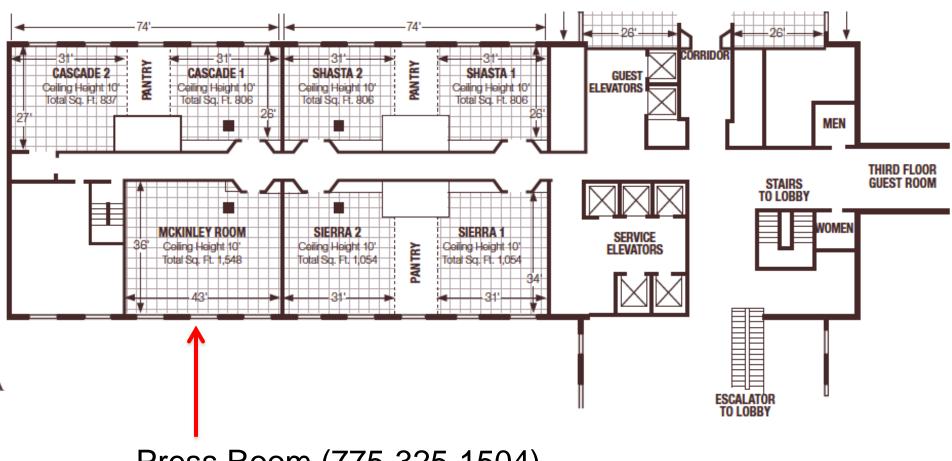
DPS Press Activities

- Number of non-meeting press releases: 2
- Key events: NASA budget, DPS Prizes
- Regular Activities: 2012 Eberhart Award, Hartman Travel Grant
- Publicity for Sagan Medal talk

Reno Press Activities

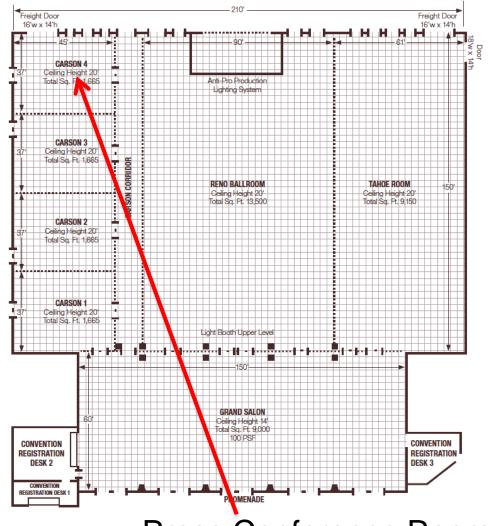
- Number of press briefings in Reno (13)
- 3-tier selection of press-worthy abstracts
- Topics: Exoplanets (3), Mars (2), Small Bodies (2),
 Outer Planets (4), Venus (1), Moon (1).
- Number of registered press this year (~8)
- Daily press briefings from 12:00-13:00 PDT
- Expected number of press releases (14)
- All events will be webcast for offsite media reps.

Reno Press Activities



Press Room (775-325-1504)

Reno Press Activities



Press Conference Room (775-325-1503)

- Press Room will be open 10 am-4 pm Monday-Wednesday
- DPS and AAS Press Officers will be present to help journalists and speakers
- Phone lines, internet, fax, printers for journalists
- Lunch coupons will be provided to members of the media
- Some Hartmann travel grant winners will volunteer at press office.



