

CPS-AAPT Fall Executive Committee Meeting
October 24th, 2003
York College

The fall executive meeting of the Central Pennsylvania Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers was held at York College on Saturday October 24th, 2003. Present at the meeting were John Dooley (President), Sally Koutsoliotas (Vice-President), Sardari Khanna (Treasurer), Jane Flood (Section Representative), Dave McCachren (High School Representative), and David Richards (Two-year college representative and pro-tem secretary). The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

The minutes of the spring 2003 Executive Committee Meeting were read and accepted.

Jane explained that David Wolfe's website will be the primary site for all CPS-AAPT information. There will be a link to Frank Donahue's site on the main page of David's site. Jane stated that there are certain things that the national AAPT require on local section's websites. She will check on these and communicate them to David Wolfe. All info for CPS-AAPT should be linked off of David Wolfe's site.

Sardari reported that there is a balance of \$5,005.07 (\$2,133.69-checking, \$1,524.36-CD₁, \$1,347.02-CD₂).

David McCachren reported a very nice turn out for the PTRA workshop held Friday October 23rd, 2003 at York College (18 participants). David M. will write a brief description of the workshop and send it to John for inclusion in the December mailing. The next PTRA workshop will be at Bucknell University on March 26, 2004 from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm and will focus on Physlets / Applets. Prentice Hall will provide free books to each participant. Sally will secure a room with appropriate number of computers and check into providing lunch for the participants. PTRA workshop cost will be \$6 per hour = \$36. John suggested that we publicize the PTRA workshops better (i.e. advertise in local newspapers).

Jane presented notes from the summer National AAPT meeting in Madison, WI. There is an international program titled "The World Year of Physics 2005" that is being formed. We discussed the possibility of promoting this theme during the York meeting in 2005. More information will be forthcoming. An up-to-date constitution needs to be posted to the CPS-AAPT website (last version was officially updated on 4/84 – official changes were approved April 2000 but never made to the official document). It was agreed that the changes will be reflected in an updated Constitution – it should be noted that changes were made in April 2000 and an editorial review was done in 2003 (no changes were made during the editorial review).

Sally discussed her current efforts to obtain funds from Bucknell to help support the cost of the spring meeting. Nobel laureate Leon Lederman will be the guest speaker. The committee recommended that he arrive on Thursday March 25th. Dr. Lederman will present his public lecture at 8:00 on Friday March 26th. Sally will try to get a local

congressman to introduce him. Students involved with SPS at Bucknell University offered to bunk any students that would like to attend the conference. Sally will send John a brief paragraph describing this offer so that it may be included within the first mailing in December. Banquette costs have yet to be determined. The \$6 membership fee will remain unchanged for the 2004 meeting. Cost for registration will be determined after Sally determines cost of expenses. Sally suggested that the general meeting should take place on Saturday morning instead of Friday before the banquette. It was agreed that a continental breakfast will be served at 8:00 am and the general meeting will start at 8:30am on Saturday March 27th.

Sally will call the vendors to find out how much time they will need. Parallel sessions may be offered to give vendors more time to showcase their equipment. John agreed to send Sally the list of vendors that attended the Millersville meeting last spring.

It was decided that all registration checks should be sent to Sally at Bucknell so that she has an idea of the number of participants.

Don Stouch, a high school teacher in the Allentown area school district, will be contacted and asked if he would like to give an invited talk on the work he and his students have done with NASA (travel / expense costs should be covered from our existing funds). Jane agreed to contact Don.

The high school and section representative positions are up for election this year. Mention of this will be included in the December mailing. Nov. 21st is the deadline for getting all information to John for this mailing.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Richards
Pro-Tem Secretary, CPS-AAPT