

Minutes of the CPS-AAPT Spring General Business Meeting
York College of Pennsylvania, York PA
March 5th, 2005

The general business meeting of the Central Pennsylvania Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers was called to order at 10:15 a.m. on Saturday, March 5th, 2005 by President Sally Koutsoliotas. Sally began the general business meeting by presenting Jim Borgardt with the distinguished service award for his dedicated leadership of the Central Pennsylvania's Section of AAPT over the last four years.

The Minutes for the Spring 2004 General Business Meeting (Bucknell University), the Spring 2004 Executive Committee Meeting (Bucknell University), and the Fall 2004 Executive Committee Meeting (Pennsylvania College of Technology) were distributed to the members present at the meeting. David Richards moved to accept the minutes and David Schoepf seconded this motion. The minutes were accepted without opposition.

Dari Khanna presented the treasurer's report. At the present time, CPS-AAPT has \$5,053.51 in the bank. This amount does not include deductions for the conference expenses from the York College of Pennsylvania CPS-AAPT meeting.

Dari Khanna suggested that one person should handle all of the registration responses (including web registrations) in order to minimize confusion on the number of registrations. Currently, registrations sent by mail go to the host institution and the web registration goes to David Wolfe's CPS-AAPT website. Dari also suggested that registrants should also include their phone numbers with their submission.

David Schoepf suggested that we attempt to contact members via e-mail and only send two mailings out each year about the meeting, instead of three.

Kelly Krieble presented the **section representative's report** where he recapped several important items that were discussed at the national AAPT meetings in Sacramento California and in Albuquerque New Mexico. The physics education research community now has an all-electronic journal; The APS Physical Review Special Topics – Physics Education Research (ST –PER). Journal access will be free and will be supported by page charges to the authors. AAPT will co-sponsor this publication with the APS. In addition, a special PER topical group will be established within AAPT. This group will collect dues and its members will lead PER activities.

Kelly also mentioned that Alaska was granted their own section and that the AAPT national meeting in January 2006 will be held in Anchorage Alaska.

Finally, Kelly brought to the membership's attention that there was growing concern about the recent issues of Intelligent Design being discussed in schools throughout the country. It was suggested that a collective statement from the AAPT and other organizations be developed. The executive Board of AAPT formally published a statement on this issue (available at the AAPT website) back on October 16th, 1999.

Comment [DR1]: Kelly – Please send me an electronic copy of your report and I will link to it here. Thanks

David Richards reported that he has compiled the mailing list by combining six different lists from previous years; he has eliminated duplicate names / mailings, and included names and addresses of two-year college faculty in central Pennsylvania. The current list contains 860 different addresses. This list still needs to be updated, checked for accuracy, and minimized to include only central PA schools.

David McCachren (High School Representative) reported that the rural institute has continued to be a great success. This program brings together high school teachers from rural school districts in central Pa during the summer months. The participants meet at different institutions each year. This is the third year of the three year program and David does not know if there will be an extension for a fourth year. There has been approximately 118 contact hours with the rural institute participants. Judy stated that she would like to continue with the program and that she has found the institute very helpful.

Sally Koutsoliotas encouraged everyone to get more involved with CPS-AAPT and asked if there were any nominations for secretary. Dr. Abul Hasan from Penn state –York Campus was nominated by Renee Diehl from Penn State. John Dooley moved that nominations be closed and was seconded. Dr. Abul Hasan agreed to take on the position as secretary of CPS-AAPT and was accepted by acclamation as the new CPS-AAPT secretary.

Jim Borgardt mentioned that Dickinson College was still interested in hosting an upcoming meeting (possibly for 2008).

A suggestion was made that next years meeting be held in late March or early April, instead of early March. This will allow students more time to get posters and papers together.

The following slate of officers was presented:

Past President:	John Dooley (<i>Millersville University</i>)
President:	Sally Koutsoliotas (<i>Bucknell University</i>)
Vice-President:	David Richards (<i>Penn College of Technology</i>)
Secretary:	Abul Hasan (<i>Penn State – York Campus</i>)
Treasurer/Membership:	Dari Khanna (<i>York College</i>)
High School Rep.:	Dave McCachren (<i>Indian Valley High School</i>)
Two-Year Rep.:	David Richards (<i>Penn College of Technology</i>)
Section Rep.:	Kelly Kriebel (<i>Moravian College</i>)

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

Pennsylvania College of Technology	(Spring 2006)
Penn State (York Campus)	(Spring 2007)
Dickinson College?	(Spring 2008?)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Richards
Secretary, CPS-AAPT