

**Minutes of the AAPT- CPS Spring General Business Meeting  
Lock Haven University, Lock Haven, PA  
Saturday, April 5, 2008**

**MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESENT:**

Gregory Dolise, Michael Doncheski, Abul Hasan, Sardari Khanna, Kelly Kriebel, Dave McCachren, John Reid, and Dave Richards.

**MINUTES:**

President Abul Hasan called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

**I. Welcome**

Abul welcomed all members of AAPT-CPS to the General Business meeting. John Reid introduced Dr. Keith Miller, President of Lock Haven University, who welcomed all members of AAPT-CPS to Lock Haven University. Abul thanked John Reid for hosting the Spring Conference and General Business meeting; Abul thanked Dr. Miller for the support provided by Lock Haven University.

**II. Review Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes for the March 24, 2007 meeting. (motion: Dari, second: Greg). Minutes approved.

**III. President's report (Abul Hasan)**

Abul reported on a busy year for AAPT-CPS. The Section held its 2007 Conference, General Business meeting and Spring Executive Board meeting at Penn State York, March 23-24, 2007 at Penn State York. In addition, the Spring 2007 PTRAs workshop was "Electrostatics" and the public lecture, "String Theory and Particle Physics," was presented by Miriam Cvetič, University of Pennsylvania. The Fall 2007 PTRAs workshop "Gravity and 2D Motion" was held November 3, 2007 at Penn State Mont Alto. The Fall 2007 Executive Board meeting was held November 4, 2007 at Penn State Mont Alto. The Spring 2008 PTRAs workshop "Using Vernier Logger Pro to Analyze Digital Movies" was held April 4, 2008 at Lock Haven University in conjunction with the AAPT-CPS Spring Conference.

Abul thanked Dave McCachren for presenting the PTRAs workshops.

Abul noted that David Richards, Past President of AAPT-CPS, prepared a section Newsletter and that a new Newsletter would be prepared and mailed to members each Spring.

Abul also noted that the membership of AAPT-CPS tends to be the Conference attendees; Abul suggested a membership drive to increase the membership in our Section and possibly increase attendance at the Conference. Greg Dolise has been updating the

Section membership database and has contacted all faculty at two-year colleges; this work is ongoing, and we need to contact all faculty at four-year colleges as well.

#### **IV. Treasurer's financial report and membership report (Dari Khanna)**

Dari updated us on the details of the budget. The starting balance in the checking account was \$542.94; he purchased a stamp (to endorse checks) for use by the Treasurer for \$35; the registration, membership and banquet fees collected at the 2007 PSU York meeting amounted to \$2020 and expenses for the 2007 PSU York meeting amounted to \$2755. Dari reported the "Penn State York covered the difference." The ending balance in the checking account was \$508. In addition, the Section owns a CD in the amount of \$3500; interest collected from the CD has not been included in the balances given above; the interest will be rolled over into the CD.

#### **V. Section Representative's report (Kelly Kriebel)**

Kelly distributed a packet of information, including notes from the Baltimore Meeting (January 2008), minutes from the Greensboro, NC meeting (July 2007), AAPT Space plan, and the Report from the AAPT Meetings Committee to the AAPT Executive Board and Council (January 2008).

Highlights of the information contained in the packet:

1. National Meetings:
  - a. July 2008 – Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
  - b. Feb. 2009 – Chicago (in conjunction with the American Astronomical Society)
  - c. July 2009 – Ann Arbor
  - d. Winter 2010 – Buffalo?
  - e. Later meetings – T.B.D.
2. Recent national meetings have had attendances of 800-1000; despite the large attendance, national meetings tend to lose money. Attendance at national meeting and membership in AAPT support AAPT.
3. AAPT provides a 6 month free trial membership to new members.

Mike Gallis raised a concern about transportation provided between the Summer National meeting sites and housing sites; he attended the last summer meeting, choosing to stay on campus. He also chose the on-campus meal plan provided to conference attendees. The bus schedule was very limited: 3 trips per day. The meal plan times overlapped with meeting times. Additionally he was concerned that on-campus housing would not be offered in the future, especially if the meeting site was at an off-campus location (as it was last summer). The generally lower price for on-campus housing is attractive to physicists with a limited travel budget. High housing prices could prevent some of us from attending national meeting.

## **VI. High School Representative's report (Dave McCachren)**

Dave reported that the PTRA workshop at Penn State York went well, and had 13 attendees. He reported that the PTRA workshop at Lock Haven University was excellent, and had 4 attendees. The Rural program has been extended to a 4<sup>th</sup> year and will be held at Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA.

## **VII. Two-year College Representative's report (Gregory Dolise)**

Greg has been updating the membership database for the section; he has completed the update of high school teachers and instructors at two-year colleges; work on updating instructors at four-year colleges is ongoing. His main difficulty is that some colleges do not have an up-to-date list of faculty and adjuncts on their websites; he must find an on-line schedule of courses, extract the list of physics instructors and then cross reference with college's faculty directory.

He also expressed an interest in developing lists of equipment available, physics adjunct instructors, etc., as a means of sharing resources among the smaller institutions represented in AAPT-CPS.

Finally, he reminded the members that we are now using AAPT-CPS rather than CPS-AAPT as the official acronym of the section; he asked that all members adjust their email SPAM-filters to permit email with AAPT-CPS in the SUBJ: line.

## **VIII. Presentation of Awards**

For outstanding contributions to AAPT-CPS, President Abul Hasan presented the Distinguished Service Award to Past President David Richards (Penn College)

The Excellence in High School Teaching Award was presented to Mr. Lawrence Flynt from Williamsport Area High School.

The High School Physics Student Award was presented to Andrew Strickler from Williamsport Area High School.

## **IX. Old Business**

No Old Business was discussed.

## **X. New Business**

Election of Executive Board. President Abul Hasan presented a partial slate of candidates for the Executive Board:

- President                                      John Reid (LHU)
- Vice President                                Mike Doncheski (PSU Mont Alto)
- Treasurer                                        Sardari Khanna (York College)
- Section Representative                      Kelly Kriebel (Moravian)

- High School Representative Dave McCachren (Indian Valley H. S.)
- 2 year College Representative Greg Dolise (HACC)

Abul explained that, traditionally, the person elected Secretary this meeting will host the Spring conference and General Business meeting two years from now; furthermore, the person elected Secretary this year will be nominated to the position of Vice President next year, President the following year, and finally will become Past President three years from now. Kip Trout, Penn State York, was willing to serve as Secretary; however, as Penn State York hosted the Conference in 2007, it would not be appropriate for Penn State York to host again in 2010. After some discussion, Russ Shaffer made a motion to accept the slate presented (including Kip Trout as tentative Secretary) and grant the Executive Board the power to replace Kip with an alternative Secretary should a candidate nominate him- or herself after the General Business Meeting. Lynn Aldridge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **XI. Other Business**

John Reid thanked AAPT-CPS and his colleagues and students at Lock Haven University for a successful meeting. He noted that the vendor display area would reopen at lunch time. He also noted that there would be a raffle for door prizes at the closing meeting scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on April 5, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Doncheski  
Secretary, CPS-AAPT