

**Minutes of the ASA Technical Committee on Psychological and Physiological Acoustics
San Francisco, Tuesday December 3, 2013**

Submitted by Michael Heinz, Chair 2011-2014

The meeting was called to order at 8pm by the TC Chair, Michael Heinz. Introductions were made by all attendees.

Sunil Puria was thanked for his efforts as the P&P Technical Program organizer for the TPOM. A list of events/activities at the San Francisco meeting was discussed, including one special P&P session organized by Chris Stecker: "The Ear Club: Honoring Ervin R. Hafter and His Contributions to the Study of Binaural Processing and Auditory Cognition", two other P&P sessions (one podium, one poster), one co-sponsored session with Animal Bioacoustics: "Neural Mechanisms of Complex Sound Discrimination." Barb Shinn-Cunningham was also congratulated on being awarded the ASA Student Council Mentoring Award! Finally, Anna Diedesch (P&P student-council representative) reviewed the many student activities at the San Francisco meeting.

Members currently serving as officers or on committees of the ASA were thanked: Judy Dubno (President Elect); Barbara Shinn-Cunningham (Vice-President Elect); Peggy Nelson (Acoustical Society Foundation Board); Bill Hartmann (Medals and Awards); Lynne Werner [Chair] and Marjorie Leek (Membership Committee); Bill Woods (Committee on Standards); Peggy Nelson, Jennifer Lentz, Dorea Ruggles, Elin Roverud (Women in Acoustics); Bev Wright (Prizes and Special Fellowships); Andrew Oxenham, Brenda Lonsbury-Martin (Publication Policy); Jont Allen (Committee on Archives and History), Anna Diedesch (Student Council).

JASA, JASA-EL and POMA Associate Editors were also thanked for their service: Carolina Abdala, Ian Bruce, Karl Grosh, Chris Shera, Les Bernstein, Virginia Best, Emily Buss, John Culling, Enrique Lopez-Poveda, Virginia Richards, Michael Stone, Elizabeth Strickland, Brenda Lonsbury-Martin (JASA-EL), Qian-Jie Fu (JASA-EL), and Erick Gallun (POMA).

Preparations for the next ASA meeting in Providence (May 5-9, 2014) were discussed, and members were reminded that the abstract submission deadline is Dec 16th. Five P&P special sessions were announced: "Cambridge Contributions to Auditory Science: The Moore-Patterson Legacy" (Organized by: Andrew Oxenham, Chris Plack, Bob Carlyon, Michael Akeroyd), "Diagnostics of the Pathological Middle Ear by Wideband Acoustic Impedance/Reflectance Measures" (Organized by: Jont Allen), "Role of Medial Olivocochlear Efferents in Auditory Function" (Organized by: Magda Wojtczak, Enrique Lopez-Poveda, "Scientific Catalyst, Collaborator, and Gadfly: Honoring the Contributions of Tino (Constantine) Trahiotis to the Understanding of Binaural Auditory Processing" (Organized by: Leslie R. Bernstein, Richard M. Stern, H. Steven Colburn), "Temporal Processing, Compression, and Cochlear Implants: Session in Honor of Sid P. Bacon" (Organized by: Neal Viemeister). The second "ASA School" for students and post-docs was announced, which will occur over the weekend preceding the Providence meeting. P&P is not one of the TCs giving lectures this time, but P&P students are

encouraged to participate to learn about hot-topics in others TCs within ASA. This first ASA School in Kansas City (Fall 2012) was highly successful.

Future meeting dates and venues were announced: Fall 2014 (Indianapolis, Oct 27-31), Spring 2015 (Pittsburgh, May 18-22), Fall 2015 (Jacksonville, Nov 2-6), Spring 2016 (Salt Lake City), Fall 2016 (Honolulu, Nov 28-Dec 2), Spring 2017 (Boston, joint with EAA). Members were encouraged to submit proposals for special sessions for future ASA meetings.

It was announced that a new Editor for *Acoustics Today* would be chosen here in San Francisco. Allan Pierce has been acting Editor, and requested ideas for future articles. The aim is to make *Acoustics Today* readership broader within and outside of ASA.

It was announced that ASA is always looking for new, innovative technical initiatives (i.e., beyond the typical initiatives of speaker travel, co-sponsored meeting travel), and members were reminded that money is available.

Issues arising from Technical Council were discussed, including that ASA will trial a new system for Abstract Books for the Providence meeting. Books will only be available at the meeting and mailed only to those members who opt-in. The goals are to save \$\$, save paper, push abstract and TPOM deadlines later.

Ongoing or future P&P initiatives were mentioned:

- Student/post-doc involvement
 - P&P (via TC Chair Mike Heinz) proposed a change for Early Career Associate (post-doc) meeting registration fees (to remove the requirement of previous ASA student membership). This was proposed to Technical Council on Monday, and based on wide support from all TCs will be proposed to and voted on by Executive Council on Friday [*motion passed on Friday*].
 - Looking into possible connections to students from other associations (ARO, AAS, ASHA, ...)
 - Socials after TC meetings for networking between students and PIs ...
- Enhancing physiology side of P&P and links between our two Ps
 - Special sessions
 - Hartmann award (***Nominations due each year ~6 weeks before Fall meeting)
- New Fellows (contact TC Chair with nominations ...)
- Awards for P&P (Silver/Hartmann/Lindsay, others ...)

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm, ... with continuing discussions/networking at the P&P Happy Hour at Mikkeller Bar. (Thanks to Anna Diedesch and KC Lee for organizing).