

Minutes of the Spring General Meeting of the CPS-AAPT
April 4, 2003
Millersville University, Millersville PA

The general business meeting of the Central Pennsylvania Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers was called to order at 4:40 p.m. on Friday, April 4, 2003 by President James Borgardt, Juniata College.

The minutes of the Spring 2002 General Meeting, Spring 2002 Executive Committee Meeting, Fall 2002 Executive Committee Meeting were distributed to the members present at the meeting and approved as read. A report from the Section Representative was also presented.

President James Borgardt thanked John Dooley for organizing and hosting the Spring 2002 CPS-AAPT meeting at Millersville this year and recognized the hard work it took to make it all possible.

This was followed by the Treasurer's report made by Dari Khanna. It was noted that the total CPS-AAPT funds had increased from \$3**** (as reported at the beginning of last year's Juniata meeting) to a current total of \$4624.59. This former figure does not include the proceeds from the Juniata Spring meeting, and the latter has not incorporated income and expenses from the Millersville meeting. At present, the distribution of funds of the CPS-AAPT is as follows:

\$1792.81	checking
\$1513.14	CD
\$1340.29	CD

Dari Khanna also reported that membership has remained stable at approximately 49 members.

The presentation of the Distinguished Service Award to Dave McCachren and Maxine Willis was made with great appreciation for their long-standing efforts to increase the involvement and impact of high schools to the activities of the CPS-AAPT. Their successes have been measured by the popular PTRAs workshops that have become a valuable resource for teachers, their participation in the Executive Board of the organization, and their leading role of enhancing the activities of the CPS section.

Two Year College Representative Dave Richards mentioned that the limited travel funds available to members of two year colleges may be impairing their participation in the CPS meetings. The possibility of travel supplements was then discussed.

Dave McCachren began the High School Representative's report by stating that this morning's PTRAs workshop "Exploratories and Practicums" was a great success having 10 participants. This follows on the success of the Fall PTRAs workshop at Bucknell, which had nine participants.

It was then reported that Jim Nelson of the AAPT has been awarded a National Science Foundation grant which is designed to provide support for teachers from rural areas. In particular, funding has been awarded to host week-long summer workshops over the course of three years. The Central Pennsylvania Section has been identified as a candidate rural region and is one of eleven sites participating in this program. While the other sites are attached to a single institution, the recognized success of the PTRA has placed the CPS in a leading position to explore running this program at different sites each year. In the first year, the workshop will be held at College Misericordia, followed by Dickinson College and then Juniata College. (Should a fourth year be required, it will be held at Muhlenberg College.) All enquiries should be directed to Pat Callahan and Lynn Aldrich.

Old Business

A report on the status of the CPS-AAPT mailing list, including an update of the EdNA list maintained by Jane Flood, was presented. It was reported that the list is becoming more and more complete as individual names of physics teachers and principals are replacing generic titles. John Dooley mentioned that he would pass on all information that he and his secretary had collected during the course of organizing the Spring 2003 meeting.

President James Borgardt quickly surveyed the members present to determine whether the recent method of communicating useful or relevant information via email was well received. There was a general consensus that this was a good thing and should be continued.

Discussions then turned to the possibility of resurrecting the CPS-AAPT newsletter. Dari Khanna made a strong case that a newsletter is a valuable asset to the membership, and provides a way of “giving something back to its members.” James Borgardt reported that he has been looking into other section newsletters and would like to encourage the membership to send useful information to him in preparation for the first newsletter, scheduled for Fall 2003. A call was made for contributions that either promote networking or provide a valuable resource (such as good websites, etc.) to other CPS members.

New Business

The upcoming meetings of the CPS-AAPT will occur at:

Bucknell University	(Spring 2004)
York College	(Spring 2005)
Penn College of Technology	(Spring 2006)

The possibility of running a poster session at the next Spring meeting was then discussed, with general agreement that this would help to encourage greater participation from high school students and undergraduates. The idea of offering a prize for the best high school and undergraduate poster was met with general agreement. A book was suggested as a possible prize.

The meeting then turned to the nomination and election of officers for the next year. A slight modification to the sequence of secretary, vice-president, and president was introduced to allow Dari Khanna to host the Spring 2005 meeting at York College. This will be a joint meeting with the South East Section of the AAPT.

The following slate of officers was presented:

President: John Wooley (*Millersville University*)
Vice-President: Sally Koutsoliotas (*Bucknell University*)
Secretary (pro-tem): Dave Richards (*Penn College of Technology*)
Treasurer/Membership: Dari Khanna (*York College*)
High School Rep.: Dave McCachren (*Indian Valley High School*)
Two-Year Rep.: Dave Richards (*Penn College of Technology*)
Section Rep.: Jane Flood (*Muhlenberg College*)

John Wooley moved that the nominations be closed. This was seconded and passed. The slate was approved by acclamation.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Koutsoliotas
Secretary, CPS-AAPT