**Liaison Report**

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| **Reported by (Name):** | **Lynne Fairobent** |
| **Organization:**  | **AIP** |
| **Position Title:** | **Member** |
| **Activity:** | **AIP Congressional Fellowship Committee** |
| **Meeting Dates:** | **March 21, 2007** |
| **Meeting Location:** | **AIP** |
| **Payment $:** | **N/A** |
| **Reasons for Attending or not Attending** | **Attended** |
| **Issues from Previous Meetings or Year:** | **None** |
| **General Description of Activities of the Organization and/or Meeting:** | 2007 Congressional Fellowship selection process. The 2006-2007 American Institute of Physics Congressional Fellowship Selection Committee comprised Ruth Howes (chair), Marquette University; Ivan Kaminow, University of California; Jeffrey Park, Yale University; Lynne Fairobent, AAPM; Paula Grunthaner, Jet Propulsion Laboratory; and Maureen Mellody, National Academy of Sciences. The deadline for applications was January 15, 2007. Candidates for the Fellowship were required to be members of one or more AIP Member Society and U.S. citizens, and have outstanding scientific credentials, communications skills, and interest or experience in applying S&T to government policy. The committee received 21 completed applications for evaluation and, after a March 1, 2007 conference call, selected six finalists to be interviewed in person, and two alternates. Ultimately, several of the finalists accepted other offers in the meantime and both alternates were invited to be interviewed.On March 21, 2007, the committee met from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm in Conference Room B of the American Center for Physics, and interviewed 5 finalists. The committee’s selection as 2007-8 AIP Congressional Fellow was John Veysey, an APS member who has a PhD in fluid dynamics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and has been working there as a research assistant, studying carbonate formations in hot springs at Yellowstone National Park and around the world. In 2004, Veysey spent several months exploring journalism as an APS Mass Media Fellow. He will interview for a placement in a congressional office and begin his 12-month Fellowship term in the fall of 2007, after a two-week orientation provided by the American Association for the Advancement of Science. |
| **Issues for AAPM:** | **None. This is an important activity and I am happy to represent AAPM.** |
| **Budget Request ($):** | **None** |