

USNC-URSI NRSM Commission J Business Meeting

January 7, 2016 at 17:25 MST

Come to Order: 5:25 PM

Attendees

1. David DeBoer (member)
2. Adam Beardsley (non-member)
3. Frank Schinzel (member)
4. Danny Jacobs (non-member)
5. Larry D'Addario (member)
6. Tom Mozdzen (non-member)
7. Alyson Ford (non-member)
8. Todd Gaier (member)
9. Ben Salwanchik (non-member)
10. Dan Marrone (member)
11. Steve Ellingson (member)
12. Mich Mickaliger (non-member)
13. Jeff Mangum (member)
14. Robert Freund (member)
15. John Ford (member)
16. Nithyanandan Thyagarajan (non-member)
17. Steven Durand (member)
18. Paul Steffes (member)
19. Andrew Faulkner (non-member)
20. Elon de Lera (non-member)

Vice Chair

- Comm J needs a Vice Chair
- Will take nominations at end of meeting (see below)

What is URSI

- URSI is part of an international structure designed to encourage communication within science disciplines
- 10 commissions (parallels international structure)

Announcements

- Encourage your students to enter student paper competition
- No NRSM in Boulder in 2020 as there will be a NARSM (joint with IEEE APS) in Montreal in July 2020
- Papers published in Radio Science will be archived on IEEEXplore
- Remember to take advantage of the Student Travel Grant program (student must be

first author; \$500 grant)

- NAS-BISO will assist with visas for meeting attendees

Questions

- Do we like the thumb drives?
- Don't feel strongly positive or negative
- Extend student travel grant to include undergrads?
 - Yes
- Happy with IEEEExplore publication policy? One page abstract not archived, but two-page contributions have the option to be archived
 - Policy seems optimal
- Is it ok to post URSI Commission J member name and affiliation on the Commission J web page?
 - Yes
- Should Commission J participate in the San Diego meeting?
 - No (by hand vote)
- Suggestions for next-year's plenary session?
 - Long time since there was a Commission J speaker. See below...
- Ross Stone is looking for an Associate Editor for Radio Science Bulletin
- Should there be a residency requirement for USNC membership?
 - Commission J is the only one with this requirement
 - Consensus seemed to support removing this requirement
- Should associate members be allowed to vote?
 - No consistency among commissions
 - No objection to allowing Associate Members to vote
- Should there be a "early career" member category?
 - Lower publication and meeting presentation requirements of Associate Membership rather than add a new class (Sandy recommendation)
 - Didn't appear to be a lot of support for adding this new category

Web Page

- Application for membership can be found on this page

New Members

- Alyson Ford (M: nominated by Steve Durand)
 - Voted in favor of full membership
- Joaguin Vieira (M: nominated by Dan Marrone)
 - Vote = no
 - Has never been to an NRSM
 - Dan will communicate need for him to attend URSI and present to be a member

Sessions for Next Year

- Timely Technical Tutorials

- New Telescopes and Technology
- Planets (endo/exo): (suggested speaker = Peter Williams)
- CMB Polarization: (suggested speakers = Miguel Morales or Dan Marrone)
- Plenary:
 - ALMA (suggested speaker = Al Wootten)
 - Planets (exo): (suggested speaker = Gregg Hallinan)
 - CMB Polarization (suggested speaker = John Carlstrom or Jaime Bock)

Vice Chair Nominations

- No takers at meeting
- Send email to Dave with interest or nominations
- Jeff Mangum agreed to nomination as Vice Chair after the meeting

Adjourn: 6:26 PM

Jeff Mangum (Commission J Secretary)