

Minutes of the 2021 Business Meeting of the Appalachian Section –AAPT

Frostburg State University, Frostburg, MD

October 23, 2021

President Justin Frantz (JF) called the virtual meeting to order at 11:30 pm.

Approval of the minutes

Dennis Kuhl (DK) moved to accept the minutes from the Fall 2021 Business meeting at Ohio University. Eric Moore (EM) seconded. Misspelling of Wiest was corrected. Corrected minutes passed unanimously.

Report from Treasurer

DK reported that as of the last statement (9/30/2021) there was \$2317.63 in the checking account. No activity last year.

DK reported that he is planning to apply for a FEIN prior to opening a new checking account, but would like to check with national AAPT prior. John Stewart (JS) will check into that with the membership department at AAPT.

Future Meeting Hosts

2022 West Virginia Wesleyan College – Joseph Wiest (JW)

2023 West Virginia University – John Stewart (JS)

2024 Marietta College – Dennis Kuhl (DK)

2025 Potomac State University (to be held at Frostburg State) – Joan Vogtman (JV)

JS asked about guidelines for meeting charges. DK pointed out that we don't charge membership dues to students, high school teachers, or retirees. There is latitude for local hosts to charge for food, or not. Discussion ensued. JV described how reimbursements to hosts in the past have depleted section funds when we did not charge enough for food to cover those who did not pay.

DK asked if the section would like to have a joint meeting with the Eastern Great Lakes Section of the American Physical Society. Cost would likely be higher than normal. The discussion was generally favorable toward doing this.

Section Representative

JS reported that there are section grants available. The target is building membership. He raised the question about what happens when someone joins the section at the time they join the national AAPT. Do we get those names and email addresses? JF encouraged us to continue to add names and email addresses of physicists and physics teachers to our database. To do that, send the information to our Membership Chair, Sean McBride (SM). EM said the database was helpful for this meeting.

Report from the Two-Year College Representative

No report was given.

Report from the High School Representative

No report was given.

Report from the Membership and Recruitment Chair

No report was given.

Awards Committee

Joe Wiest (JW) reported that Tracey DeLaney (TD) was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. Congratulations Tracey!

Mark Lucas of Ohio University was nominated to join the Awards Committee. JW will invite him.

Nominations Committee

DK proposed the following slate

President – Eric Moore, Frostburg State University

VP/President Elect – Joseph Wiest, West Virginia Wesleyan University

VP for 2 Year Colleges – Joan Vogtman, Potomac State College

VP for High Schools – no candidate

DK moved to accept the nominations. EM seconded. Motion passed.

Newsletter and Webpage Committee

TD has access now. She uploaded this meeting's info. JS said we need to get a link from National AAPT to our site. He will investigate.

JF asked about the newsletter. TD replied that it is no longer kept on paper. It is on the website, but hasn't been updated since 2017. The problem is no one goes there to read it. JF will tackle this problem, possibly with a combination of the website and email.

New Business

JF recommended that EM communicate virtually with the executive committee sometime in spring or summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Kuhl, Secretary-Treasurer
Appalachian Section - AAPT