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re: Membership in University Fusion Association
Vote for new Executive Committee members

Dear Colleague:

I am writing to solicit your membership in the University Fusion Association for the coming year and to obtain your votes for new members of our governing Executive Committee. Both items are extremely important for us as a community of university researchers interested in fusion and plasma science and technology.

The UFA is formed to organize participation of university community members in the scientific, technical, and educational endeavors of fusion science research. It seeks to enhance the broad-based support for fusion and plasma science, provide information pertaining to fusion policy, and provide a mechanism for involvement of the academic community in policy decisions.

The UFA acts as our representative in discussions with other segments of the fusion community. UFA leaders are routinely included in discussions on fusion policy within the community leadership, and usually represents the university community in presentations to internal and external reviews.

As we continue our journey towards a restructured fusion science program with an emphasis on developing the underlying science and technology for fusion, participation of the university community is increasingly important. We are eager to represent the interests of our colleagues in all sectors of the community, including magnetic confinement theory and experiments, technology, and university researchers in inertial confinement fusion.

To do that, we need your participation by becoming a member of the UFA. In addition to sending in your membership form, we urge you to cast your ballot for new members of the UFA Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is our governing board, and we are privileged to have such highly qualified members of our community willing to serve on the committee.

I thus strongly encourage each of you to join or renew your membership for the next year. All of our activities are funded through dues paid by UFA members, which remain a bargain at \$15 for dues as a member (members who joined after Oct. 1, 2000 have already paid dues for 2001). Members are placed on our UFA e-mail News list, have voting privileges, and are eligible to stand for office.

Please take the time to submit the membership form attached here, and submit your ballot for the new members of the Executive Committee. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raymond J. Fonck".

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