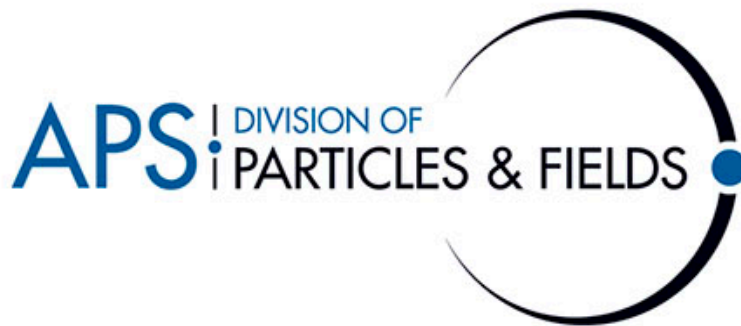


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Our New Logo!

As reported in April, we needed a new logo and set up a contest. There were many creative, elegant entries and we appreciate the time! The winner is Paul Schaffner from LBNL. Here's his logo, followed by a few words from Paul. Paul won \$250 for his efforts.



From Paul:

I'm very excited to have had my logo design chosen to represent the group! I have been working for the past 10 years with the Particle Data Group at LBNL and the ATLAS Experiment on graphic-design related projects as well as web development, and more recently in app development. My background is in classical music performance as a violinist and pianist; my chaotic pathway to my current position took me through music production and short film production to 3D animation and video editing. I decided in the end to focus on design and secured a degree at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh.

For the Division of Particles and Fields I wanted to create a logo that was simple and yet graphically interesting. I felt it was important to keep a sense of the APS logo in the design so that the relationship of the division was clear, so some of the fundamental APS logo elements are easily identifiable in the new logo. It was important that the division's title was not lost in the design, the small "particles" are meant to convey a sense of energy and motion while maintaining balance and calling attention to the text in the logo without overpowering it. These particles also provide a visual break in the large amount of text. The larger "particle" in its "orbit" draws attention to the

division title and balances the larger, parent "APS" at left.

I was pleased with the final result and I am very honored that it was chosen. I look forward to seeing its usage in the future!

DPF Facebook Page

It's at

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/APS-DPF/291390247568081>

and we try to put useful news on it. Feedback more than welcome. "Like" us!

New Bylaws and Young Person Member

The Executive Committee has decided to add a "Young Person" member. They will be at the post-doc level and serve a one-year term, and can serve up to two terms that do not need to be consecutive. The Young Person will be chosen in the same way as members-at-large: through the Nominating Committee, and elected by the membership. We're hoping this will increase participation and bring a fresh perspective to the Executive Committee. The first election should be next year.

Russian Travel Situation

As a result of tensions in the Ukraine, travel by Russian physicists to the US, and travel by National Laboratory scientists to Russia, was restricted. Although no formal policy was disseminated, many trips were canceled on both sides and Russian physicists could not come to work on their experiments or attend collaboration meetings. DPF, followed by APS as a whole, wrote to the Office of Science and Technology Policy of the White House in protest. The User's Organizations (FNAL UEC, SLUO, and US LUA) wrote directly to the President. All of us made the point about the long-term benefits of scientific contacts for maintaining ties and reducing tensions. We have recently heard that the situation has improved, and some travel is now being approved through a waiver process. Let us know if this affects you and if you or your colleagues are having problems. We need data in order to make our point.

Membership vote approaching on APS governance changes

The APS Council has endorsed a proposal to significantly modify the governance structure of APS. A vote on the proposal by all APS members is scheduled to begin on October 6, 2014.

What is being proposed and why? Many of the proposed changes are designed to bring APS into compliance with Washington D.C. law and to allow more efficient decision-making. Here is a summary of the most important changes: 1) The APS Council will become the Council of Representatives and will no longer be the official governing body of APS. 2) A Board of Directors will be the official governing body, to include the Presidential line and nine members elected from the APS Council of Representatives. 3) A Chief Executive Officer will be in charge of the day-to-day operations of APS. 4) A Treasurer will serve on the Board of Directors and provide financial oversight.

How will the proposed changes influence DPF? Short answer: Probably not at all. DPF will be represented along with the other APS divisions on the APS Council of Representatives. The composition of the Council of Representatives will be the same as the current APS Council. DPF could also be represented on the Board of Directors if the DPF Councilor were elected to that position. In the new scheme, the conditions for membership on the Council of Representatives can be changed by the Council itself; under the current structure, this would require a vote by the APS membership. The leadership of the current Council has repeatedly stated that there is no plan to change the composition of the Council of Representatives.

Where to get more information? See this issue of APS News: <http://www.aps.org/publications/apsnews/201408/index.cfm>

What is the recommendation of the DPF Executive Committee? We expect that the new APS governance structure will work well for the society as a whole and also for DPF. We encourage our members to support the proposed changes.

Save the Dates:

The APS April Meeting April 11-14, 2015 will be in Baltimore, Maryland:

<http://www.aps.org/meetings/april/index.cfm>

The meeting brings together particle physicists, nuclear physicists, and astrophysicists to share new research and insights at sessions sponsored by participating units. The DPF has some great sessions planned. More details in the next DPF Newsletter.

The next DPF Conference will be in Ann Arbor, MI from Aug 4-8 Aug 2015 . More

details, a poster and web page soon!