

AGM Minutes: 02/04/08 (approx. 60 attendees)

Apologies were received from Peter Hobson.

Minutes from the previous AGM were distributed and approved.

Chairman's business:

PP2020: Since the last AGM a group called PP2020 has been established to coordinate a review of future opportunities in particle physics. The venture is supported by the IOP, who also provide funding.

Town meetings: Feedback is invited from members as to whether additional community town meetings would be useful to deal with remaining issues regarding funding.

Prizes: The 2008 IOP prizes have been announced. The deadline for 2009 nominations is in September. The HEPP group prizes have been relaunched, to avoid overlap with the new IOP prizes. This year's prizes have been won by Paul Newman (early career research), Nicolas Delerue (early career outreach), Martin Haigh, Antony Carver and Mark Pipe (poster prizes).

Future annual meetings: This year's meeting used the IOP half service conference support. This will be reviewed for the future. Feedback was invited from members on placing the STFC town meeting in the middle of, rather than before, the annual meeting. Next year's meeting will take place in Oxford. Comments are invited regarding the possibility of a divisional conference in 2011.

Secretary's business:

Finance: Last year's budget finished with a small (£141) overspend. This year the group were awarded £8965, of which £2465 is earmarked for research conference support funds. The remaining budget is insufficient to support both half day meetings and external conferences, and the committee regretted that no conference support is available this year. Students are urged to take advantage of the new conference fund instead.

Activity: Since the last AGM seven well attended half day meetings have been held, and three conferences supported. Members are invited to consult the group half day meetings page for an up-to-date list of forthcoming meetings.

Elections:

The following have been elected to the committee: Melissa George (experimental student representative); David Miller (theory representative); James Stirling (ordinary member); Mark Lancaster (ordinary member). Phil Allport has been elected as incoming group chairman.