



Blacksburg, November 14, 2019

## **Proposal to host the SNOWMASS 2021 community event at Virginia Tech**

Dear Members of the DPF Executive Committee,

It is my great pleasure to present to you the attached proposal on behalf of the Center for Neutrino Physics at Virginia Tech. The Center for Neutrino Physics has been hosting a number of physics conferences and schools in the past, most recently NuFact 2018 with more than 150 participants. The conference office at Virginia Tech has experience with hosting large events, e.g. the IUPAC 2012 World Polymer Congress, and Blacksburg routinely hosts more than 20,000 visitors attending VT football games. The local organizing committee tentatively comprises: Lay Nam Chang, Shunsaku Horiuchi, Patrick Huber (chair), Jonathan Link, Camillo Mariani, Djordje Minic, Thomas O'Donnell, Mark Pitt, Ian Shoemaker, Tatsu Takeuchi, Bruce Vogelaar. You will find the details of our proposal and a tentative budget in the attached documentation and should feel free to direct any questions or requests for additional information to me.

Supporting diversity and inclusive participation in all activities at Virginia Tech is at the core of the Beyond Boundaries vision for the future of Virginia Tech. Therefore, we were able to raise \$35,000 from internal resources to provide comprehensive child care and dedicated fellowships to encourage participation of minorities and early career scientists.

Specifically, the daycare center of the VT Graduate School offers to setup a dedicated daycare group for up to 12 children, ages 2-12, during the conference. We will offer this service at no cost to participants. Furthermore, parents can apply for childcare support to defray the cost of co-traveling caregivers. The aim is to provide maximum flexibility to accommodate the specific needs of each parent and child.

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Minority and early career participants can apply for fellowships to attend the meeting, which will include a conference fee waiver and coverage of all local costs. We propose to work with the APS to define an equitable and transparent selection process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Huber', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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