

Minutes of the Ohio Section of the American Physical Society (approved)
Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the Ohio Section of the American Physical Society met on Friday, 19 October 2007, in Room 115, Culler Hall, Miami University. In attendance were Gordon Aubrecht, Mellita Caragiu, Pat Durrell, Elizabeth George, Herbert Jaeger, Bob Kaye, Dennis Kuhl, Chris Lemon, Terry Sheridan, Brad Trees, Paul Wolf, and Perry Yaney.

1. Brad Trees presided over the meeting, calling it to order at 10:10 am, and beginning with a welcome and introductions.

2. Secretary's report: Elizabeth George

Elizabeth reported on recent problems with email messages containing HTML coding not getting through to APS for distribution (these problems seem to have been fixed for now). The minutes of the Spring 2007 meeting were approved unanimously.

3. Meetings reports

Fall 2007, Miami University: Herbert Jaeger

Over 150 people are registered. There will be 42 posters, 48 talks, and 4 invited talks.

Spring 2008, Youngstown State University: Pat Durrell

The meeting will be held March 28-29, 2008. Pat had a flyer advertising the meeting and handouts with further information. The meeting will be joint with the Ohio and Western Pennsylvania Sections of AAPT. Several workshops will be given in conjunction with the AAPT sections. They have 5 confirmed invited speakers. There is a website at www.ysu.edu/osaps2008

Fall 2008, AFIT/Wright State University: Paul Wolf

The meeting will be October 10-11, 2008. It will be joint with the Southern Ohio Section of AAPT; the ACS has been invited to participate also. The topic is Frontiers in Chemical Physics. Speakers are being sought in the areas of ultrafast spectroscopy; paleoatmospheres; THz imaging; and surface chemistry or protein folding. They're also working on an after-dinner speaker (perhaps someone very well known, as a lead in to the National Academies Year of Science).

Gordon suggested checking with IEEE to see if we might bring some chemical engineers into the meeting as well.

Spring 2009, Ohio Northern University: Mellita Caragiu

Mellita reported that the dean is supportive and the facilities will be in place for this meeting, so they're planning to go ahead.

4. Local chair's final report (Eastern Michigan U.): Brad Trees for Ernie Behringer

Ernie is working on a final report, and believes that some money will be returned to OSAPS.

5. Honors and Awards: Brad Trees for Robert Hengehold

Brad reported that Bob is planning for a Maxwell award for the next meeting.

Gordon suggests it might be good to encourage other Honors and Awards committee member(s) to take a more active role so they can learn the ropes from Bob, looking toward Bob's eventual retirement from the task. Perry (and perhaps Brad) will follow up with Mike Crescimanno.

6. Membership Committee: Brad Trees for Fred Trexler

Fred's written report indicates that membership numbers have increased by 4% since last October (though there's been a slight decrease since this May).

Brad will continue the signup sheet tradition at this meeting, and will send a copy to Fred so he can track the long-term effectiveness of this recruitment effort.

7. Treasurer's Report: Brad Trees for Jeff Dyck

Jeff's written report was presented. Outreach-related spending has totaled \$2200 since the Spring 2007 meeting. Jeff is still waiting to close out the Spring 2006 and Fall 2006 meetings (as well as Spring 2007); he is in contact with the organizers of those meetings.

He has no new information about how APS is doing the abstract charges—the abstract fees from the Spring 2007 meeting haven't been charged by APS yet. We will continue our past practice of collecting fees from those who want to publish in BAPS, but need to continue to monitor the situation for new developments.

8. Councillor's Report: Paul Wolf

Paul said that there was nothing of interest to the section to report at this time.

9. Formation of Nominating Committee: Brad Trees

A nominating committee consisting of Critt Ohlemacher; Terry Sheridan, Paul Wolf, and Phil Taylor has been formed, and a call for nominations has gone out.

10. OSAPS logo selection: Mellita Caragiu

We received 13 logo submissions.

In regard to the use of the APS logo, Perry Yaney reported that Judy Franz says that it's all right for us to have a logo that doesn't include the APS logo, but then the APS logo must also be displayed. If the APS logo is used as part of our logo, our logo needs to be approved by APS (contact person is Kerry Johnson at APS).

Everyone voted, ranking their top three choices. Logos #3 and #7 attracted 7 votes, and no other attracted more than 3 votes. There was some discussion of whether and how the OSAPS abbreviation could be included in logo #7.

Mellita will send logos #3 and #7 to Kerry, get his feedback, and share it with us. The plan will be to announce the winning logo at the spring meeting

Thanks were expressed to Mellita for her work on this project.

