



## Canadian Institute of Nuclear Physics Institut canadien de physique nucléaire

### **Board of Directors Meeting Calgary, 8:00PM MDT, June 10, 2012**

**Present:** Kumar Sharma (Chair, Manitoba), Paul Garrett (Guelph, via Skype), Garth Huber (Regina), Dave Hornidge (Mt. Allison).

**Absent:** Peter Blunden (Manitoba), Jens Dilling (TRIUMF).

**Observers:** Korina Andreiou (SFU, Nucl Educ SWG Chair), Jean Barrette (McGill), Barry Davids (TRIUMF, Nucl Astro SWG Chair), Krzysztof Starosta (SFU, Nucl Struct SWG Chair).

**Minutes** (taken by GH in absence of PB).

#### **1 Approval of Agenda as circulated by KS.**

#### **2 Approval of Minutes of the meeting of February 6, 2012**

#### **3 Announcements and Reports**

##### **3.1 Renewed Board Membership from Institutional Members Meeting**

- Paul Garrett and Jens Dilling were re-elected for a second three term by acclamation.

##### **3.2 CAP 2012 Program**

- Common session with IPP tomorrow will include presentations by SAPES Chair, TRIUMF, SNOLab.
- Sponsored Speaker (Herve Savajols) in the DNP Heavy Ion Reactions II session.
- We reviewed AGM slides prepared by KS.
- Paul Garrett presented updated financial statements (attached).

##### **3.3 Institutional Members Update**

- PG's financial report led to an extended discussion on overdue membership fees. This is apparently not an uncommon situation, with ACURA having similar difficulty in collecting fees.
- PG reported that there will be a meeting with his Dean in the next two weeks, including Carl Svensson and the Physics Chair. He is hopeful that the Guelph overdue fees will soon be paid.

#### **4 Discussion on Future CINP Activities**

- Conference/Workshop sponsorship will probably not increase much beyond current \$11k/year, so there was extended discussion on other worthwhile initiatives CINP could support with its NSERC funding. Several ideas were brought forward.

##### **4.1 NP Grad Class Organization**

- Note that these activities would have to be supported from the CINP's private funds, since academic matters are not NSERC eligible.
  - Krzysztof Starosta suggested it would be helpful if CINP could provide logistical support to enable NP grad classes offered at one university to be taken by grad students at another university.
  - Extensive discussion on how this could be done, including 2-way conferencing facilities offered by WestGrid, or intensive 2-week class [1 credit hour].
  - Paul Garrett has taught two grad classes which included St. Mary's grad students.
    - used Special Topics Grad Class at remote institution.

- instructor did not get credit that extra students were enrolled, local management no sympathetic.
- One historic issue is that it is relatively easy to transfer the credit for the class, but it is nearly impossible to get the remote university to accept the grade given by the other institution's instructor.
- Perhaps a first step could be for the CINP to set up a database of instructor's classes.

#### **4.2 PDF Research Grant**

- IPP has a Theory PDF program, which allows up to 50% support of a PDF for two years, with the supervisor coming up with the remaining funds. The idea being that HEP theorists have relatively small NSERC grants in comparison to experimental PG funds.
- Possibly a good model to follow, since NP groups are smaller than HEP groups.
- May need to wait until next NSERC application, depending on the unspent funds balance.

#### **4.3 Visitors Travel Program**

- Suggested by Corina Andreiou. Provide funds to bring in a visitor from abroad.

### **5 Other Business**

#### **5.1 Membership Approvals**

- GH brought forward three memberships for approval.
  - Blair Jamieson, U.Winnipeg faculty member (0870FE-00100)
  - Stan Yen, TRIUMF research scientist (088-Fe-01101)
  - Anthony Fradette, U.Victoria grad student (089-AT-0000)
    - Note that this applicant was in response to the WNPPC travel award,
  - Approved: GH/DH

#### **5.2 TRIUMF ACOT Meeting**

- Krzysztof Starosta asked what sort of feedback CINP is asked to give at TRIUMF ACOT meetings. KS responded that CINP's opinion is usually not sought out at these meetings.
- It is probably appropriate for CINP to query its members for comments before going to ACOT meeting.