Education & Public Outreach (E/PO) Nick Schneider 1. Annual Meeting Events

E/PO Sessions (Lou Mayo, lead)

Reno oral & poster sessions – please attend & view

Student Events (Marla Moore & LOC lead)

Reno school district not in favor of field trips; experiment in after-school visits arranged by signup

Teacher Workshop (Sarah Horst & Stephanie Shipp, leads)

- First in series of DPS-sponsored teacher workshops aimed at significant, long-term impact
- 12 teachers x 4 classes x 30 students = 1200 students reached per year
- "Boosting the Impact of your EPO Efforts" (Emily Cobabe-Amman, lead)
- Workshop held Sunday afternoon, 14 Oct. Aimed at helping members gain "multiplier effects" – and perhaps some funding

Education & Public Outreach (E/PO) Nick Schneider 2. Ongoing Projects

"DPS Discoveries" – classroom powerpoints (Dave Brain, lead)

- Next release imminent in English, Spanish and Farsi
- Seeking volunteers for additional languages

"How to Become a Planetary Scientist" (Dave Klassen, lead)

Webpage resource on graduate schools, career mentoring - coming this fall

"EarthSpace" – educational materials clearing house (Emily Cobabe, lead)

NASA-sponsored website for posting and downloading class materials

Undergraduate Mentoring Network (Emily Levesque, lead)

 Proposed multi-campus network of mentoring programs of Physics/Astronomy majors (pending NSF approval)

Your good idea here!

Thank you to the 2011 Prize Subcommittee for their service to the DPS

Guy Consolmagno
Emmanuel Lellouch
Keith Noll
Leslie Tamppari
Melissa McGrath-Chair

Reminder: Nomination packages due ~April, PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A NOMINATION



Webmaster Report Tony Roman

- Added planetary science job postings.
 - Anyone can view current postings.
 - Anyone can submit new postings.
 - Submissions reviewed by Professional
 Development Subcommittee before publication.
- Discoveries in Planetary Science educational resource now available in English, Spanish, and Farsi.

DPS Federal Relations SubCommittee 2012 Highlights

- Conducted DPS members visits to 32 Congressional offices , NASA HQ, & OMB/OSTP in May/June (losing no-one!). Coordinated Efforts of 20+ Committee & Members to Address the Government (incl. a great pre-visit dinner in Dupont Circle).
- Brought in 5 Student/Young Members as Part of the Team.
- Produced a new Version of the single sheet Congressional Handout, Highlighting the New Decadal Study goals.
- Wrote and published, with the DPS Chair, an Op-Ed piece that is being used to lobby the Administration and Congress.
- We attended DPS Committee meetings & worked closely with the Committee to achieve their goals.
- Planning is apace for an atypical second visit in early December (after the elections). This is necessitated by the unusual budgetary circumstances of the past

