

**AAPT-CPS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**PENN STATE, YORK CAMPUS**  
**Saturday, November 12, 2005**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Dooley, Abul Hasan, Sardari Khanna, Sally Koutsoliotas, Kelly Kriebel, Dave McCachren, and Dave Richards.

MINUTES:

The meeting was held in the Conference Room of the Library at Penn State, York Campus and started promptly at 11:00 am. The minutes of the March 5, 2005 Executive Board meeting that was previously circulated to board members by email, was approved. The minutes of the March 5, 2006 General Body meeting was also approved with one editorial change.

Dr. Khanna reported that the present balance in the CPS-AAPT checking account is \$ 4,460.64 and the balance before the March 5, 2005 annual meeting was \$ 5,053.51. An amount of \$ 592.87 was overspent in the annual meeting this year. One of the reasons for this deficit was \$ 500 honorarium given to the guest speaker. Other reasons include decline in number of participants and timing of the conference being too early in the spring. Dean of York College paid part of the expense for the March Conference. It was pointed out that the Ohio Section of AAPT charges \$ 35 registration fee but the board members decided to keep CPS-AAPT registration fee at \$ 7.00 per person. It was suggested that effort be made to attract more high school physics teachers to the conference.

Dave McCachren reported that the day long PTRA workshop on "GRAPHING FOR ANALYSIS IN PHYSICS FOLLOWING INQUIRY ACTIVITIES" at Penn State, York Campus held the previous day, was very successful. There were 13 high school physics teachers from the Central Pennsylvania area who participated in the workshop. Dave McCachren, Pat Callahan and Maxine Wallis conducted the workshop which started at 8:30 am and lasted till 3:00 pm. Penn State, York Campus provided lunch to the participants. Dave mentioned that the PTRA workshop in the spring 2006 meeting will be on 'RANKING TASKS AND OTHER TASKS INSPIRED BY PHYSICS EDUCATION RESEARCH (TIPERs).'

Dave Richards reported on the progress in recruiting guest speaker for the spring 2006 annual meeting that will be held at Penn College of Technology. He has written a letter to Roger Penrose inviting him to be the guest speaker at the spring 2006 annual meeting. Dave has not heard back from Dr. Penrose yet. Other possible guest speakers are Alan Lightman of MIT, Wendy Hagen Bauer

of Wellesley College, Laurence A. Marschall of Gettysburg College, Steven J. Dick, NASA Chief Historian, Mercedes T. Richards of Penn State University, University Park, and Harry L. Shipman of University of Delaware.

Dave mentioned that the college restaurant has been reserved for the spring 2006 meeting banquet. The charges will be \$ 20 per person for the banquet. It was decided that students who are presenting a paper or participating in the poster session do not have to pay the banquet charges. They will be the guests of the society. They will also be exempt from paying the registration fee. Dave will try to get discounts at local hotels/motels for the meeting participants.

The first mailing for the spring 2006 will go out in December 2005. The second and the third mailing will go out in January and February 2006, respectively. The mailings will include for the first time CPS-AAPT newsletter. Dave will put together the newsletter and all board members were requested to submit their articles by the end of the year. Dave will update the mailing list by removing duplicate names from the 2004 list. It was suggested that in time the mailing of spring meeting announcement and information could be done entirely by email. A survey will be conducted to see what members think about email communication of CPS-AAPT announcements.

Award to top physics submission at County Science Fairs was discussed. It was suggested that the student and advisor be invited to the spring meeting to present their work. They would be the guest of the society at the spring meeting banquet where their work would be recognized with presentation of a certificate and monetary award. It was decided that a proposal in this regards will be written and discussed at a future meeting of the executive board.

Dave McCachren informed the board that the current funding for PTRA workshops will finish after the workshop during the spring 2006 meeting. He is looking at other sources for grants and mentioned TYCO as one possible source. The members extended support for future PTRA type workshops.

The members discussed the question of statement on Intelligent Design from CPS-AAPT. After some discussion it was decided that the CPS-AAPT will adopt the same statement as the one released by AAPT (see AAPT web page). The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Abul Hasan  
Secretary, CPS-AAPT