

## **35<sup>th</sup> Annual Gibbs Conference on Biothermodynamics**

Minutes: Business Meeting, October 1, 2021

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Officers: Liskin Swint-Kruse, President; Kathleen Hall, Past-President; Aron Fenton, Treasurer; Aaron Lucius, President-Elect; Andrew Herr, Secretary

Long-Term Board Members: Vince LiCata, Madeline Shea

Current Organizers: Gibbs Board of Directors

Poster Organizers: Jim Horn & Tonya Zeczycki

Saturday Night Thermo Organizers: Vince LiCata & Karen Lewis

Other Past Organizers in Attendance: Brian Baker, David Bain, Elisar Barbar, Mike Brenowitz, Sarah Bondos, Jannette Carey, Carlos Castañeda, Clay Clark, Patricia Clark, Jim Cole, Trevor Creamer, Peggy Daugherty, David Draper, Karen Fleming, Ernie Fuentes, Roberto Galletto, Tim Lohman, George Makhatadze, Ana-Maria Soto, Steve Whitten

### **1. Call to Order: Liskin Swint-Kruse, President**

Gibbs35 was organized by the Board along with key committee members (Posters organized by Jim Horn and Tonya Zeczycki; SNT organized by Vince LiCata and Karen Lewis; both committees also included trainee organizers). During the planning process, the Board initially met every 2 weeks and then in July moved to weekly meetings.

### **2. Report from the Gibbs35 Organizers: led by Andy Herr, Secretary**

Statistics of Gibbs35 registration and attendance:

- 293 people registered (we capped registration at 300; several more people attempted to register late). There were 251 total attendees, based on Zoom records.
  - Day 1: 202 total, avg 128 (104-148) per speaker
  - Day 2: 201 total, avg 107 (75-160) per speaker
  - Day 3: 134 total, avg 103 (92-110) per speaker
- Attendance varied a bit throughout each day but stayed fairly constant. Overall, there was a dropoff in attendance for Tuesday's sessions
- 134 different labs registered, which is a big increase from previous years. There were 107 PI or industry people, 45 postdocs, 114 grad students, 19 undergrad/post-bac students, 7 other (e.g., instructor, staff scientist, etc), 8 international participants, and 8 vendors who registered.

Presentation statistics

- There were 13 PI talks, including the Keynote and Ackers Lectures
  - 6 female, 7 male
- There were 14 trainee talks
  - 7 female, 7 male
- Total institutions participating: 24 in talks, 44 in posters

Liskin shared an overview of early results from the Post-Meeting Survey:

- In general, most of the feedback was very positive
- There was a lot of positive feedback about the poster sessions
- There were some negative comments about the timing of some of the sessions, (i.e., too early or too late in the day) but scheduling it this way was necessary given that we spanned at least 4 time zones (more if we account for international participants)

### **3. Report from the Organizers of Saturday Night Thermo: Vince LiCata and Karen Lewis**

Vince and Karen reported on a successful SNT session. There were a total of 6 SNT Flash talks, followed by the career panel featuring Shannon Speer (Pfizer), Nathan Baker (Pacific Northwest National Laboratory), and Andrew Feig (Research Corporation for Science Advancement). The welcome social hour had ~60 people who logged in for more than 5 minutes, with an additional 10 people who briefly stopped in. For SNT, all 178 registered trainees were invited, and there was a total of 88 participants (80 of whom were trainees).

### **4. Report from the Organizers of the Virtual Poster Session: Jim Horn and Tonya Zeczycki**

The poster sessions were well attended and received a lot of positive feedback.

- 205 people attended and/or presented at the poster sessions
  - Session I: 134
  - Session II: 113
  - Session III: 140
- A total of 90 posters were presented

### **5. Financial Report: Aron Fenton, Treasurer**

Given the pandemic and the need to organize a virtual meeting for Gibbs35, our expenditures were minimal. Aron reported that he wrote a single check for \$25. He still made sure to make contact with our vendors and donors to keep the communication lines open.

### **6. New Organization plan for Gibbs36 and future Gibbs meetings: Liskin Swint-Kruse, President**

The Board announced a new plan for organizing Gibbs36 and future meetings. The President and President-Elect will serve as primary organizers of the upcoming meeting. Several committees will be established to help the President and President-Elect with specific tasks. The committees to be set up are as follows:

- Speaker committee (3 PI members): the makeup of this committee will change each year; other committees can have long-term membership
- Poster committee (2 PI members; 2 trainees)
- Fundraising committee (3 PI members)
- Local arrangements & Lodging committee (2 PI members; 1 trainee)
- Program book committee (2 PI members; 1 trainee)
- Tech/Audiovisual committee (3-5 PI members)
- Saturday Night Thermo committee (2 PI members; 2 trainees)

### **7. Call for nominations for Gibbs36 organizing committee members**

A call was made for nominations for these organizing committee members, with nominations to be sent to Andrew Herr.

### **8. Election of 2022 President-Elect: led by Aaron Lucius, President-Elect**

Jim Horn was elected as 2022 President-Elect of the Gibbs Society. Congratulations!