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Organization:	American Institute of Physics
Position Title:	Member, Board of Governors; Executive Committee; and Special Committee (governance and mission strategy)
Activity:	Committee Meetings and email correspondence. All expenses covered by AIP
Meeting Dates:	Approximately 5 meetings during the year, including BOG as well as ExCom meetings.
Meeting Location:	College Park, Maryland

Issues from Previous Meetings or Year:

The main issue is the formation of AIP Publishing, a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) that now is responsible for all of AIP's publishing activities. Specifics are:

1. On Feb 1, 2013, formed a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) for its publishing operations, called AIP Publishing LLC. AIP is sole owner of the LLC. The LLC's new CEO is John Haynes, who had been AIP's VP for Publishing. AIP's Melville, NY operations constitute the main part of the LLC. AIP Publishing LLC now conducts all journal publishing activities on behalf of AIP and AIP member societies that wish to publish their journals through the LLC. Operational aspects of the LLC formation continue to be specified since Feb 1, 2013.
2. The LLC has a governing board comprised of designees from 4 AIP member societies that publish only with AIP, plus relevant business and science experts. The 4 societies that publish entirely through the LLC are the the American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT), American Crystallographic Association (ACA), the Acoustic Society of America (ASA), and The Society of Rheology (SoR). AAPM is not on the LLC board of directors because we have 1 journal with AIP Publishing (MedPhys) and 1 journal not with AIP Publishing (JACMP).
3. Designees from the 10 member societies of AIP continue to comprise the AIP Governing Board (parent company of the LLC). AIP (parent company) is now primarily concerned with AIP outreach programs and activities (including Physics Today) that are devoted to advancement of the physical sciences in the nation and world.

General Description of Activities of the Organization and/or Meeting:

The American Institute of Physics, through its publishing arm, AIP Publishing, LLC, publishes high-quality basic physics journals (about 50% of world market in physics) and one magazine (Physics Today). There are 10 AIP member societies, of which AAPM is one. Medical Physics is published in concert with AIP. The AIP regularly communicates with JBMC, the editor of Medical Physics, and the Medical Physics Editorial Board, including during committee meetings at the AAPM and RSNA meetings.

AAPM Members of the AIP Board of Governors are: Dan Bourland (Executive Committee and Special Committee), Bruce Curran (BOG), and Angela Keyser (BOG). I have been elected as a voting member of the AIP Executive Committee for the year 2014.

AAPM cannot designate an individual to the AIP Publishing, LLC Board because AAPM owns and publishes a 2nd journal that is not published through AIP Publishing, LLC.

Issues for AAPM:

1. A previous recommendation (July/August 2013) was for AAPM to provide feedback to AIP about AIP's mission, activities, corporate governance (and other topics). AAPM took part in an on-line survey and was the highest responding member society of AIP. Thank you to all AAPM leaders/editors/committee members who responded to the survey request. AIP is using the information from all member societies to evaluate its governance structure and mission. These discussions are ongoing.
2. AIP Publishing LLC board of directors membership: Over the last two years AIP has evaluated its organizational structure, future directions, and strategy for its publishing operations. This process resulted in the formation of AIP Publishing LLC, with its own board of directors comprised of 4 AIP member societies that publish their journals with AIP alone (AAPT, ACA, ASA, SoR). This LLC was announced Feb 1, 2013. Because of AAPM's 2nd journal (JACMP), which has a different publisher, AAPM cannot designate a member for the LLC governing board. AAPM could gain LLC board membership if JACMP was published with the AIP LLC.

Recommendation: That AAPM explore the opportunity to publish both Medical Physics and JACMP with AIP Publishing LLC, which will provide coordination of AAPM's publishing activities with AIP as well as the privilege of membership on the LLC board of directors.

3. AIP governance discussions: AIP is redesigning its Board of Governance structure. The proposal was presented at the November BOG meeting and includes these aspects: a reduced board size, with a cap on maximum size but also initially organized to reflect current member societies of AIP. These deliberations have taken place within an AIP Special Committee and then presented to the AIP BOG. The BOG received the proposal with encouragement to proceed – discussions continue on the details for AIP's BOG design as well as AIP's mission.
4. AIP Member Society changes: Deletion: The American Geophysical Union (AGU) has discontinued its AIP Member Society status – AGU is now an AIP Affiliate (there are 20+ AIP Affiliates). Addition: The American Meteorological Society (AMS) has just joined AIP as a Member Society – welcome to the AMS. The AMS includes weather reporters (television, media). The announcement link is:
http://www.aip.org/press_release/aip-welcomes-ams.html
5. Impact of Open Access policies by NIH and now other government organizations. AIP has provided a leadership role for the formation of CHORUS, the Clearing House for the Open Research of the United States, in response to the US government's initiative for public availability of federally funded research. The CHORUS initiative spans all areas of science: social, biological, physical, etc. The approach uses the publishers of origin – the website is <http://chorusaccess.org/> Both AIP and AAPM have endorsed this initiative. Fred Dylla, AIP CEO, has a national/international

leadership role in the continuing discussion about Open Access, publication archives and Public Access.

6. Continuing basis: Pricing of journals to individuals, institutions, and other groups are now handled within AIP Publishing. The AIP Board of Governors no longer addresses these activities and only receives summary reports on AIP Publishing results.

Summary: AIP is strong and is maintaining its position for publishing high-quality physics journals. AIP has created AIP Publishing LLC to better provide its publishing services, with LLC governance provided by the societies that publish with AIP only. AIP (parent corporation to the LLC) is proposal changes to its governance structure and these discussions along with mission and future strategy are underway. AAPM is an active Member Society of AIP and an important AAPM discussion is to consider whether or not to consolidate the publishing activities for its two journals, including with AIP Publishing LLC. Publishing with AIP Publishing LLC alone would provide AAPM with a board of director position within the LLC.

Respectfully submitted –

- Dan Bourland