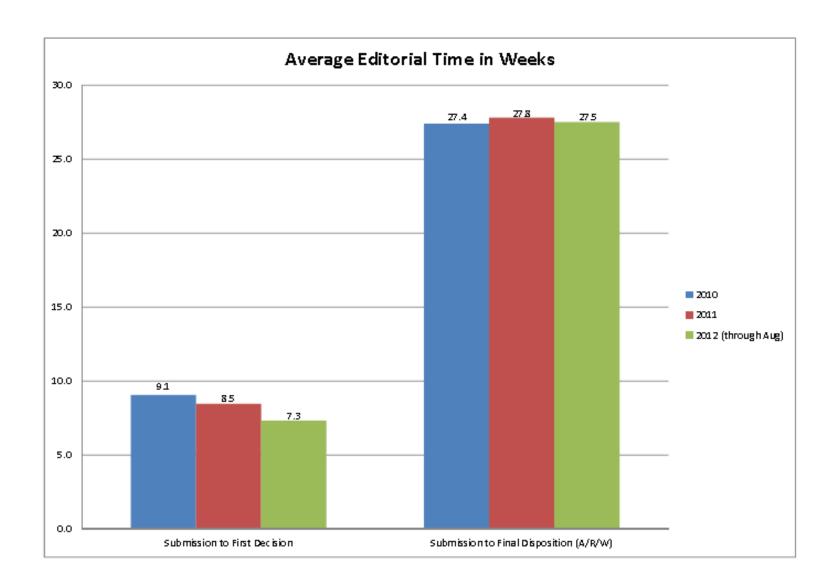
The Situation October 2012

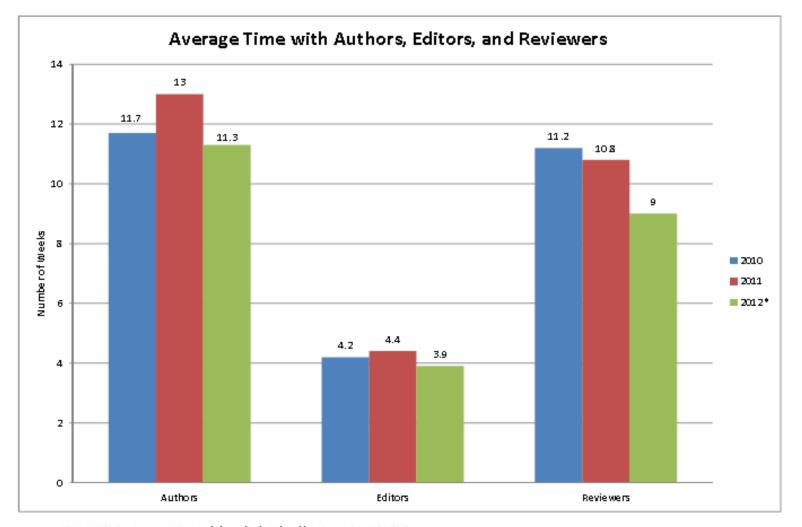
- Lean financial times for planetary astronomy: \$309M in FY12, -\$60M in FY13, -\$30M in FY14. New mission starts have almost ended. NASA and NSF grant award rates are near record lows. But we're doing more with less; MSL's recent landing is a prime example.
- The Administration has set its budget course, with Planetary Astronomy ~4th Priority in NASA. Until Congress passes a budget, we will be following the President's proposed budget of Feb 2012.
- If you want this to change, we need your help in getting our message out to Congress and the Administration. Getting it out by voting, by sending letters (please see the templates at the DPS/FRS webpages) and by engaging in EPO activities from talking to your neighbor, to the children in your kid's classroom, to the folks around the watercooler at work, to the interested reporter talk Planetary Exploration and our amazing achievements and the nation's future.
- Consider working with us on the FRS. Current members include C. Lisse, J. Emory, D. Choi, C. Richey, B. Schmidt, and M. (w/ emeritus consultants A. Lovell, M. Lystrup, and M. Sykes). We will be having an FRS meeting this Thursday evening at 5:30 PM in the Grand Sierra Hotel; please talk to me afterwards if you would like to attend.
- We need your help in making the future happen. Thank You!



