

CSAAPT Business Meeting November 6, 2005
Mary Baldwin College Staunton, VA

Attendance: 18
Commenced: 12:33 pm
Conducting: Rhett Herman, President

Minutes of the CSAAPT Meeting held in March 2004 at the Washington Academy of Sciences were approved.

Deonna Woolard presented the treasurers report. \$1143.12 in Checking Account. She indicated that we are remaining even. With the prizes set at \$50, that has helped maintain the balance. Currently we have a CD with .9% interest. We will be looking at instruments that will give a higher yield. A discussion was held about meeting costs. A detailed analysis will be presented at the spring meeting. It was noted that the dues had previously been raised to \$15. Those who do not attend the meetings will also be asked to contribute dues.

Discussion about recruiting High School teachers. Need to contact science supervisors in the various districts. Someone will contact Eric Rhodes, Science Coordinator for Virginia. Dues will be waived for new High School teachers.

Spring 05 Meeting will be held at the Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, VA on March 11,12. Keynote address will be given by James Trefil from George Mason University.

Fall 05 Meeting will be held at the American Center for Physics in College Park, MD. Tentative dates set for November 11,12.

It was mentioned that there will be another Capitol Science event in the spring of 2006 that will be similar to the activity in March 2004, if we are interested in participating.

Peggy Perozzo was recognized for all of her efforts in organizing a very successful meeting at Mary Baldwin College.

New Business:

Officers elected:

President: David Schaefer	Towson University
Treasurer: Deonna Woolard	Randolph-Macon College
Vice President: Eric Kearsley	High Point High School
Vice President for Communications: Rhett Herman	Radford University

(David Wright continues his term as Section Rep and Secretary.)

Best Paper Prizes Awarded:

Eric Goff -Lynchburg College	Frank R. Haig Prize for 4 Year College
Michael Pagel -The Collegiate School	John Newman Prize for High School
Paulo Garcia -Randolph Macon College	Undergraduate Research

Section Rep Report from Albuquerque AAPT Winter Meeting

1. Outline of meetings

Salt Lake City, UT	Aug 6-10	Summer 05
Anchorage, Alaska	Jan 21-25	Winter 06
Syracuse, NY	July 22-26	Summer 06
Seattle, WA	Jan 6-11	Winter 07
Greensboro, NC	July 28-Aug 1	Summer 07
Baltimore, MD	Jan 19-23	Winter 08

2. A task force has made recommendations for revitalizing AAPT national meetings. (These must still be voted on by the executive board) A few of these are listed below:
 - a. Winter Meeting: Weeks 2-4 of January near large populations of AAPT members, and rotated about the country.
 - b. Summer Meeting Weeks 3-4 of July at a University, with a strong commitment from the local physics department.
 - c. Increase the length of the summer meeting by $\frac{1}{2}$ day. (note: summer meetings are actually better attended than winter meetings by about 20%)
 - d. Reduce the length of the Winter meeting (1 day of workshops and 2 days of papers)
 - e. Encourage one or more local physics departments to provide resources for the Winter Meeting. (i.e. Baltimore). The Section Executive Board should make contacts with Departments and resources in the area of the Winter Meeting.
 - f. Encourage Regional AAPT Meetings that could be held in conjunction with APS sections and Divisions and/or NSTA. Offer grants to help sections coordinate and finance regional AAPT meetings. These funds could be used for speakers or logistical arrangements.
3. The AAPT will be reissuing, and updating a statement of the teaching of evolution and cosmology.
4. A reminder that National Executive Board Members of the AAPT can be invited to speak at Section Meetings.