Gerard A. de Vries
process questions that need to be answered at the February meeting: 1) who will carry out the initial review of the APS Statement (e.g. the Energy & Environment Subcommittee?, an ad-hoc panel?) ; 2) will there be a workshop to inform the review of the statement?; and 3) which scientists will be contacted to inform the review process?

**Possible Study of Science Advising** - Mark Goodman presented, on behalf of the Physics and the Public Subcommittee, a draft study proposal for an examination of science advising. While the primary audience would be the APS community, some members of the Subcommittee believed that there could be value in leaving open the possibility that the study could also inform congressional staff. POPA agreed that this is worth further consideration, but required that the proposal be more carefully scoped. The Subcommittee will have more discussions and will bring a more detailed proposal to the February POPA meeting.

**Education Activities** - Monica Plisch, APS Associate Director of Education, reported on a project that was a spin-off of the POPA Direct Air Capture study: a cell phone app that can educate users about the Greenhouse effect. She also informed POPA of the interest that the Committee on Education (CoE) has in updating the APS Statement on K-12 Education (00.5). Adam Falk will contact Sue Seestrom and volunteer to work with CoE on updating the statement.

**Proposed Activity** - Libby Turpen, of Booz Allen Hamilton, presented a proposal for a study she is developing to examine US national security priorities and how well they align with national security lab activities and capabilities. She proposed working with POPA on the study. In discussing the issue, member of POPA acknowledged the importance of the narrow issue of security labs, but also identified the importance of the larger issue of how well national lab capabilities align with US national priorities. As a next step, POPA requested that several individuals discuss this in a conference call and their recommendation at the February POPA meeting. The individuals include: Rosner, Schwitters, Trebes, Orbach, Slakey, Lubell, and Turpen.


The meeting adjourned at 3pm.

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Panel on Public Affairs  
Meeting Agenda – October 5th, 2012  
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Guests:  
Ann Cairns, Director of Strategic Communications, AGU  
Joanne Carney, Director, AAAS Office of Government Relations  
Bob Dijkgraaf, Director of the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton  
Monica Plisch, APS Assistant Director of Education  
Libby Turpen, Associate at Booz Allen Hamilton

8:00  Continental Breakfast

8:15  Welcome /Introduction of New Member: Phil Taylor  
   Rosner

8:30  GERA Proposal for Transportation Study  
   Looney, Jaffe

9:15  DNDO Study: Report for Review & Vote  
   Trebes

10:15  Break

10:30 Climate Change:  
    Activities of other Scientific Societies Cairns, Carney  
    Overview of IPCC Process and Methods Dijkgraaf  
   Jaffe, Slakey

12:00 Lunch

12:45 Possible Study of Science Advising  
   Goodman

1:15 Follow up on DAC Study Education Activity  
   Plisch

1:30 Proposed Activity:  
    Examination of the National Security Lab S&T Infrastructure  
   Turpen

2:30 Review of Old and New Business:  
    POPA/CSIS Tactical Nuclear Weapons Study  
    Nuclear Reactor Lifetime Extension Study  
    Critical Elements  
    Status of Helium Legislation  
   Lieberman

3:00 Adjournment