



**NEW YORK STATE SECTION  
AMERICAN PHYSICAL SOCIETY**

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
104<sup>st</sup> Semi-annual Symposium  
145<sup>th</sup> Meeting of NYSS/APS  
April 8, 2011  
Nanotech Center at the University of Albany SUNY, Albany, NY

Time: 9:00 AM

Members Present: Chair, Sunil Labroo (11); Secretary/Treasurer, Gianfranco Vidali (13);  
Executive Committee: John Noe (13); Bruce White (13); Jim Hannon (13); Erica Snow (13); Jill  
Linz (11); Stacie Nunes (13); Michael Rogers(11); David Trauernicht (11)

Members Absent: Nick Bigelow (11), Michael Kotlarchyk; (13); Michael Rogers(11); Enrique  
Galvez (11), Jay Newman (11) , George Cardoso (13), Bob Pompei (Council Observer, 2011).

Guests (newly elected Executive Committee members): Harold Hastings, Scott Heinekamp, Mike  
Wood; Carl Ventrice (local coordinator)

**1. Approval of minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting at the 2010 Fall  
Symposium at Hofstra University:**

- a. Motion to approve the minutes as amended was put forward by Harold Hastings and seconded by Jim Hannon. It is approved unanimously.

**2. Election results and introduction of new members:**

- a. Gianfranco Vidali reported the results of the election. Sunil Labroo was re-elected Chair and Bodhi Rogers was elected vice-chair. Six members were elected to the Executive Committee as members-at-large: Jay Newman, David Trauernicht, Jill Linz (all re-elected), Scott Heinekamp, Mike Wood, and Harold Hastings. The participation rate to the election was about 11%, in line with rates from other units, but slightly lower than past NYSS elections.

**3. Report of the Local Committee – Carl Ventrice:**

- a. Presently there are 133 registered attendees of which 8 retirees/high-school teachers, and 80 students; 78 banquet tickets were sold and 15 posters were submitted. Hofstra University will contribute with making the facilities available for the Symposium and subsidizing high school teachers' participation. Some of the travel costs incurred by some of the speakers will be paid with a \$1,500 grant from IBM. The main outlays are for coffee breaks, cash bar and banquet. The Symposium is expected to nearly break even.

**4. Posters – see Appendix B**

- a. Reminder of the policy: (PASSED October 15, 2004) the judging committee may award prizes (up to \$600) FOR POSTERS categories at the discretion of the

judges. Local poster judging committee: Heika Geissler, Vincent Labella, Jim Hannon, Harold Hastings.

b. Results of posters judging – **See Appendix B**

**5. Student support – Bruce White – see Appendix A**

- a. 22 students asked support (7 from Freedonia, 1 from Carnegie Mellon, 4 from Binghamton University, 4 from Canisius College, 6 from Oneonta College).
- b. Motion: up to \$100 per requesting student for deferring travel costs to attend the Symposium (see guidelines on the Web for expenses eligible for reimbursement). The student support coordinator has the discretion to reimburse a higher amount/student.

**6. Secretary/Treasurer's report – Gianfranco Vidali – see Appendix C**

- a. Assets with APS as of 1/31/2010 are \$42,164.23. This figure doesn't reflect the money left in the PayPal account (\$3,372.80) from registration for the Fall 2010 Symposium and for the Spring 2011 Symposium.

**7. Future Symposia**

- a. **Fall 2011** – Oneonta College. Topic: Water. It will be held jointly with AAPT (there will be parallel session for teachers).
- b. **Spring 2012** – SUNY Binghamton. Topic: Energy
- c. **Fall 2012** – Finger Lakes Region?

**8. Newsletter**

- a. It was agreed to publish one newsletter a year. No action was taken about setting up an Editorial Board. It was deemed sufficient that the Editor be the one that exercises discretion. A disclaimer appeared in the 2011 issue.

**9. Outreach (Jill Linz)**

- a. One proposal was received: "Phyzics is Phun," by Allen Miller, Syracuse University, requesting \$1,000; \$750 was awarded and an additional \$250 is awarded contingent to the submission by the applicant of a detailed budget and of more information on whether the signs (the cost of making them is budgeted) will have further use. The motion was moved by Bodhi Rogers and seconded by Jill Linz.
- b. Motion: The acceptance of the award requires the awardee(s)' attendance and presentation of a poster about the supported project at a future symposium within two years of the award. The awardees will still need to submit a written report. Additional financial support to enable the attendance of awardees will be given by the Section.  
Jill Linz moved and Erika Snow seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**10. Report of the Fall 2010 Symposium (Hofstra University)**

- a. See Appendix D

**11. New Business**

Sunil Labroo proposed that assignments to subcommittees require a two-year commitment.

Outreach grants: Harold Hastings (chair), Erika Snow, and Scott Heinekamp

Student support: Bruce White  
Newsletter: John Noe and Erika Snow

The issue was raised whether the Section should support travel cost of undergraduates presenting at the APS March Meeting. Sunil Labroo and Bodhi Rogers will ask at the APS Units Convocation whether this is done at other Units and how.