11. Year of Science 2009: Paul Wolf

Paul reported that a check of the Year of Science website shows that there are no registered events for Ohio at this time. We should think about tying our 2009 meetings into this theme with a public speaker, for example.

12. Report: New geographic section centered in Illinois: Brad Trees

Brad reported that Chris Fasano (Monmouth College) is working to establish this new section.

The general consensus is that this seems like a good thing, and there shouldn't be a problem of overlap

with our region, though we've had some eastern Indiana involvement (e.g. meeting at Ball State) and should probably keep that connection.

13. Unit convocation: Brad Trees

The unit convocation is Saturday, Feb 23, 2008 at APS headquarters. They recommend that two members of the Executive Committee attend. Terry will check his calendar and get back to Brad. Brad will check with officers who haven't attended recently (Jeff and Elizabeth) to see if one of them would like to go.

14. Future meetings: Brad Trees

Currently we're scheduled through Fall 2009, when Ohio Wesleyan plans to host.

It was suggested that it might be time to talk to people at Ball State and/or IUPUI-Fort Wayne about hosting a meeting in eastern Indiana.

Dennis said that Marietta College is interested, maybe for Fall 2010. This could be a joint meeting with the Appalachian Section or the Southern Ohio Section of AAPT/.

For spring 2010, Critt Ohlemacher has been in contact with an organizer of the ACS regional meeting that will be at the Dayton Convention Center from 15-18 June 2010; they would be interested in our participation. They will start organizing that meeting in earnest next March, so we need to decide by then. There was general agreement that that arrangement wouldn't work well for us, as having a meeting in mid-June makes student participation difficult. Brad will follow up with Critt to communicate this.

15. Outreach (TechFest): Perry Yaney

Perry reported on the success of the Miami Valley TechFest, which OSAPS contributed to this year. All agreed that it was a worthwhile use of outreach funds.

16. Student support to attend OSAPS meetings: Brad Trees

Herbert Jaeger reported that for this meeting 8 students requested support. One (who was coming from a longer distance) was given \$150, and the others were given \$90.

Currently we specify a pool of \$1000, with individual caps of \$40/travel and \$50/lodging per student. There was general agreement about the need to look at the language of the current policy for distributing funding and make it more explicit. Perry has an application form from the 2005 meeting; it's not on the Web yet because we haven't officially approved it. Elizabeth will check old minutes to understand what our policies have been understood to be in the past, and then she and Brad will work on putting together proposed guidelines for disbursement of this money.

17. Outreach: Brad Trees

CPEP posters: We had voted to purchase sets of CPEP posters for distribution at Southern Ohio, Ohio, and Michigan AAPT section meetings. A set of 3 posters is \$25; large posters are \$25 each. Brad will request money from Jeff and purchase 6 sets of 3 posters before the spring meeting.

Jobs bulletin board: Sabine wants to pass this task on to someone else. Bob Kaye volunteered to get in touch with her and take this on.

Junior Science and Humanities Fair: we'd voted to provide an award at this fair, but Critt Ohlemacher hasn't been able to get a response from his contact there.

State Science Day: We had increased the amount available for prizes. Gordon Aubrecht expressed his appreciation for our financial and judging support. This prize has the second largest number of entries of any special prize at State Science Day.

Increasing student involvement: Chris Lemon volunteered to start a newsletter with information about future meetings, travel grants, REU sites, activities, etc. to build community among students in the section. He would plan to send it out twice a year, before the registration deadlines for spring and fall meetings. There was some discussion of the best way to send the newsletter out to student members, since we have no separate mailing list for them. One suggestion was to send it to department chairs in the region and ask them to forward it to their students. Another suggestion was to work through the Zone 7 SPS advisors. Chris will go ahead with his plans for the newsletter.

18. OSAPS Webpage: Perry Yaney

Perry reported that APS has changed the website so that the contact information for officers comes directly from the APS database, so it may not be up to date if the APS database isn't correct, and so we should all check our listings.

Perry will serve as a beta tester when APS begins allowing the direct editing of sections' webpages (the process will be to edit, then send the new version in for approval).

19. Guide for Executive Committee members: Brad Trees

Brad has an updated guide from Critt for Chair; Elizabeth has reasonably up-to-date versions for Secretary and Treasurer. She can send electronic versions of those or the Vice-Chair and Chair-Elect (which right now are just the relevant sections from the Bylaws) to anyone who wants to work on them.

Brad suggests that we all take the responsibility for keeping the sections that pertain to us up to date.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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