

Re: Diameters

From: Vishnu Reddy (b) (6)
To: Johnson, Lindley (HQ-DG000) <lindley.johnson@nasa.gov>, Johnson, Lindley (HQ-DG000) </O=NASA/OU=JSC/cn=Recipients/cn=447036943>

This was last week and Carrie is freaked out that if she denies him access to the code he might retaliate against her and the NEOWISE team. I told her to focus on getting the bugs documented and any updates made in an open manner like any other scholarly activity. I am not sure how to deal with him because I have had the same experience as you did with him so far. I tried to be nice to him but he seems to be socially awkward. I have deal with him today and tomorrow....he is here in Tucson for a JAXA workshop!

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On Nov 15, 2016, at 5:49 AM, Johnson, Lindley (HQ-DG000) <lindley.johnson@nasa.gov> wrote:

Nothing will come up before selection.

As Amy knows, I did ask Tom to provide me some "independent" assessment when the Myhrvold incident happened, but I'm not aware of him continuing to work the issue. I don't know why he feels he needs to have proprietary code. While he is assigned as an IPA with PSD, he should really work that through us if it is needed for any NASA business. He does continue to do his own research, however. How recent was this request?

Tom's demeanor can be very prickly. He often acts like he thinks he is the smartest guy in the room. There have been a few incidents with others back here at HQ. I've had to notch him back a couple of times.

Lindley

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Boss

We are having some issues with Statler (see below). I have asked Carrie to keep it professional but just thought you should know about this in case something comes up before the selection.

Regards
Vishnu

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Carrie Nugent (b) (6)

Subject: Diameters

Date: November 10, 2016 at 12:27:06 PM MST

To: Vishnu Reddy (b) (6) >

Hi Vishnu,

Last year I had weekly hour-long meetings with Tom to try to work with him to correct his code; which had many bugs. Gradually the tone of the conversations changed, with him becoming combative. I do not know why this change in tone occurred. He began misrepresenting my statements to members of the NEOWISE team. At this point I found our conversations to be nonproductive, so I discontinued them.

This summer Tom pointed out a discrepancy in the errors on our η values. I believe this to be a bug in our code. I'm happy this has been pointed out and am working on correcting the data.

Tom has made some unusual requests for

- Unpublished diameters
- the NEOWISE proprietary code

I believe he may be working on a manuscript relating to our diameter derivation. Although I am happy to engage in scientific debate and correct any bugs, I doubt that this paper will be in the spirit of collegial discussion.

- Carrie