

## Committee on Membership (CoMem), Report for 2010

**The 2010 Committee on Membership was made up by; Udo Pernisz Chair, Terry Alford, Osman Basaran, Brad Conrad, Robert Ecke, Calvin Johnson, Kate Kirby, Rainer Kunz, Kendall Mahn; Student Representative, Patricia Sparks, Brad Trees and Ray Warner.**

The Committee met twice in 2010. Issues addressed during the year are included below.

### **Membership Statistics:**

- Over 48,000 for the first time, the official APS membership total taken at the end of the year was 48,263. A gain of over 300 members from the previous year, the count is again a new record. In 2010, growth was seen mainly in the Student member category but also included a promising increase of almost 100 members in the Junior category. Individuals who receive their terminal degree within the previous 12 months are eligible for up to three years of Junior membership which offers reduced membership dues and meeting fees. There also continues to be a significant international component with approximately 10,300 members, or 21%, from outside the US.

### **Membership Dues:**

- CoMem recommended a slightly larger than normal dues increase for 2012. The increase will cover higher fees from AIP to fulfill *Physics Today* to APS members.

### **Friends of APS:**

- The "Friends of APS" program, started in 2000, currently has 230 participants worldwide. "Friends" are APS members who have agreed to help facilitate communication with current and potential members at their institution. Throughout the year, information is sent to them regarding membership, programs, and benefits to be shared with colleagues and students. The Friends program is a useful tool in both retaining and attracting APS members. In 2010, APS expanded its "Friends" program to include 76 international members.

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