

VERITAS Science Board (SB) Minutes 03/05/09

Present:

Science Board Members:

Benbow, Byrum, Cui, Fortson, Gillanders, Hanna, Holder, Kaaret, Krennrich, LeBohec, Mukherjee, Ong, Quinn, Rose, Rovero, Wakely, Williams. Gibbs (PO).

Many other VERITAS members participated who were authors/P.I.'s of FERMI GI proposals.

1. General Business

The Science Board approved the minutes of the last two meetings: 12 Feb 2009 and 23 Feb 2009.

We had a brief discussion about the revised policy document relating to publications and the spokesperson had to be reminded that we did, in fact, already approve this document. Thus, the minutes that we just approved had to be slightly amended to reflect that fact.

2. Fermi GI Proposals

The rest of the meeting was taken up with a detailed discussion of the many Guest Investigator (GI) proposals for the Fermi Cycle 2 program. Most of these proposals were in reasonable shape and had been already vetted by the relevant science working group; a few needed more significant work. We discussed each proposal and provided comments and changes to the relevant authors. Because of the proposal deadline the following day, authors were given the o.k. to submit their proposal after having made the required changes. Two proposals were not yet distributed at the time of the call. Both of these proposals were reviewed by a small group of Science Board members in time for a timely submission. All in all, the breadth and quality of the Fermi proposals were excellent.