

## **SBSE Business Meeting 7.28.15**

*Board members present: Ihab Elzeyadi (presiding in place of Pablo LaRoche), Walter Grondzik, Alex Rempel*

*Attendees: approx. 25*

- I. Introductions + Mission of the SBSE
  - A. Ihab introduced himself, Walter, and Alex, and the organization's mission.
- II. Treasury report
  - A. Contents are summarized in the 2015 business report, attached.
- III. Scholarships
  - A. Scholarship checks and certificates were presented to Majd Hijazi, Kenneth Black, Thomas Doorn, Nicole Peterson, and Sebanti Banerjee. Although two of the recipients were not in attendance at the SBSE meeting, all were present at the conference and participated fully.
- IV. Call for nominations for President and Treasurer
- V. Discussion of future retreat and business meeting venues
  - A. Question: Should we move annual business meeting from ASES? If so, should it be moved to the retreat? In 2016, should it be held at the PLEA conference?
  - B. Discussion
    1. Comment: Don't hold business meetings at the retreat, because the retreat is always held in the summer when people are traveling. It would be good to hold it at PLEA next year, and in general, it would be good to combine it with a public, open conference. Alternatively, move the retreat to end of a semester or beginning of fall semester. (Responses: That creates conflict with people on the quarter system.)
    2. Comment: It would minimize travel costs to combine the retreat with a conference; PLEA sounds like a good option. We have high hopes for the combination of ASES with Penn State; this is better than combining it with a PV conference i.e. Intersolar. We would like ASES to include peer-reviewed papers.
    3. Comment: People need peer-reviewed papers for conferences, but PLEA is \*expensive\* both to get there and for registration. Prohibitive for students. India: \$1700 airfare, \$800 registration.
    4. Comment: Perhaps the business meeting venue should be decided on a case-by-case basis for the next few years, until the viability of the ASES conference becomes clear.
- VI. Adjournment