

## Society of Physics Students

### General Meeting

#### Minutes

**October 6, 2008**

Call to order: 5:05 p.m.

Attendance: 7 members and 2 guests

Officers present: Laura Seward (President), Bob Baker (Secretary, Treasurer).

- Election of Treasurer
  - President Seward announced that Bob Baker had been elected Treasurer.
- Treasurer report
  - Bob Baker will become the new treasurer and will be added as a signer on the checking account. The signers on the Alabama Credit Union bank account will be Laura Seward, Robert Preece, and Bob Baker.
- There will be a tour of AMRDEC (Army Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center) on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>. Members or other students wishing to go on the tour must provide Social Security Numbers, date of birth, and place of birth to the facility ASAP.
- UAH open house: October 11<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers to staff a table and speak to prospective Physics students. A free lunch will be provided by the University.
- Gamma-ray Burst Symposium: This will be held Oct. 20-23 at the Embassy Suites in downtown Huntsville. Volunteers needed. They can work around class schedules.
- Ashley Campbell asked SPS to nominate her for homecoming court. After discussion, a motion was passed to nominate Ashley for homecoming court.
- Guest: Rachel Banderhyden spoke to SPS about the project "Up Til Dawn" a UAH organization dedicated to increasing support for St. Jude Children's Hospital. She gave sign up sheets to the Secretary.
- Announcements:

- Physics Department Colloquia – “The intermittent solar wind” by Gang “Larry” Li, Oct. 7, 2:30, seminar room.
- “The Optical Frequency Comb” , 2005 Physics Nobel Laureate John Hall. Alabama A&M University, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Dawson Auditorium.
- - Graduate Student Conference on Science Fiction, UAH English Dept., April 3 – 4

Upcoming application deadlines:

- NASA Langley Aerospace Research Summer Scholars Program for juniors, seniors, and graduate students, deadline for spring session is October 31.
- National Science Academies Science & Technology Policy Graduate Fellowship Program for graduate students, deadline for the winter term is November 1.
- NSA Signals Intelligence Collection & Collection Management Summer Intern Program for freshman, sophomores, and juniors, deadline October 31.
- NSA Summer Program for Operations Research Technology for graduate students, deadline October 31.
- National Consortium for Graduate Degrees for Minorities in Engineering & Science Fellowships for juniors, seniors, and graduate students, deadline November 15.
- Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship for seniors and graduate students, deadline Nov. 14.
- Hertz Foundation Graduate Fellowship Award for seniors and graduate students, deadline October 31.
- National Physical Science Consortium Graduate Fellowships for seniors and graduate students, deadline November 5.
- Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowships for Ph.D. candidates, deadline November 28.
- American Association of University Women American Fellowships for female graduate students, deadline November 15.

- Guest speaker: Dr. Rob Preece. Dr. Preece discussed proposing, designing, creating, and launching the Fermi Gamma-Ray Space Telescope.
- Next Meeting: Monday, October 20, 5:00 PM.