

# Minutes for AAPT-CPS Executive Committee Session

## Messiah College, Spring 2015 Conference

### March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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#### Call to Order

An executive committee meeting of the AAPT-CPS was held on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Messiah College. It began at 12:30pm and was presided over by Mehmet Goksu, President, with Nicholas Truncale as Secretary taking minutes.

#### Attendees

Executive Board members in attendance were Mehmet Goksu, Abaz Kryemadhi, Nicholas Truncale, Sadari Khanna, Dave McCachren, Michael Gallis, Gregory Dolise, Stephen Van Hook, Chris Shope

Guests in attendance: Kelly Krieble

#### Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous executive committee meeting at Millersville University on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 was made by Abaz Kryemadhi. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

#### Officers' Reports

President's Report was presented by Mehmet Goksu

Thanked Abaz and Messiah College for hosting the annual spring conference

Thanked Nicholas for serving as the new secretary for 2015-2016

Thanked Chris for serving as the new web master for 2015-2017

Thanked Kelly and Moravian College for agreeing to host the Spring 2016 AAPT-CPS conference

Treasurer's Report was presented by Sadari Khanna

The total amount of funds in the account were \$3836.13 for the current year

The total amount of funds withdrawn were \$2003.52 for the current year

The total of the account balance is \$1832.61 but will be \$900 less due to PTRAs Dave McCachren

Sadari excused himself for the remainder of the meeting due to a family emergency

Two Year College's Report was presented by Gregory Dolise

Submitted in writing, summary:

Frustration with new 14+1 schedule at HACC causing extreme loss in class instruction time

Science Olympiad students are scoring better due to the removal of the guessing penalty

High school teacher email issue is getting better

Enrollments at two-year schools are down at HACC and other schools

Section Representative's Report was presented by Michael Gallis

#### Section Rep and National APPT member voting issue

There is an issue with the section representative to the national organization. In some cases, the section representative may be elected by a non-national AAPT member. This may be illegal because AAPT is incorporated. So you would have a non-national AAPT member voting for a representative to the national organization. This is not necessarily a problem for our section but other sections are larger and more active. So you could have a case where a large block of votes in a section are coming from non-national members. The AAPT is working on a solution. One solution may be to move to geographical representatives instead of section

representatives. It was also mentioned that 20% of sections are inactive. Having geographical representatives could result in a cost savings but since the AAPT is not in the red, this may not be looked at as a serious solution. He will find out more at the summer meeting with action to be taken at the next winter meeting.

It was asked what the AAPT-CPS would lose if the section representative was eliminated:  
There would be little effect on us. We would still get the usual AAPT benefits like member lists, etc.

Mike Gallis - Educational Outreach Committee  
Elected at the winter 15 national meeting

High School Representative's Report was presented by Dave McCachren

Spring 2015 PTRAs workshop was successful. There were 12 participants with 6 newcomers. It was clarified how the PTRAs fund receives money from workshop participants. The participants pay the fee to AAPT-CPS and then the section writes a check to the PTRAs fund. So the section breaks even, they are just the middle man. Typically the institution takes care of logistics and lunch and the participants cover the \$75 workshop fee.

Mehmet commented that our section is very active with PTRAs workshops twice a year.

Mike asked if SE PA section does PTRAs? We are unsure.

Mehmet asked if the attendance is at a comfortable rate? Dave said there is no pressure and that they run workshops with any number of participants. They've ran workshops with as little as 3 participants.

Past President's Report was presented by Stephen Van Hook

Stephen asked Abaz is they should continue using google documents for the master email list. Abaz commented that the google list is the most up to date email list with about 400 names. Only about 20 bounce back as undeliverable. The yahoo list was brought up as obsolete and not in use. The list needs to be updated because at least the group email is in use for communications between executive members. Chris mentioned that a Gmail account would group list members by zip code which could be useful for mini meetings. The Facebook page should be used and updated regularly or we should kill it.

## **Announcements**

### Future Meetings:

Fall 2015 Executive Committee Meeting and PTRAs Workshop – University of Scranton  
Spring 2016 Conference and PTRAs Workshop – Moravian College

## **Adjournment**

Mehmet moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 1:24pm.

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Secretary  
AAPT-CPS

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Date of Approval