

PPD Business Meeting Minutes

- > chair: Alison Lister (away)
- > vice-chair: Claudio Kopper
- > secretary: David Morrissey
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- > (- see slides by Claudio)
- > - Alison Lister is away
- > - no minutes for 2017 meeting due to mis-communication
- > - CAP sessions: 10 PPD, 4 together with other divisions
- > - student talks front-loaded to allow judging in CAP competition
- > - 2 posters submitted but only one displayed, moved to CAP competition
- > but no PPD poster award
- > - number of poster and oral presentation submissions down, but lower
- > overall attendance at this CAP congress
- > - 4 students in the competition not CAP or PPD members - many emails sent!
- > - Tony Noble suggested contacting student supervisors as well
- > - PPD nominates an invited speaker every second year - plan for 2019!
- > - PPD thesis award rules changed (in 2017) to require at least 3
- > entries for an award to be given (up from at least 5), and theses to
- > be moved to the next year if the minimum number of entries is not met
- > - award to be given in 2018 based on 4 entries
- > - Brigitte Vachon suggested documenting criteria for thesis award
- > - PPD board will make a draft and send it to members
- > - questions: - does a recipient need to be a CAP member when award given or when thesis submitted?
- > - should a CAP membership be included in the award?
- > - should PPD cover CAP congress registration as well?
- > - what expenses does TRIUMF cover for TRIUMF talk?
- > - PPD does not have funds to expand thesis award contribution
- > - 379 members for 2018, down from 418, but up from previous years
- > - PPD finances are stable with a float of about \$9k
- > - a volunteer was requested to take on PPD website maintenance
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- > Comments:
- > - PPD session attendance has been good
- > - some neutrinoless double beta decay talks were in DNP sessions but
- > SNO+ talks in PPD sessions
- > - 8am session starts are difficult (especially after the banquet)