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Minutes of the AAPT- CPS Spring General Business Meeting
Penn State University, University Park, PA
Saturday, March 24, 2012

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESENT:

Lynn Aldrich, Gregory Dolise, Michael Doncheski, Michael Gallis, Sardari Khanna, Dave McCachren, John Reid, and Stephen Van Hook.

MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ABSENT:

Mehmet Goksu

MINUTES:

President Michael Gallis called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

I. Welcome

Mike welcomed all members of AAPT-CPS to the General Business meeting. Mike thanked Steve Van Hook for hosting the Annual Spring Meeting and General Business meeting.

II. Review Minutes

Due to unavoidable absence of the Section's secretary, minutes were not available for review; minutes will be approved at the next General Business Meeting to be held in Spring 2013 at Millersville University.

III. President's report (Mike Gallis)

Mike had nothing to report other than the contents of the other Officers' reports.

IV. Treasurer's financial report and membership report (Dari Khanna)

Dari updated us on the details of the budget. The starting balance prior to the Spring 2011 meeting was \$5042.27. The balance after the Spring 2011 meeting and after the Fall PTRAs Workshop and Executive Committee Meeting was \$5231.07. There is currently **\$1400.90 in the checking account and \$3876.90 in the section's certificate of deposit. (Can someone verify these amounts? They don't add up.)**

V. Vice President's Report (Steve Van Hook)

The conference is going well.

VI. Section Representative's report (Lynn Aldrich)

At the Summer 2011 AAPT National section rep meeting, discussions included:

- The need to reach physics teachers in rural areas
- Section recruitment techniques to counteract the dropping membership numbers
- The Associate Membership was discontinued in favor of full membership with discounted dues if the member chooses to receive the journals electronically

At the Winter 2012 AAPT National section rep meeting, discussion included:

- Speakers bureau available for section meeting (not necessary due to excellent PTRA team in our section)
- Our section is one of the few contributing to the PTRA fund as we are one of the only sections offering PTRTA workshops
- AAPT will continue to provide materials for section meetings, but will create a checklist to send only specified documents to a section and will most likely request a “voluntary” contribution to assist with mailing costs
- National meetings are not losing as much money as in the recent past, but beginning in Winter 2014, the Winter National meeting will consist of a one day workshop + three day meeting; Summer meeting format will remain two day workshop + three day meeting

Future meeting schedule:

- 2012 Summer National meeting: University of Pennsylvania; dorm rooms will be available
- 2013 Winter National meeting: New Orleans
- 2014 Summer National meeting: Portland
- 2014 Winter National meeting: Orlando
- 2015 Summer National meeting: University of Minnesota

Mini-meetings:

Lynn continued to discuss the mini-meeting concept and the first successful such meeting recently held at Misericordia. She was joined in the discussion by Greg Dolise. This is an excellent opportunity to make connections with local physicists, high school teachers as well as other physicists and the interested community at large. These meetings will be listed on the AAPT-CPS website along with the annual meeting and the PTRTA workshops.

VII. Two-year College Representative's report (Gregory Dolise)

Greg submitted a written report to the section. Highlights include:

- Consider serving as a local Physics Olympiad site
- Funding cuts are affecting two-year colleges: local school districts are supposed to fund their community college, covering 1/3rd of the tuition for local students, but school districts are stopping that funding.
- Link to the AAPT-CPS website on your institution’s website if possible
- CCs are beginning to face changes in class-size, an increase in the minimum size allowed and an increase in the maximum size of classes
- CC faculty are concerned about unqualified instructors teaching physics courses
- CC faculty are concerned about low quality lab and demo apparatus

- CC faculty are facing a change from 15+1 week semesters to 14+1 week semesters
- Adjunct faculty: need to have a forum for institutions to advertise need for adjuncts and for adjuncts to advertise for availability

VIII. High School Representative's report (Dave McCachren)

Dave reported that the PTRA workshop at Penn State went well, and had 6 attendees. He thanked the section for continued support. He also pointed out the he and Pat Callahan were featured in the December 2011 American Journal of Physics.

IX. Past-President's Report (Mike Doncheski)

Nothing to report.

X. Webmaster's Report (John Reid)

- The section website address is <http://www.aaptcps.org>
- The goal is to be useful and functional; please send any suitable info to the webmaster or any of the Executive Committee members.
- Please see the meetings page for Annual meeting, PTRA workshops and Mini-Meetings (past, present and future)
- Website is updated regularly, please come back often

XI. Presentation of Awards

For outstanding contributions to AAPT-CPS, President Mike Gallis presented the Distinguished Service Award to Past President Mike Doncheski (Penn State Mont Alto)

Awards for student presenters at the 2012 Annual meeting will be distributed after lunch.

XII. Old Business

No Old Business was discussed.

XIII. New Business

Election of Executive Board. President Mike Gallis presented a partial slate of candidates for the Executive Board:

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| ○ President | Steve Van Hook (PSU) |
| ○ Vice President | Mehmet Goksu (Millersville U) |
| ○ Treasurer | Sardari Khanna (York College) |
| ○ Secretary | TBD |

Lynn moved to approve the slate; Steve seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mike noted that Greg Dolise's term as 2-year College Representative was over and that

Greg agreed to serve again. Lynn nominated Greg; Steve seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Dave noted that in the past, the section gave the Executive Committee the power to appoint a Secretary when a suitable candidate put him- or herself forward. Dave moved to grant that power to the executive Committee; Dari seconded. This motion carried unanimously.

XIV. Other Business

Pat Callahan noted that the Southeast Section has had a listserve for a number of years, and that AAPT national organization would host such a listserve. This discussion was moved to the Executive Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Doncheski
On behalf of Mehmet Goksu, Secretary, CPS-AAPT