

Membership Committee Report June 2008

Membership Committee:

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Carol Budd (Proceedings Distribution)

A. Membership

As of May 1, 2008, there are 178 members. This compares with 239 active members in 2006-2007. The breakdown in categories is:

- 2 Life time members
- 3 Institutional membership
- 2 post-doc/student memberships
- 52 new memberships
- 119 renewals

Most memberships continue to be acquired with conference registration. For some, membership renewals are strictly tied to conference attendance. If they do not attend, they do not renew. Now that memberships are included with the registration fee, the number of memberships is expected to increase considerably.

At 2006 Annual General Meeting the membership year was changed to July 1st through June 30th. This has caused some confusion (again) amongst the membership. The change was circulated to the membership in the fall and spring along with a “gentle reminder” to renew membership.

The Membership Directory was circulated to the membership in November and May. The directory included active members in addition to those whose membership expired June 30, 2007. The latter group was included as a mechanism to encourage membership renewal. The format of the directory was again delivered in a spreadsheet format to allow for ease of update and distribution. This has been successful.

Other activities:

- Mailing labels were sent to Carol Budd for distribution of the proceedings.
- Letters sent to new members on behalf of the President.
- *Abstracts* was emailed to members in the fall/winter.
- Members with inactive emails addresses were sent postcards asking for an update on data base information. Only one replied.
- Conference announcement sent to the membership.
- Deadline reminders sent for Mini Workshops and Posters.
- Job posting for Kelly Bohrer’s position at Dayton sent to membership
- A list of active members was sent to the Election Officer.
- Data base information was provided to the host.

B. Proceedings

A decision was made at the Board Meeting 2007 to provide past printed volumes to current members at no cost. Members were asked only to pay for postage. Most requests were for complete sets of available volumes. As of September, 2007, all printed volumes were distributed! Only cd's of Volume 27 and 28 are available for sale.

A new Proceeding distribution person is still being sought.

Respectfully submitted,

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