

**Minutes of the CPS-AAPT Spring General Business Meeting**  
**Pennsylvania College of Technology, Williamsport, PA**  
**Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

The general business meeting of the Central Pennsylvania Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers was called to order at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006 by President, Sally Koutsoliotas, Bucknell University.

The minutes of the spring 2005 General Business Meeting, spring 2005 Executive Board Meeting and fall 2005 Executive Board Meeting were distributed and approved. One minor change regarding information about PTRA program in the fall 2005 Executive Board Meeting was made. The PTRA program continues to be offered in spring and fall each year.

Sally Koutsoliotas thanked Dave Richards (Vice-President) for hosting the spring 2006 CPS-AAPT meeting at Pennsylvania College of Technology, Williamsport, PA. She complimented Dave and his colleagues at Penn College for the excellent organization and hard work that made this meeting a success.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Dari Khanna. The total fund in the bank is \$4,465.40. Of this amount \$ 3,500 is in certificate of deposit (CD) and the remaining amount, \$ 965.40 is in the checking account.

This year's Distinguished Service Award was presented to Dari Khanna by the President Sally Koutsoliotas. She praised Dr. Khanna for his long and dedicated service to the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Association of Physics Teachers.

Kelly Kriebel presented the Section Representative's report. The last two meetings of the AAPT were held in Salt Lake City, Utah and Anchorage, Alaska. In a report to the Section Representative's Meeting a proposal for different format for the topical conference was presented. More poster sessions than talks was suggested. This will be presented to the council in their next meeting. Future summer 2008 meeting will be in Canada and fall 2008 meeting is planned for Greensborough, NC.

High School Representative's report was presented by Dave McCachren. He thanked the CPS-AAPT for its support of the PTRA Workshops and the Rural School Teachers Program that has ended after its three year run. The Rural Program has been a success as it has brought about lots of change in the

classroom. Unfortunately it is difficult to document progress in the classroom as desired by the funding agency, National Science Foundation (NSF) that wants to see more immediate results. The program has been more successful in New Jersey and Delaware because of short distances participants have to travel. Different suggestions were made to get more High School Teachers involved in the programs and activities of CPS-AAPT. Personal contact and invitation could be more effective and younger teachers may be more inclined to participate.

There was a discussion on the most effective way to communicate CPS-AAPT programs. It was suggested that the first mailing be done by regular mail, followed by email and then the final reminder be sent by regular mail.

The following slate of officers was presented:

President: David Richards (Penn College of Technology)  
Vice-President: Abul Hasan (Penn State York)  
Secretary:  
Treasurer Sardari Khanna (York College)  
Section Rep.: Kelly Kriebel (Moravian College)  
High School Rep.: David McCachern (Indian Valley High School)  
Two-year Rep.: David Richards (Penn College of Technology)  
Past President: Sally Koutsoliotas (Bucknell University)

The Executive Board was entrusted to find and fill the position of the Secretary at a later date. With this stipulation the nominations were accepted and approved by the general membership.

It was announced that the spring 2007 meeting will be held at Penn State York, York, PA. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Abul Hasan  
Secretary, CPS-AAPT