

Student Chapter Report

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Name of Chapter:

Penn State University SPIE Student Chapter

Number of members in Chapter:

32

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Chapter activities since last report: (meetings held, invited lectures, tutoring, etc.)

Four Chapter meetings were held at the Penn State University Park campus. The first meeting included a talk by Dr. Kane on Lidar and its applications. The second meeting was a joint effort of both the student chapters of SPIE and the OSA in which Dr. Craig Bohren gave an invited talk entitled "Reflections on the Blues." In this talk he described reasons for the blue sky and blue seas, as well as helping to debunk common misconceptions regarding these phenomenon. The third meeting included a talk by Dr. Lahktakia on "left-handed" materials and their role in today's electrooptics applications. The final meeting of the semester included elections for the following year as well as planning for attendance at Optics West in San Diego.

Future Chapter activities:

Future activities include a trip to Optics West.

Future work towards setting up an outreach program to the local high schools is currently being pursued.

Did you use any of your chapter funds?

Project/Activity Description:

Snack food for meetings, van rentals, travel expenditures for speakers

Amount:

~\$800.00

If not, why?

If possible please attach a current member list

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