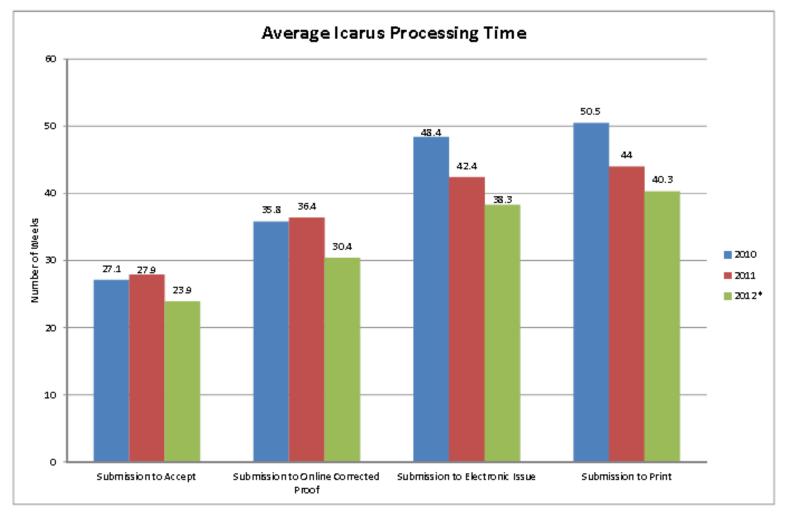
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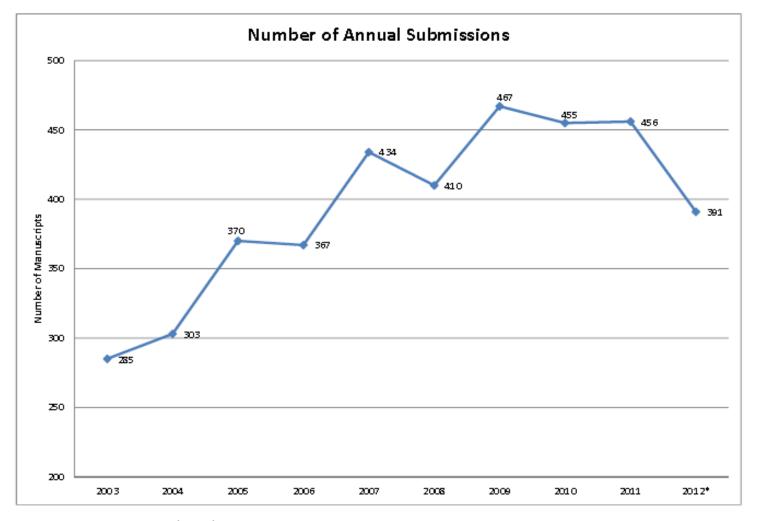




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- LOC
 - Marla Moore, chair
 - Wendy Calvin
 - Julie Rathbun
 - David Choi
 - Paul Guttman
 - Lisa Idem
 - Kim Earle
 - Dale Cruishank
 - Nancy Chanover

- SOC
 - Nancy Chanover, chair
 - Kevin Baines
 - Fran Bagenal
 - Jim Murphy
 - Paul Abell
 - Lou Mayo
 - Ellen Stofan
 - Amanda Hendrix
 - Deborah Domingue Lorin
 - Scott Sheppard



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Future Meetings

Year	Location	Venue	Date	LOC SOC
2013	Denver, CO	Sheraton Denver Downtown	Oct 6-11	Fran Bagenal John Spencer, Andrew Steffi
2014	Tucson, AZ	JW Marriott Starpass	Nov 9-14	Joe Spitale
2015	Wash., DC Area	Gaylord National Harbor	Nov 8-13	Andy Rivkin
2016	Pasadena, CA	TBD		



The Front Range Planetary Science Community Invites the DPS to Denver in fall 2013

Sheraton Hotel, Denver

- Current rates ~\$185-200 but to be negotiated
- Plenty of other hotels & amenities
- 40 mins from DIA and Boulder plus direct bus

October 6 – 11, 2013

- Joint with AAS Historical Division
- Collaboration with Denver Museum with Nature & Science.....

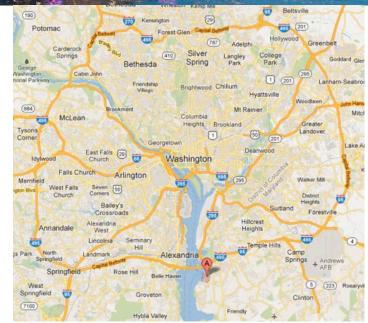


2015 DPS Meeting

8-13 November 2015, National Harbor, MD

- Meeting at Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center
 - National Harbor new planned city:
 - Like The Woodlands (but more compact)
- Meeting site chosen for several reasons:
 - AAS relationship with Gaylord
 - Desire for East Coast meeting after western 2012-2014 meetings
 - Convenience for European colleagues (may be joint EPSC-DPS meeting)





In memoriam

In memoriam: Members passed away since October 2011:





New Business

Dan Britt

A New Division within the AAS

The Laboratory Astrophysics Division (LAD) http://lad.aas.org/

Brings users and providers together

The object of the Laboratory Astrophysics Division is to advance our understanding of the Universe through the promotion of fundamental theoretical and experimental research into the underlying processes that drive the Cosmos.

