

AAPT Central Pennsylvania Section Report

62nd Conference Report

The 62nd Annual Conference of the American Association of Physics Teachers, Central Pennsylvania Section (CPS) was held Friday March 21, and Saturday March 22, 2014 at Misericordia University, in Dallas, Pennsylvania. The conference was organized by the Acting Past President Dr. Lynn ALdrich.

On Friday Dave McCachren of Mifflin County High School in Lewistown, PA (retired) and Pat Callahan of Delaware Valley Regional High School in Frenchtown, NJ led an all day workshop entitled "Using APPS in the Physics Classroom". The workshop was part of the Physics Teachers Resource Agents (PTRA) program.

The poster session was held Friday afternoon followed by the conference reception and banquet.

The meeting welcome address was given by Thomas Botzman, Ph.D., President of Misericordia University.

Dr. Robert C. Hilborn, Associate Executive Officer of the American Association of Physics Teachers, gave the Plenary entitled "The Revised Medical College Admission Test and the Next Generation Science Standards: Implications for Science Education".

Plenary sessions were held on Saturday. There were 10 presentations, and the talks were well attended. The General Business meeting was conducted before the lunch break. After the afternoon sessions there was a presentation of award certificates to student presenters followed by the closing of the meeting.

2014 CPS Executive Board Meeting and Fall PTRA Workshop

On Friday November 14, 2014 CPS hosted another day long PTRA workshop entitled "Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics." at Millersville University of Pennsylvania. Once again, the workshop was led by Dave McCachren and Pat Callahan. The following day the CPS executive board met on campus, in part to finalize plans for the 63rd Annual Conference, which will be held Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28, 2015 at Messiah College in Mechanicsburg.

Other Activities:

Members of the CPS-AAPT manned the AAPT information table at the inaugural meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Section of the American Physical Society's Inaugural meeting held October 3-5 at Penn State University, State College, PA.

-Michael R. Gallis, CPS Section Representative