

Society of Physics Students
Penn State Chapter

Minutes 10-22-08

Commence

Sigma Pi Sigma conference

Public view of Science

Superconducting Supercollider

The project had poor public opinion. Citizens were not informed, and then many homes were seized. Need to be more graceful than that.

What roles should we play to improve science reception in the community?

Hold more science days, great way to generate science awareness. Also do them in all schools, public areas, and retirement homes.

Old people, update their knowledge, values?

Community needs more basic science education.

Good science writing can be helpful

Contact the Collegian. Possibly get a six part series on science at Penn State.

Possibly have simple posters explaining basic relativity and quantum since so much has come from it. (GPS, night vision)

Write factoids on blackboards and talk to custodial staff to leave it places.

Do something with the political science people, since they are connected to people in power.

Contact other majors, get them more involved in science, and vice versa.

SOMA (students organizing for the multiple arts) looks promising

Intelligent Design vs. Evolution

Science is Science, Religion is Philosophy/Literature; the distinction is made and should be applied.

Responsibility as Scientists:

Need to inform/influence government on science issues.

Brainstorm issues, as a chapter we plan to send a letter to congress regarding one issue.

Social

Saturday- Triangle is having a large social Saturday, November 15th. Contact Nicholas Dzienis at nmd162@psu.edu for more information.

Rock climbing:

Will be happening after Thanksgiving break

Announcements

Read the petition at the blackboard in the lounge.

Outreach

Science day

Bellefonte Middle School

Thursday November 13th, 4:30PM -9:00PM

Meet Brian after the meeting or email him at bcd5024@psu.edu for more information.

Possible Professional Talks

ICE CUBE

Relativity

If you have any suggestions, let an officer know

Adjourn