

Summer 2019 JLUO Board Meeting

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Tuesday, June 25th, 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Chair : J. Roche

6:00		Dinner (discussion of Agenda)
6:20	J. Roche	Welcome new members
6:30	S. Henderson/ R. McKeown	Lab Status and Science Q&A
7:00	S. Henderson/ R. McKeown	EIC and the JLab strategy through CDO and the site selection
7 :30	R. Yoshida	JLEIC design/detector update, EIC Steering Committee planning, and efforts towards facilitating (JL)EIC science simulations
7:50	L. El Fassi & O. Hen	Nuclear Physics day on the Hill feedback* (D. Dowd and G. Kubiak joining)
8 :10	E. Lawson	SURA/JSA Support for JLab Users
8:30	Board discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L. El Fassi & O. Hen: other outreach issues • I. Cloet: Experiment/Theory Liaison • C. Munoz Camacho: Foreign Users

Wednesday, June 26th, 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Chair : W. Brooks

6:00		Dinner (discussion of Agenda)
6:20	R. Ent	Physics Division Updates (Hall leaders present)
6:40	A Seryi	CEBAF Status Q&A (including path to reaching full 12 GeV energy)
7:00	A Boehnlein	Advanced Computing and Streaming Readout
7:25	J. Qiu	Theory Update
7:45	M. Maier	CEBAF renovation, Café & catering*, Site access
8:10	Board discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J. Roche: Postdoc prize discussion based on E. Lawson feedbacks* • O. Hen: Junior Scientist prize suggestion* • E. Poeser (also for T. Roark): Postdoc and Graduate Students • B. Sawatzky: Quality of life • Y. Illieva: User/JLab interaction : Language change to policy for reporting? Climate Survey?

* Indicates that ancillary documents are attached to this agenda

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2019 Nuclear Physics Day on the Hill Report sent to E. Lawson, written by Or Hen

Meeting was overall successful:

- 27 JLab affiliated participants from 10 states; ~ 1/3 of the total participants.
- Good attendance by graduate students. Was highly appreciated by the staffers we met. **Should continue increasing attendance by this important group.**
- Satellite meetings with NSF and DOE leadership went very well. **Should continue holding these meetings.**

However, while overall good, I think this day can be more efficient if we learn from our colleagues, e.g. in high-energy physics. Selected key points for next year:

- The notion of **only** meeting with offices from the participants voting region is somewhat ridiculous in my opinion. Other advocacy days don't limit themselves to this small group of offices and have a much wider impact.

I propose we assemble a group selected, experienced, users that will visit offices which don't have voters actively participating in the NP day. With proper preparation this group will present itself as representatives of the users from relevant local institutions etc., so that there's still a local voting connection. Between JLab, RHIC, FRIB & fundamental symmetries, we have users in almost every voting region.

- There was practically no prep for the NSF and DOE leadership meetings (true for all user communities being represented, not only JLab). Especially with DOE, it's clear we should have come prepared with an agreed upon request or specific issues that we want to raise, beyond just conveying the message that we're happy with funding and running and want to keep it this way. I realized it during the meeting itself and decided, on the spot, to raise the foreign users issue. The discussion was very well received, was supported by the other user representatives, and was very timely. However, this is a lucky shot and we should be more prepared in the future.
- Schedule assignment is based on 'current address' which is not always relevant. A student that just moved to JLab would be better off meeting offices from where he grew up or at least from the region of his/her college.
- Schedule assignment is done very last minute which causes problems when specific users see offices not included that they still want to go too because of their origin state etc.
- Many questions by users can be answered if the list of current registered people will be publicly available at all time as part of the NP Day website.

Additional point to discussion:

But one of my conclusions is that we should stop moving the organization on this day to a new person each year. Or at least have two co-organizers, one "constant" and one "alternating". The "constant" person should be a senior one, who we think has the right personality for the job. We can make sure that the more junior co-organizer gets the visibility but I think stability is key to constantly improve on this day... (e.g. in comparison with how HEP are doing it)

JSA postdoc prize: research funding or prize?

Email sent by J. Roche to JLUO chair line 01/28/19

Hi guys,

Elizabeth Lawson called me to give JSA feedbacks on the IF proposals I submitted on behalf of the JLUO board. Only one was significant.

We are asked to think about the structure of the postdoc prize. Right now it is a research proposal funded up to \$10k. That amount is not sustainable considering other cuts to the IF proposals. For example, the Outstanding Nuclear Physicist prize was recently cut from \$10k to \$5k. So a cut on prize/award amount is coming. Elizabeth did not give me guidance on how much when I asked her. JSA asks us to ponder the following question. If the prize/award money is reduced, does it then make sense to keep it as a research support award instead of simply a prize?

We need to discuss this with the board at our next June meeting. I added it to my running list.

Cheers

Julie

PS: Some more background Elizabeth gave me: Depending on who submits a given IF proposal, that proposal is evaluated by a users committee (us) or a lab employees committee. All IF proposals are then evaluated by a JSA committee which makes the ultimate recommendation. This year, Krishna was the user representative on the JSA committee. All of the JLUO proposals were funded to the full amount requested, including this year the postdoc prize. She had no significant comments on the annual meeting, poster and thesis prize, board travel and, satellite meetings proposals.

Junior Scientist Award suggestions

Dear Julie and chair line,

I would like to bring up another issue for discussion: **initiation of a JAS junior scientist award** to complete the existing series of awards the lab currently gives to: graduate, postdoc and (very) senior.

The idea comes from Fermilab who recently started a URA (their JSA) award for junior scientist, which is a way of saying un-tenured faculty and junior lab staff. People there seem to be VERY happy with it. It helps promote the careers of junior scientist, helps with tenure case etc. etc.

Financially, setting up such a prize can be done at not (additional) cost as we simply take the 10k postdoc prize and split it, e.g., 4k for postdocs and 6k for junior faculty. So I would think this is primarily a matter of decision more than anything else.

If possible, I would like to have a discussion about that at the meeting.

Thanks

Or.