

RHIC and AGS Users Executive Committee Monthly Meeting

Second Thursday of each month, Noon-2:00 PM (Eastern)

9/14/2017

The Returning Team



- **and Thank you to the returning members**
 - **Megan Connors** (Georgia State U.)
 - **Brett Fadem** (Muhlenberg College)
 - **Claudia Ratti** (Univ. of Houston)
 - **Sevil Salur** (Rutgers U.)
 - **Bjoern Schenke** (BNL)
 - **Bernd Sorrow** (Temple University)
 - **Aihong Tang** (BNL)
 - **Gabor David** (SUNYSB)
 - **Peter Petreczky** (BNL)
 - **Matthew Posik** (Temple U.)

Please report any errors to Jim and/or Kelly

Full Membership



Name	Position	Term	Affiliation
Jim Thomas	Chair	6/17 - 6/18	The Berkeley Lab
Rosi Reed	Chair Elect	6/17 - 6/18	Lehigh University
Lijuan Ruan	Past Chair	6/17 - 6/18	Brookhaven National Laboratory
Megan Connors	Member	6/16 - 6/19	Georgia State University
Brett Fadem	Member	6/16 - 6/19	Muhlenberg College
Justin Frantz	Member	6/17 - 6/20	Ohio University
Tony Frawley	Member	6/17 - 6/20	Florida State University
Jacquelyn Noronha-Hostler	Member	6/17 - 6/20	Rutgers University
Claudia Ratti	Member	6/16 - 6/19	University of Houston
Sevil Salur	Member	6/16 - 6/19	Rutgers University
Bjoern Schenke	Member	6/16 - 6/19	Brookhaven National Laboratory
Bernd Surrow	Member	6/15 - 6/18	Temple University
Aihong Tang	Member	6/16 - 6/19	Brookhaven National Laboratory
Kenneth Barish	Appointed Member	6/17 - 6/19	UC Riverside
Gabor David	Appointed Member	6/16 - 6/18	SUNY @ Stony Brook
Peter Petreczky	Appointed Member	6/16 - 6/18	Brookhaven National Laboratory
Matthew Posik	Appointed Member	6/16 - 6/18	Temple University
Daniel Brandenburg	Student/Post-doc Rep	6/17 - 6/18	Rice University
Alexander Jentsch	Student/Post-doc Rep	6/17 - 6/18	University of Texas
Li Yi	Student/Post-doc Rep	6/17 - 6/18	Yale University
Doon Gibbs	Ex-Officio Member		Brookhaven National Laboratory
Hong Ma	Ex-Officio Member		Brookhaven National Laboratory
Berndt Mueller	Ex-Officio Member		Brookhaven National Laboratory
Thomas Roser	Ex-Officio Member		Brookhaven National Laboratory

The people who really do the hard work ...



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Kelly and Kathy's Corner



- A brief pause to allow Kelly and Kathy to report on important news

What do we do? (its not just food and rusty water)



- **BNL Committee Handbook - AGS/RHIC Users Executive Committee**
 - The Group's purpose is to provide an organized channel for the interchange of information between the Laboratory administration and those who use BNL's nuclear, high-energy, and heavy-ion, radiobiological, and testing facilities. Representing a wide spectrum of research workers, the group will make known to the BNL administration the needs and desires of those actively engaged in leading research projects, while providing a means for BNL to inform them of current and future plans for the Laboratory. It is expected that this will enable the Laboratory administration better to evaluate the needs of its users' so they can more efficiently plan their use of Laboratory facilities.

Our primary purpose is to communicate important issues to lab management, and vice-versa. BNL is a User Facility and so Users and Management need to communicate constructively in order to ensure a successful laboratory.

Communication with BNL Management



- For the past several years, Kathy has done an outstanding job of organizing monthly meetings with BNL Management
 - RHIC and Light Source Chair's attending
- We should keep doing that ... if she has the energy to continue organizing those meetings
- But I would also like to invite BNL managers to our Monthly UEC meetings in order to have a pleasantly stimulating discussion about research and life at BNL.
 - Eg. EIC discussions, NSAC Long Range Plan discussions
- I propose to invite one Manager per month to our meetings
 - Lunch time (Eastern) to keep it casual
 - Noon to 2:00 PM (Eastern) if we have a guest
 - Noon to 1:00 PM (Eastern) business meeting, only, if we don't have a guest

The Annual Users Meeting



- **Our single biggest activity**
 - Workshops
 - Plenary sessions
 - Typically Tuesday – Friday, mid to late June
 - Chair of the Organizing Committee will be Prof. Rosi Reed
- **Save the Date**
 - Tell your Friends, tell our Competitors(!)
 - June 12 – 15, 2018
 - (Actually, it is very important that we advertise this date so that competing meetings don't accidentally overlap our dates. For example, the BNL Physics Department and Colloquium committee, Quark Matter and the JLAB Users Meeting.)

Open Forums



- **We conduct an open forum twice a year: at the Fall DNP Meeting and at the Annual Users Meeting**
 - **The goal is to hear directly from Users regarding issues that affect User research & productivity while using BNL facilities**
- **The Fall DNP Meeting is held in October**
 - **We usually have a brief professional meeting and dinner/social in conjunction with the Open Forum**
- **The Annual Users Meeting is held in June**



- **A brief pause to allow Rosi to report on important UEC news and events**

Washington DC: lobbying Congress



- **Lobbying Congress on behalf of the RHIC & AGS facilities, but also all of Nuclear Science**
 - A trip to DC in April or May
 - We never criticize another facility, but we do speak to our representatives about the importance of Nuclear Science to the economy and the Nation.
 - We try to visit as many RHIC & AGS Congressional Delegations as possible
 - All UEC members are welcome and encouraged to attend
 - This is a private trip (i.e. you pay) because this is actual lobbying and we can't use government resources to pay for the trip. In fact, I shouldn't even be showing you this slide :-)
- **This is a very important activity ... it does make a difference**
 - Please send you private (non-governmental) email address to Kelly and Jim so we can communicate with you.

New Activities



- **We (mostly Justin and LiJuan) invented three new activities last year**
 - They lack tradition, but I think they have tremendous merit and I would like to propose that we pursue them again this year
- 1. **Letters to Congress**
 - A letter to our congressional representatives recommending robust support for Science Funding
 - Authors to be solicited at the AUM – the timing is perfect
- 2. **A petition to Congress**
 - A petition reflecting our view of the current year's funding debate in Congress
 - Signatures to be solicited at the AUM
- 3. **Recommend a slate of Candidate for the APS/DNP Executive Committee**
 - Ask RHIC Users to send nominations to DNP Nominating Committee
 - Slate of candidates to be selected by UEC, and signatures solicited at AUM. Again, the timing is perfect ... due by July 1st.

Things to remember



- **UEC Monthly Meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each Month**
- **Primary Web address for the UEC** (it is a little slow, so be patient)
 - <http://www.rhicuec.org>
- **Communication with the UEC**
 - rhic-uec-members@listservers.net
- **Communication with the UEC Leadership & Management Team**
 - **Jim Thomas** jthomas@lbl.gov (portjeffny@gmail.com)
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 - **Kathy Nasta** nasta@bnl.gov
- **Please join a working group / committee** (see web page)
- **Please send your “private” (non governmental) email to Kelly&Jim**

LiJuan's Corner



- **A brief pause to allow LiJuan to report on important UEC news and events**