Meeting Minutes

Meeting: FPC Virtual Members Meeting
Date: May 21, 2020
Attendees: FPC members, guests, presenters

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm by FPC President Dr. Alexei Glebov. The meeting was held via Zoom, and "hosted" by Carol Ann Dykes Logue using the Zoom account she has at UCF. Alexei welcomed the ~30 attendees to the first FPC Virtual Meeting, set up to continue regular communications among FPC members during the coronavirus issues.

2. After general greetings, Alexei introduced Peter Hallett, SPIE Director, Marketing & Industrial Relations. Peter said he was very glad to be on the FPC Board this year, and then introduced Dr. John Grievencamp, SPIE 202 President and Professor at the Wyant College of Optical Sciences at the University of Arizona. John then introduced and thanked Dr. MJ Soileau and his family for a very generous $125,000 donation to SPIE to establish a scholarship for 1_{st} generation (1_{st} person in their family) to attend college as an undergraduate at CREOL, The College of Optics and Photonics at the University of Central Florida. John said that SPIE will match the gift and he urged all FPC members to also help fund the scholarship. John concluded his remarks by showing a bottle of CREOL Hot Sauce that was specially made to honor MJ's service as SPIE President in 1997. MJ then introduced Dr. David Hagan, CREOL Interim Dean and Director.

   David turned toward John Grievencamp and showed the $125,000 check from the Soileau's made out to SPIE and "virtually passed it" to John. David thanked MJ for the gift and outlined some of his many contributions to the optics and photonics field and to UCF and CREOL.

3. Alexei thanked Stefanie DelGiudice for her many years of providing administration services and support to the FPC and then thanked Carol Ann Dykes Logue and her team who has volunteered to take on the administration support to the FPC. Carol Ann is Director, Programs & Operations for the UCF Innovation Districts & Business Incubator.

4. Alexei then introduced Dr. Amy Beaird, the new FPC Program Director. Amy briefly outlined her background welcomed the 9 new FPC members who have joined so far in 2020. Welcome Evatec NA, Vacuum Engineering & Materials, TwinStar Optics, Coatings & Crystals, Rochester Precision Optics, TechnoTeam Vision USA, General Ruby & Sapphire Co., Optosigma, RealTime Services, Presco Engineering! Amy then reviewed the results of the FPC survey conducted in April 2020 on the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on FL photonics business.

5. The next speaker Tammie Sweet, Director, GrowFL gave a detailed presentation on the processes and resources in the GrowFL program that is designed to help companies, mainly 2_{nd}-stage companies, grow and prosper. She said that GrowFL "won't turn any company down" that would like to join them. Full information on GrowFL is on their website at https://www.growfl.com/. Tammie invited everyone to participate in their roundtable events, which will be virtual events until in-person meetings can resume. Upcoming events are on the web at https://www.growfl.com/events/.

6. The final presentation of the meeting was given by Tom Hausken, Sr. Industry Advisor, OSA Industry Development Associates (OIDA). He gave a presentation on "How the photonics industry is responding to the pandemic; Insight into what's ahead for photonics businesses; Summary of what OSA is doing to respond to the crisis, and the range of resources that OSA is offering for free to the community". Tom suggested going to https://www.osa.org/en-us/industry/https://www.osa.org/en-us/industry/ to see a full list of the resources provided to industry by OIDA including a list of free webinars, past ones that are recorded and upcoming ones.

7. The meeting concluded at 5:15pm.