

DRAFT Minutes of the AAPT-CPS General Business Meeting  
Penn State University – Schuylkill  
Saturday, March 12, 2011

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESENT

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

The meeting was called to order at 11:32 am.

I. Welcome

1. Michael Doncheski welcomed everyone & thanked our hosts, especially Michael Gallis.

II. Minutes

1. The minutes of the 2010 General Business Meeting were approved.

III. President's Report (Michael Doncheski)

1. There was a low turnout at last year's joint meeting.
2. We did not have a nominee for Secretary position, so Executive Board had authority to find a Secretary and selected Stephen Van Hook.
3. Kip Trout resigned as president for personal reasons. After much discussion via email, the Executive Board decided to have Mike Doncheski step back in as President, and John Reid to step back in as Past President.

IV. Treasurer's Report (Dari Khanna)

1. Financial transactions for the year listed.
2. LaSalle gave us a check for \$167 – our share of that meeting.
3. We currently have a \$5042.27 balance (total of checking and a CD).
4. Dari offered to provided a tray of food for reception for the next meeting.

V. Section Representative Report (Lynn Aldrich)

1. There is a new AAPT dues structure starting 1/1/2011, effective with your renewal. For fees, you add up: online access & AIP fee (\$30), dues for your employment category (\$107 college [regular], \$62 pre-college, less if emeritus or retired – not clear what the distinction between these two is), cost of print journals you want (\$39 for AJP, \$23 for TPT). AAPT is moving towards having fewer journals printed/mailed.). College students are \$40.

2. Associate membership option is \$36 (we are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of a 3 year trial for this) if someone wants to try out AAPT but not pay the full costs – encourage your colleagues to join! Must not have been a member before.
3. AAPT is moving towards a balanced budget.
4. To keep meeting costs down, AAPT tries to hold meetings where transportation is sufficient (e.g., good airport) and hotels are not too expensive. – Su 2012 is in Philly, so CPS section should have good turnout! Universities used to be cheap places to hold conferences, but not anymore. Joint meetings cost AAPT more, so AAPT will be avoiding them in the future. AAPT encouraging people to stay in the conference hotels, since it costs AAPT a lot more if they don't make a minimum number of rooms used.
5. Consider becoming a section representative. You must attend winter meeting (business done there); nice to attend in the summer, as well. AAPT will pay reasonable amount of transportation costs and hotel (2 nights single, 3 nights if shared). Lynn will be running again but then will be stepping down after this two-year term ends in 2013.
6. AAPT is considering going to a single meeting – please give Lynn feedback on this (email: laldrich@misericordia.edu).

#### VI. High School Representative Report (Dave McCachren)

1. PTRAs held yesterday – 9 attendees (1 college, 8 HS); most had been to a PTRAs before.
2. CPS support for PTRAs very appreciated. Our section gives more support to the PTRAs than most sections do.
3. Pat is all-time leader in terms of number of PTRAs workshops presented (most in CPS). Between Dave & Pat, in terms of dollars generated for PTRAs program, they have done more than anyone else!
4. Attendee at meeting praised the PTRAs workshops!

#### VII. Two-Year College Representative Report (Greg Dolise)

1. National organization asked Two-Year Colleges to do the Science Olympiad tests – urge others to look into doing this.
2. Please link your department / personal pages to the AAPT-CPS website.
3. EthicsPoint.com is a system for anonymously reporting violations by colleagues. Some universities are adopting this system and this is something that we should be concerned about.
4. There is a bigger push for larger/fuller classes at two-year institutions. This has the potential to prevent running upper level courses required for majors. Greg is interested in feedback from other people about this problem. (It was suggested to check what is required for students to have to hit the ground running when they arrive at a four-year college in the junior year to make a case that certain courses must be taught.)

### VIII. Past President Report (John Reid)

1. Please pick up and read the newsletter

### IX. Webmaster Report (John Reid)

1. This is our third year of the website; had two 1-year contracts, but now have gone to a 3-year contract (saved us \$60).
2. Showed features of website. Let John know of any corrections or any ideas for improvements to the website
3. One purpose of website: getting everything on one site, independent of who is president.
4. Want to do Paypal link on site for registration. Paypal might encourage more people to pay their memberships and come to meetings. Paypal would cost us 2.2% + 30 cents per transaction if we became a not-for-profit organization, which we aren't currently (and would cost us \$200 to become). Paypal would cost us 2.8% + 35 cents per transaction if not a non-profit. A sense of the group was requested and the general sense was positive (several people spoke in favor of using Paypal, none against).
5. Want to create an online membership list where people can update their own information. This could help us better keep track of membership and contact information for the mailing list.
6. Would like to add a blog or a wiki or both, but having technical problems on the site so far with creating these features.

### X. Presentation of awards

1. Awards were given to all student presenters.

### XI. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

### XII. New Business

1. Nominations: We have a volunteer for secretary: Mehmet I. Goksu, Millersville University.
2. A slate for the Executive Board was proposed was approved (note: Two-Year Representative was not up for election this year):

President: Michael Gallis

Vice-President: Stephen Van Hook

Secretary: Mehmet Goksu

Treasurer: Sadari Khanna

High School Representative: Dave McCachren

Section Representative: Lynn Aldrich

Two Year College Representative: Greg Dolise  
Web Master: John Reid

Michael Doncheski will become the Past-President

3. Fall 2011 PTRAs & Executive Board meeting will be held at Millersburg
4. Spring 2012 PTRAs & Conference will be held at Penn State – University Park on either March 2-3 or 9-10, possibly in conjunction with Western PA.
5. Spring 2013 PTRAs & Conference will be held at Millersburg
6. Becoming a Not-for-Profit entity: donations will become tax deductible (currently donations to AAPT-CPS aren't tax-deductible).
7. Treasurer (Dhari) expressed discouragement that there has been a huge decline in attendance/membership over the last 10 years. Section Representative (Lynn) expressed concerns that we've lost track of our membership and some paid members have not received mailings. Discussed possibly creating a membership coordinator as long-term position.
8. Concern was expressed that schools will be seriously cutting their conference support (e.g., travel to conferences) and that could hurt future attendance at conferences.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen J. Van Hook  
Secretary, AAPT-CPS  
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