

Minutes of the AAPT-CPS Fall Executive Board Meeting
Misericordia University
November 12, 2012

Members of the Executive Board Present:

Lynn Aldrich, Gregory Dolise, Michael Gallis, Mehmet Goksu, Sardari Khanna, Dave McCachren, and John Reid.

The Meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM.

Board members thanked Lynn for hosting the Fall 2012 PTRAs workshop and Executive Board meeting.

Minutes

The minutes of the 2012 Spring Executive Committee Meeting were approved.

President - Stephen Van Hook

Stephen updated the board members on the status of secretary search.

Vice President – Mehmet Goksu

Mehmet gave an update on the status of the 2013 spring conference. He also shared the list of keynote speakers for the conference.

Treasurer’s Report - Dari Khanna

1. The balances in Wells Fargo account are \$1,741 in checking and \$ 3,833 in CD account, for a total of \$5,574.
2. \$60 difference between bank statement and Dair’s report is due to a returned check that has not been cashed.
3. The name of the Wells Fargo account is “Central PA Sectn Amer Phys Tech”.
4. The Treasurer’s Report was approved.

High School Representative - Dave McCachren

1. 10 people participated in the Fall 2012 PTRAs workshop that was held on Friday, Nov 16 at Misericordia University.
2. Spring 2013 PTRAs workshop entitled “Electronic and Digital Resources for Physics Teaching” will be held on Friday, March 8 at Millersville University.
3. This is the 20th year AAPT- CPS is hosting the PTRAs workshop.
4. AAPT CPS contributes the most financially to PTRAs by offering workshops.

Section Representative's report - Lynn Aldrich

1. Exec Director, Beth Cunningham and Assoc Director, Bob Hilburn of AAPT are willing to be speakers at Section Meeting in person or via Skype.
2. Section representatives voted and determined the next four AAPT meetings sites as follow:
Winter 2013 – New Orleans, LA
Summer 2013 – Portland, OR
Winter 2014 – Orlando, FL
Summer 2014 – Minneapolis, MN
3. Section Representative receives information about new AAPT members. Lynn suggested that Sec. Rep should contact the new members by sending a “welcome” email.
4. AAPT is considering having joint winter meetings with APS.
5. AAPT is planning have winter meetings in Southern States and summer meetings in Northern states. Future meeting site will rotate each year as Eastern, Central, and Western areas of US.

Two Year College Representative - Greg Dolise

1. Greg informed the board members that there are only two students in his SPS chapter. He suggested if there is some sort of SPS cooperation among local colleges to “Share” members.
2. The Physics Olympiad test announcement will be available soon. Greg has been successfully organizing the event.
3. HACC and Lock Haven University is cooperating to develop a STEM program.
4. Faculty members at HACC voted against reducing the length of the semesters by a week.
5. AAPT CPS Mini-Meeting at HACC was well attended last spring. It was a big success. 45 people attended the meeting. Greg reported that 3 more faculty members at HACC, including him, are willing to organize Mini-Meetings. Greg also suggested AAPT CPS financially supporting the Mini-Meetings.
 - Board members accepted the proposal. AAPT-CPS will sponsor up to \$50 for expenses associated with Mini-Meetings.

Past President - Mike Gallis

Mike is currently updating the newsletter. He requested information such as information about keynote speaker that he can put in the newspapers. He plans to send out the newspaper by email no later than second week of January.

Web Master's Report – John Reid

1. AAPT-CPS web site is working and stable.
2. John distributed the webmaster's log/report and requested missing minutes of the conference meeting.
3. John suggested presenting the certificates to students at the end of their talks. He also suggested taking pictures during the conference for the website.

Old Business

1. Board members discussed how to reach out to more regional physics teacher. The mailing list on the website needs to be updated. Stephen volunteered to update the list and set up a “Google.doc” for the mailing.
2. Greg suggested preparing poster template for Mini-Meetings.
3. Mike volunteered to prepare a list of potential speakers for Mini-Meetings.
4. Greg reported that Chris Shope is interested in Webmaster position at some time.
5. Preparing a blog or a bulletin board on the website for people seeking for adjunct teaching position is discussed.

New Business

Lynn proposed some changes to ByLaws. Board members accepted the proposal and thanked Lynn for putting her time and energy on the proposal.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mehmet Goksu

Vice President, AAPT-CPS