

2017 Mini-GEM Steering Committee Meeting
December 10, 2017 –Hilton Garden Inn New Orleans Convention Center

Present: Jacob Bortnik, Marc Lessard, Katariina Nykyri, Yue Deng, Peter Chi, Christine Gabrielse, Mike Wiltberger, Dan Welling, Bob Clauer, Seth Claudepierre, Matina Gkioulidou, Shin Ohtani, Andrei Runov, Ryan Dewey, Suzanne Smith, Zhonghua Xu, Scott Elkington, Vania Jordanova, Weichao Tu, Steve Petrinc, Howard Singer, Masha Kuznetsova, Frank Toffoletto, Paul Cassak (via webex), James McCollough, Josh Rigler

1. Status of 2018 GEM summer meeting, 2018 mini-GEM (Zhonghua Xu)

Summer GEM Update

- Santa Fe: Contract is signed
- Mini-GEM in DC: organized by VA-tech.
 - Old Town Alexandria
 - 20-30 min metro line from AGU
 - Based on availability and facility; DC proper is pricy.

2. Status of new workshop coordinator (Mike Wiltberger for Carrie Black)

Things are moving forward. Currently searching for Mike's replacement (NSF MAG Program Officer).

3. Status of CEDAR-GEM overlap Saturday (Jacob Bortnik and Marc Lessard)

- June 17-23 (GEM) and June 24-30 (CEDAR)
- Put MI Coupling at the end of the week
- Overlap Saturday on June 16th (Sunday is CEDAR student day)
 - Preliminary schedule in development
 - Quo Vadis: Goal is to do something major and transformative on the ground. Discussions to take place during the Saturday overlap.
 - Student support for Saturday under discussion
 - Any comments can be emailed to Jacob Bortnik.

4. Student Voting Rights (Suzanne Smith and Ryan Dewey)

- Discussed pros and cons for student representatives to have an official vote on the steering committee
- Student representatives left the room for the vote
- Unanimous vote to give student representatives voting rights on the steering committee

5. Discussion of new FGs (Jacob Bortnik)

- Reviewed current groups
- Discussed each proposal one-by-one
- Decided only two should be accepted, as two are concluding (many community members have voiced that there are too many FGs already)
- Voted
 - There were two rounds of voting so each voting member got two votes
 - Round one: chose top three
 - Round two: chose final two from the top three (selected: Reconnection FG and "IHMIC" asymmetries between hemispheres FG)

6. Results of “workshop style” poll (Jacob Bortnik)

- Workshop style was clearly desired by the community
- Suggest that talks not be given about posters (up for debate)
- Decided to create a new criterion for future FG proposals: HOW are you going to make it more workshop style?
- Suggest the FG identify science questions then plan order of talks
- Dipolarization panel was a great example

7. SC members rotating off in 2018 (Didn't cover)

8. Notes from Paul Cassak (Didn't cover)

9. Steering Committee minutes will be produced for the community. (Christine Gabrielse)

- Discussed community request to produce minutes from steering committee meetings