



Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2013

Members in attendance: Giuliana deToma, Yuhong Fan, Sarah Gibson, Gang Lu, Art Richmond, Michael Thompson, Steve Tomczyk, Stan Solomon

Attendees: Joanne Graham (Minutes)

UCAR Awards:

Distinguished Achievement: Michael noted that HAO has won this award three out of the six times it has been awarded. He proposed that, since we won last year, we forego a nomination this year. The SAC agreed.

Publication Award: Last year HAO put forward Bruce Lites' 2008 paper on Horizontal Magnetic Flux of the Quiet-Sun as Observed with the Hinode Spectro-polarimeter. It did not win, but Michael heard from Susan Montgomery Hodge some feedback that the awards jury subcommittee thought it should be resubmitted in 2013. After discussion, the SAC agreed that we should resubmit Lites' paper.

Scientific and Technical Advancement: HAO hasn't won in this category since 1993. It was noted that it was premature to submit K-Cor. It was further noted that Sunrise might be a good nominee, since a nomination this year could incorporate results from the first science flight as well as technical advancements for the second flight. It was agreed to nominate Sunrise, and that Stan would find the previous nomination of Sunrise to use as a starting point for this nomination.

Internal Awards:

John Firor award: It was decided that each section can put forward 1-2 papers to Michael who will have a group of past winners review and make a suggestion to him. Stan will lead a group comprising Matthias, Mark, and himself who will look at all section lists and make a recommendation to Michael and the SAC.

Walt Roberts award: Six or seven possible recipients were discussed. Nominators agreed to get a paragraph about their nominations to Michael by 7/26: he will then poll the SAC to determine this year's recipient.

Director's award: Past winners were reviewed. Michael invited thoughts and suggestions on nominees to be sent to him by email. (Post-meeting note: No Director's award was awarded this year.)

NCAR Strategic Plan:

Sarah and Mike, who are on the Strategic Planning Council tasked with writing the draft plan, led the discussion. Four themes have emerged for the Imperatives: 1. World Class Research; 2. Providing world class facilities; 3. Ensuring research benefits society; 4. Workforce management (though this fourth imperative theme is still changing).

Sarah mentioned that HAO is noted in every imperative. She and Mike are making sure of this. There was a discussion of how the imperatives related to planning at the Lab/Observatory level.

The issue of the next top priority for NCAR is being discussed. There is not yet any consensus, but still discussing big data and hazards.

Once there is a draft, Michael would like for the SAC to get together after having had chance to read the draft. Michael will meet with Mike and Sarah before anything circulates.

Other business:

Gang reminded committee members that the DRAC will discuss the other categories for UCAR awards.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9/24.