

APS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT
2013



COMMITTEE:

STATUS OF WOMEN IN PHYSICS (CSWP)

COMMITTEE CHARGE:

The membership of the Committee on the Status of Women in Physics shall consist of nine members appointed by the President-Elect to staggered three-year terms. The President-Elect shall appoint the Chair from among the members. This Committee shall address the production, retention, and career development of women physicists and shall gather and maintain data on women in physics in support of these objectives. It may recommend and supervise studies and programs relevant to this charge. It shall report annually to Council.

CURRENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES IN 2013:

CSWP held two in-person meetings (April at APS and October in Denver) and two teleconferences (January and August).

APS and CSWP have become the “home” for the Conferences for Undergraduate Women in Physics (CUWiPs). CUWiPs have been held during the past five years, and have out-grown being an ad hoc organization. With APS sponsorship, there is now a National Organizing Committee, three-year grant proposals have been submitted to NSF and DOE, APS has created common application and registration web pages, and the pre- and post-conference surveys will be collected in a consistent manner. Eight conferences will be held on MLK, Jr. weekend in January 2014, with an expected attendance of over 1000 undergraduate women in physics.

Climate for Women in Physics Site Visits were held at Colorado State University, Ohio State University, the Perimeter Institute, and the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory in Tallahassee, FL. We will conduct our first “site” visit of a large scientific collaboration, the Sloan Digital Sky Survey, at their summer 2014 collaboration meeting.

Members of CSWP have written a DOE proposal for Conversation Site Visits to be held at national security laboratories. Informal discussion with DOE has led to the proposal being put on hold and an effort to have several laboratories sponsor the visits themselves.

A proposal to continue the Professional Skills Workshops at APS meetings was submitted to DOE. In addition to the programs at the March and April meetings, we would like to expand to large division meetings (e.g. DFD) and to train physicists to run workshops locally.

With sponsorship from COM, we produced a one-page document on diversity for APS prize, award, and fellowship committees. This document will be distributed to all committee chairs in the future.

We continue to name Women Physicists of the Month and select the Blewett Fellowship and Maria Goeppert Mayer Award recipients, and to organize sessions at the March and April meetings.

We have begun discussions on program prioritization and an APS statement on women.