

## **RHIC and AGS Users Executive Committee Monthly Meeting**

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

**5/10/2018**

# Agenda

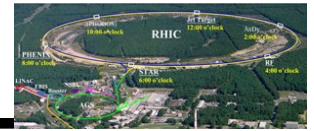


- Update from Kathy and Kelly
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# The Annual Users Meeting



- **Progress**
  - Workshop agenda's
  - Plenary session agenda
  - Poster session (advertise, advertise, advertise)
  - Thesis competition
  - Registration updates for Meeting, Posters, Dinner, etc.
- **Awards**
  - Thesis Awards
  - Merit Awards
  - Other Awards
- **AUM Activities**
  - DNP Election candidates and “get out the vote”
  - UEC Election candidates and “get out the vote”
  - Letter to Congress and “get out the vote by writing to Congress”
- **Everything else**



## Backup Slides

# UEC Membership



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



- **UEC Monthly Meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each Month**
  - **October 12<sup>th</sup>**                      **Director Gibbs**                      **(BNL)**
  - **November 9<sup>th</sup>**                      **Abhay Deshpande**                      **(EIC, Stonybrook)**
  - **December 14<sup>th</sup>**                      **Thomas Roser**                      **(CAD, BNL)**
  - **January 11<sup>th</sup>**                      **Kerstin Kleese van Dam**                      **(CSI, BNL)**
  - **February 8<sup>th</sup>**                      **Michael Thoennessen**                      **(Editor in Chief, APS)**
  - **March 8<sup>th</sup>**                      **Berndt Mueller**                      **(ALD, Nuclear & Particle)**
  - **April 12<sup>th</sup>**                      **Shirley Kendall**                      **(Manager, Diversity Office)**
- **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](mailto:rhic-uec-members@listservers.net)
- **Communication with the UEC Leadership & Management Team**
  - **Jim Thomas**                      [jhthomas@lbl.gov](mailto:jhthomas@lbl.gov)                      [portjeffny@gmail.com](mailto:portjeffny@gmail.com)
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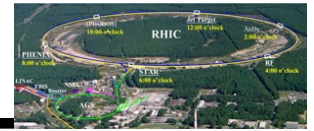
# What do we do? (its not just food and rusty water)



- **BNL LD-16 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.

# UEC Working Groups and Committees

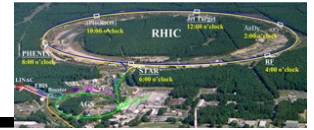


- **Site Access and Science**
  - Badging, training, the EIC, etc.
- **Funding, Politics and Programmatics**
  - Washington DC trip, Petitions, Letters, etc.
- **Meetings, Communications and Outreach**
  - AUM, DNP, open forums, etc.
- **Quality of Life**
  - Food (especially access to food at odd hours), Housing, Transportation, Day Care (or lack there-of), etc.
- **Diversity**
  - Maintaining a diverse, productive and stress free work force

Please propose new ideas and activities!

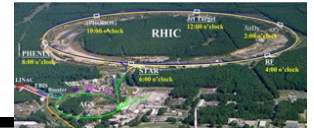


## Open Forums



- **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**
  - **Rosi has all the details**
- **The Annual Users Meeting is held in June**

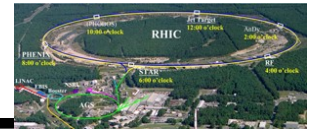
# Funding, Politics and Programmatics



- **We invented two new activities last year**
  - They have tremendous merit and I would like to propose that we pursue them again this year
- 1. **Letter 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. **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 1<sup>st</sup>.

**We will need a clear set of guidelines on how to choose candidates (~March)**  
**A new committee?**

# Nuclear Physics Day on the Hill



- **Educating Congress about the importance of Nuclear Science**
  - A trip to DC on April 9<sup>th</sup>
- **We spoke to our representatives about**
  - The importance of Nuclear Science to the Nation and the economy
    - We requested modest growth (CPI + 1.6%)
    - And we want to do the best science possible
  - 105 RHIC, JLAB and FRIB Users formed into 24 teams
    - We visited 110 Offices of Congress, NSF and DOE HQ
  - This was a private trip (i.e. pay your own way)
    - Thank you to everyone who found the time and money to make the trip!
- **This is a very important activity ... it does make a difference**
  - Under Secretary Paul Dabbar emphasized the importance of these visits ... we thank him for 2018 appropriations, he thanked us for the visit
  - International participation and contributions are important for the growth of future facilities