Laboratory Astrophysics Division intended as an **inclusive** short name Includes Astrophysics, Planetary Sciences, Astrochemistry, Astrobiology, ...

Membership questions: http://lad.aas.org/members

To join the **LAD listserv**: http://lad.aas.org/communications

The Laboratory Astrophysics Division (LAD)

http://lad.aas.org/

The newly formed division is being operated by a Steering Committee that collectively assumes the tasks for the period until elections can be held.

Steering Committee:

Paul Drake (University of Michigan),

Steven Federman (University of Toledo),

Wick Haxton (University of California),

Farid Salama (NASA-Ames Research Center),

Daniel Savin (Columbia University)

More: see Poster 215.26. @ Future Missions and Instruments Session

Questions: POC at this DPS: Farid Salama

Proposal to Raise Dues

- The Committee proposes to the membership to raise dues for all forms of membership by \$5 annually to \$20 for regular and affiliate, \$15 for students.
- DPS regular dues have been at \$15 for the last 20 years. Since then we have expanded our activities significantly:
 - Professional Development Subcommittee
 - Expanded EPO activities (e.g., Discovery slide sets)
 - Federal Relations Subcommittee and greatly expanded political activity
- All these activities, particularly Federal Relations, are very important for our Society.
- It is also very important to stay on a sound fiscal footing. Cover recurring costs with recurring \$.
- A resolution from the floor proposed to raise dues \$10 annually for only regular and affiliate members. This resolution was passed.

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Nominating Subcommittee Member Election

Dan Britt

Procedure

- At the business session of the annual meeting of the Division, the Members of the Division who are present shall nominate and, by ballot, elect for a term of three years one Member of the Subcommittee.
- Nominations shall not be closed until at least three candidates are nominated.
- The candidate with the largest number of votes shall be considered elected.
- Current Members
 - Cathy Olkin (Chair, rotating off)
 - Henry Throop
 - Cristina Thomas

Past DPS Nominating Subcommittee Members

• P. Withers 2008-201	08-2011
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• A. Hendrix 2007-2010

• E. P. Turtle 2006-2009

• W. Grundy 2005-2008

• A. S. Rivkin 2004-2007

• R. Lopes 2003-2006

• B. Bus 2002-2005

• H. Levinson 2001-2004

• J. Moses 2000-2003

• A. Storrs 1999-2002

• S. A. Stern 1998-2001

• A. L. Sprague 1998-2000



Outgoing Chair Remarks

Dan Britt

Incoming and Outgoing

Role	Outgoing	Incoming
Chair	Dan Britt	Rosaly Lopes- Gautier
Vice-Chair	Rosaly Lopes- Gautier	Heidi Hammel
Committee	Jason Barnes	Ross Beyer
Committee	Leslie Young	Paul Withers

"May You Live in Interesting Times"

- As Jim Green is fond of saying, we are living through a Golden Age of Planetary Exploration.
 - We are harvesting the fruits of a string of wise investments made in the past decade
 - We have enthusiastic support in Congress and the general public for our achievements.
 - We have momentum, we have a plan, and we have the ability to do much more.

• But.....

- Congress chronically underfunds NASA
 - plans & missions ≠ budget
- The Administration has other priorities
- Politics are particularly strange and nasty now
- AND none of this is likely to change anytime soon.

What to do....?

- Like it or not, planetary science is part of the political process.
- Engage!
 - Your elected representatives
 - The press and general public
- A few things to remember
 - Planetary Science is NOT a jobs program or an entitlement.
 - Planetary exploration is something that the Congress and the people like and want to buy.
 - The Decadal Survey is our strongest weaponkeep it and use it!



Incoming Chair Remarks

Rosaly Lopes