

The regular monthly meeting of the LAPA General Assembly was held at 12:05 PM on March 14, 2007, in Siderooms A & B of the Otowi Cafeteria. LAPA President Jason Stairs was the presiding officer. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent, and the minutes from the previous meeting (2/14/07), which had been posted on the LAPA webpage, were approved without correction.

A report on the activities of the special Employment Concerns Committee was given by LAPA Vice-President Michael Demkowicz. Committee reports were given by Nate Mack (chair, Communication Committee), Jason Stairs (*ex officio* member of the Social Committee), Nate Mara (chair, Conversion committee), and Joseph Hickey (chair, Career committee). The Communication committee was tasked with creating a LAPA newsletter, a brochure, and sending introduction letters to the Principal Associate Directors. Following the committee reports, a motion to adjourn the meeting early was defeated by a voice vote.

The letter from LAPA to Director Anastasio listing three suggestions to improve the postdoc experience was presented for comment. By a vote of 9-3, a motion was approved to have all four LAPA officers sign the letter. A motion to include point of contact information in the letter was rejected by unanimous consent, and also by unanimous consent a motion was approved to change the first mention of the association to “Los Alamos Postdoc Association (LAPA)” instead of “LAPA (Los Alamos Postdoc Association)”. The officers were directed to make the approved changes, then sign the letter and send it to the Director via inter-office mail, following up a week later with an email.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 PM.