

AAPT-CPS

Report of the Two-Year College Representative

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The National Organization continues to ask TYC to act as hosts for the US Physics Team Physics Olympiad exam . I ran 25 students through the exam this year, which helps my college work more closely with local high schools. As I've reported before, this increases your exposure to local schools and the community, which can help when school boards are looking to cut funding.

However, a problem has arisen after the exam that you may have already been notified of if you're a member of the national AAPT. A student hacked into the web site with the exam results and posted the information. This included the member ID and password for the AAPT members who sponsored the exam. AAPT National recommended you change your password. Your ID is your member ID and I don't think you can change that. If you receive the member journals electronically this is the same user ID and password, so make changes.

Local school districts are continuing to cut funding for community colleges. Although all districts arrange funding in different ways, Commonwealth regulations require community colleges to be funded in part by their local school districts. I reported last year that many districts are trying to get this law changed. HACC is fighting this and all community colleges should join in this. I'd be interested in hearing whether your local school districts are part of this movement and if your school is fighting it. This could have a serious impact on the future of community colleges in Pennsylvania.

I've identified a problem with email going to some school, particularly high schools. I know some of my mail hasn't been getting through to all colleges, but now I've realized there's an issue with high schools. Apparently some schools have set up their spam filters to block anything but "official" school correspondence. I'm not sure how this is set up, but I ask everyone to put anything with AAPT in the subject line, or mail from me or any of the Board members, on your safe list. You can find the email address for each Board member at the AAPT-CPS.org web site. As a check, I ask all TYC professors to email me at [gldolise@hacc.edu](mailto:gldolise@hacc.edu). This will allow me to verify my list is current and I can reply to be sure I get through your spam filters.

We are in the process of re-organizing our member list to make sure we keep it up to date. The current list should be available on our web site shortly. Please check to make sure your information is correct. If you have not received email from us about this meeting please email us. Send it to me for now but eventually we want to have an email link on the web site.

Also, check to make sure your school is linked to on our web site. If it's not notify us. If you feel there is another link to a school or organization please let us know by emailing the webmaster.

Last year I asked for feedback on the idea of a bulletin board for schools looking for adjuncts. I received comments from a few schools that this was a good idea. I believe it's worth pursuing and again ask for comments or suggestions as to how this could best be implemented.

Respectfully Submitted

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