

Minutes of the 2023 Business Meeting of the Appalachian Section –AAPT

West Virginia University

November 11, 2023

President Joseph Wiest (JW) called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

Approval of the minutes

Bert Popson (BP) moved to accept the minutes from the Fall 2022 Business meeting at FWest Virginia Wesleyan College. Eric Moore (EM) seconded. Minutes passed unanimously.

Report from Treasurer

From Dennis Kuhl (DK): At last year's meeting at West Virginia Wesleyan College, including annual dues and registration fees, \$435 was collected. Reimbursement in the amount of \$325 was issued to West Virginia Wesleyan College for food expenses.

Because the Section has been using a checking account that was a personal account, at the business meeting on October 22, 2022 the Section authorized DK to seek council to help set up an organization account. On August 8, 2023, Attorney Helen Hirschi of the law firm Fields, Dehmlow, and Vessels of Marietta, OH, was consulted regarding establishing an Employer Identification Number (EIN) with the federal government for the Appalachian Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers. Attorney Hirschi lead Treasurer Kuhl through the process over the telephone and an EIN was successfully obtained. Attorney Hirschi provided this assistance *pro bono*.

With an EIN now available, the Section's former account at Truist Bank was closed and a new account with Huntington Bank was opened.

As of 11/7/2023 the Section's account with Huntington Bank had a balance of \$3168.39.

Future Meeting Hosts

2024 Marietta College, October 18-19 – Dennis Kuhl (DK)

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

2026 Ohio University – Justin Frantz (JF)

2027 Marshall University?

The possibility of approaching Tim Hamilton at Shawnee State University was discussed.

Awards Committee

No awards to be presented this year.

Section Representative

John Stewart (JS) reported that there are section grants available.

The national organization is going through some troubles. The plan is to do away with the Winter Meeting. Last year only ~400 showed out of an expected 700. There are contractual obligations to fulfill for at least one more Winter Meeting.

JS invited "new blood," if someone else would like to be Section Representative. AAPT provides travel support to the annual meeting.

If we have issues to bring to AAPT, let JS know.

Report from the Two-Year College Representative

No report was given.

Report from the High School Representative

No report was given. We still need someone for this role.

Report from the Membership and Recruitment Chair

No report was given.

Nominations Committee

President – John Stewart, West Virginia University

VP/President Elect – Dennis Kuhl, Marietta College

Secretary/Treasurer – Justin Frantz, Ohio University

Nominations Committee – Eric Moore, Frostburg State University

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

Other Business

There was some discussion of possibly reaching out to some other universities/colleges in our region area, some of these included: Davidson-Elkins, Glennville, Parkersburg Community College, Bethany, West Liberty. It was not known whether these institutions who some in the past participated have physics faculty. It could be a good thing for someone to make an effort to look into.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Kuhl, Secretary-Treasurer (with minor
addition by Justin Frantz Secretary-elect)
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