**12. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 pm (David Trauernicht moved, seconded by Jill Linz). It passed unanimously.**

## **Appendix A – Student Travel Support**

Ying Yi Dang - Carnegie Melon 1 student  
Amount: \$83.50

Steven Button - Binghamton University 4 students  
Amount: \$376

Scott Heinekamp (for coverage of two Wells College Students)  
Dept of Physics, Wells College  
Amount: \$200

Luke D'Imperio - Oneonta 4 students  
SUNY Oneonta  
Amount: \$247.25

William Dusch - Stony Brook 3 students  
Amount: \$198.87

Angelina Almonte - CUNY 2 students  
Amount: \$160

Michael Lanighan - 3 Students  
Canisius College  
Amount: \$314.82

Phillip Arndt Fredonia - Awaiting final numbers

## **Appendix B – Student Poster Awards**

NYSSAPS Spring 2011 Meeting Poster Session

\$100 to each student for following posters:

1 “Search for Viable Thermoelectric Materials,”  
Anthony Frachioni (Soph)  
Binghamton University

2 “Sensitive Dependence on “Conditions” in an Oscillating System: How the “Flap” of a Butterfly’s Wings Changes Outcomes,”

Scott Minchenberg (Sr), Nicole Spinelli (Sr), Keith Zauderer (Sr)  
Hofstra University

3 "The Effects of Ambient Processing Conditions on the Exciton Lifetime of Poly 3-hexylthiophene Using Femtosecond Upconversion Fluorescence Spectroscopy,"

Lindsey Klinge (Sr)  
SUNY Purchase

## Appendix C

As of 1/31/2011 with APS we had a balance of \$ 42,164.23. This figure doesn't include the liability of \$ 6,944.94 that was paid to the University of Rochester for expenses incurred in the hosting of the spring 2009 symposium, nor the \$100 for setting up the Website for the Fall 2010 Symposium. However, it includes the expenses for hosting the Spring Symposium at Union College. A year ago, the funds with APS were \$ 30,625.64. Our financial situation is better this year due to an increase of returns on investments, better control on spending for Symposia, and a decrease in outlays for outreach grants due to fewer proposals submitted.

## Appendix D

Report of the Symposium at Hofstra University, Fall 2011 – by Harold Hastings

New York State Section  
103rd Topical Symposium and Sectional Meeting

I am pleased to submit the following final report.

Meeting attendance totaled 94, including 57 students.  
We had a total of ten talks on the theme Origins: Origin of the Universe, the Solar System and Life.

Here is a summary of income and expenses:

### Accounting

#### Expenses

Meals	\$4,100.20
Event charges	\$1,039.00
Speakers	\$519.75
Total	<b>\$5,658.95</b>

#### Income

HU contrib	\$1,930.88
Reg/check	315.00
Reg/Paypal	See Banquet
Banquet- check	640.00
Banquet-Paypal	1,022.19
Reg/HU	450.00
Banquet/HU	540.00
Total	<b>\$5,425.88</b>

Charge to section \$760.88

The amount due to Hofstra is computed by taking the total expenses, less the Hofstra contribution, and less the Hofstra registration and banquet charges

Total expenses	\$5,658.95
Hofstra contribution	1,930.88
Hofstra attendance	450.00
Hofstra banquet charges	540.00
Total due Hofstra	<b>\$2,738.07</b>

A detailed accounting follows below.

APS sectional meeting budget summary

Meals		Subtotals
Exec Committee Breakfast	\$123.00	
Coffee Breaks Fri	363.10	
Banquet Dinner and Cash bar (net)	3,346.60	
Continental Breakfast Sat	307.50	
	-40.00	spouse at banquet
Subtotal		\$4,100.20
Event charges		
Event Management (AV, etc)	671.00	
Push Pins for Posters	80.00	
Program	165.00	
Signs on campus	81.00	
Name tags	42.00	
Subtotal		\$1,039.00
Speakers		
Bartusiak	378.40	
Crotts and Savin (Columbia)	141.35	
Subtotal		\$519.75
TOTAL		<b>\$5,658.95</b>
Hofstra contribution		
Event Management (AV, etc)	671.00	
General	1,000.00	
Department - Speakers	259.88	
Subtotal		\$1,930.88

	<b>Non-Hofstra</b>		<b>Hofstra</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	Checks/cash sent to APS	Paypal APS account	<b>to be netted out</b>	
Attendance				
Pre-reg at \$45	3	4	1	8
Pre-reg@35	3	11	11	25
Retired/teachers	2	1		3
Onsite at \$ 45	1			1
Students at \$ 10		1	2	3
Students - free	54			54
		See		
Total \$	\$315.00	Banquet	\$450.00	\$765.00
Banquet				
At \$ 40	10	9	9	28
At \$ 20	12	30	9	51
Total \$	\$640.00	\$1,022.19	\$540.00	\$2,209.19

Note - we gave three speakers free banquets - they are not included in above

*NOTE of the Secretary/Treasurer: the charges under "Paypal APS account" do not add up to \$1,022.10. After an investigation by Hastings and the Secretary/Treasurer, it appears that some of the attendees checked "Paypal" but did not follow through - and at the time of the meeting there was no direct access to Paypal to verify the claims.*

Attendance	54	students	free
	3	students @ \$ 10	
	25	APS Pre-reg	
	9	Others/ \$ 45	
	3	retired/teachers	
	94	total	

Respectfully submitted,  
Harold M Hastings  
November 29, 2010 – amended on April 8, 2011