

*Connected:* Richard Brenner, Paula Eerola, Gabriele Ferretti (part-time), Klas Hultqvist, Leif Lönnblad and Mark Pearce

*Apologies:* Bo Sundborg and Konstantin Zarembo.

§1

**Formalities**

The agenda was approved by all present.

Mark and Paula were appointed secretary and *justerare* for the meeting, respectively.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved by those present.

§2

**Proposal to Formally Recognise Astroparticle Physics**

Mark proposed that astroparticle physics should be recognised more formally by the section. To this end he proposed that the name of the Section should be changed and that the board composition ensure that astroparticle activities are represented. This proposal generated considerable discussion and there was support for the initiative. Paula pointed out that this issue would be need to be voted on by all members of the Section at the yearly meeting in Stockholm in March. It was agreed that the name of the section could be changed to 'The Section of Particle and Astroparticle Physics' ('Partikel och Astropartikel Sektionen') and that the statutes of the Section should be modified to make sure this activity was represented by the composition of board members. A more formal proposal will be drafted before the yearly meeting.

§3

**Fysikaktuellt Editorial Board**

Richard presented an e-mail from Håkan Danared explaining that SFS were trying to revamp the Fysikaktuellt newsletter. It has been proposed that each Section should have a member on the Fysikaktuellt editorial board who could make sure that their subject area was well covered. It was agreed that this job would be time consuming. With this in mind, the board members were asked to solicit their groups for candidates for this post.

§4

**Partikeldagarna 2003 in Stockholm**

The next Partikeldagarna will take place in Stockholm at AlbaNova University Centre (aka SCFAB). It will be organized jointly by the two Stockholm groups (Klas and Mark). The dates of the meeting were confirmed as 20–21 March 2003. Klas, Mark and Richard will form the program committee and propose an agenda in due course. It was agreed that the 'group reports' will make a comeback this time. Board members were asked to canvas their groups in order to locate an exciting invited speaker. Possible topics proposed by the board members included: neutrino oscillations, D0, astroparticle theory and AMANDA.

§5

**Fysikdag 12-15 November 2003, Stockholm University (Aula Magna).**

Richard presented the plans for the next Fysikdag meeting. It was agreed that the section's input should once again focus on teachers. Following the same format as last year, a speaker for a popular-style talk should be located. Richard agreed to contact Erik Johansson about this. Possible 'live' demonstrations were also discussed including GRID computing and cosmic ray experiments.

§6

**Lepton – Photon Conference, 11-16 September 2003, FNAL.**

The Swedish quota is 7. Board members were asked to collect a list of those interested in attending from their groups and send it to Richard well before the deadline of 24<sup>th</sup> January 2003. The conference organisers would like to encourage young physicists to attend will include a poster session. More details from: <http://conferences.fnal.gov/lp2003>

§7

**Next meeting.**

No date was set. Merry Christmas!

§8

**A.O.B.**

Paula raised the issue of the letter from the Swedish ECFA delegates to Vetenskapsrådet regarding the plans to close MSL and TSL. It was noted that the tone of this letter mirrored the one already sent by the Section.

*Minutes compiled by:*

*Checked by:*

Mark Pearce

Paula Eerola

Richard Brenner