

Minutes of the Service SIG Business Meeting
ACA Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX
5:00pm Monday May 27, 2002
Submitted by Michael Carducci, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by chairman-elect Richard Staples.

A sign-in sheet was passed around to aid in updating our email list. About 10% of the 280 current email addresses of SIG members bounced when notice of the meeting was emailed prior to the meeting.

Twenty two members signed in of thirty that were counted throughout the meeting.

Copies of last years minutes were provided by the secretary, Michael Carducci. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Steve Geib and seconded by Curt Haltiwanger. They were approved by a unanimous vote.

Old Business

An announcement of the SIG's sessions for this meeting was made and the organizers thanked Authorship Issues, An evening session Tuesday 7:30pm-11:00pm Larry Falvello and Carol Brock Cool Structures on Wednesday 8:30am-3:00pm Richard Staples Computer and Network Security on Thursday 9:00am - 12 noon. John Bollinger

The results of last years salary survey were presented by Phil Fanwick. Some printed copies were distributed. The results and his analysis are available at the Service SIG web site

<http://www.pitt.edu/~geib/aca.html>.

A report on the status of the SCrAPS (Service Crystallography at Advanced Photon Sources) project was given by John Bollinger. In the past year, 4 trips have been made to synchrotron sources, with about 40 data sets being collected. While there have been some successes, most of this has been training and learning experiences for the crystallographers and multiple beam lines involved. They have just begun charging a \$50 fee per sample to help offset the travel expenses incurred by these volunteers. The next run is scheduled for June 4-10, 2002. More information is available at the web site <http://www.iumsc.indiana.edu/synchrotron/scraps.html>.

New Business

The nominating committee for next years election (2003 chair elect and 2003-2004 secretary/treasurer) will consist of volunteers Doug Powell and Marilyn Olmstead, and last years president, Lee Daniels.

Session Topics for 2003 meeting

The following topics were suggested for sessions at next years meeting:

1. Two requests were sent via email suggesting:

Twin structure refinement on CAD4 vs. Smart CCD; Refinement using Mo versus Cu CCD data; and In-house unit cell databases by Tom Emge and Lab Fees and Services by Ken Hardcastle. There were

no offers of chairs for these topics.

2. At the suggestion of Michael Carducci, Laboratory Operations was suggested as a topic that would cover some of the above and more. It could cover funding, services provided, records kept, report contents, policies and automation and efficiency. Maybe a survey of “What do you do in your lab?” followed by a panel discussion. Michael Carducci offered to chair such a session. Phil Fanwick offered to help. It was suggested that this could make a good evening session. With planning in advance, refreshments (beer) could be provided. It was suggested that this session not count towards other authorship at the meeting.

3. Incommensurate and/or Modulated Structures was suggested by Chuck Campana. He offered to chair a session if help became available. It was suggested that such a session should start with a very basic background tutorial on what it is and how to identify it. This would be a full day session.

4. Problem Structures was suggested to return as a regular topic. This year it mistakenly became merged with the cool structures program due to a miscommunication. Steve Geib offered to chair. This would be a full day oral session with some speakers selected from the posters submitted.

By unanimous vote, it was decided to sponsor the three sessions with volunteer chairs, Laboratory Operations, Incommensurate and/or Modulated Structures, and Problem Structures.

Announcements

As of this time, no interest has been expressed for the annual SIG dinner. Everyone is on their own this year. Next year perhaps it could be set to precede the evening session.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.