

Minutes, OSAPS Executive Committee Meeting  
24 October 2014

Mo Ahoujja (U of Dayton), Gordon Aubrecht (OSU Marion), Masoud Kaveh Baghbador (Cincinnati), Roy Day (John Carroll Univ.), Jeff Dyck (John Carroll Univ.), Tim Hamilton (Shawnee State Univ.), Dennis Kuhl (Marrieta College), Gabriela Popa (Ohio Univ. Zanesville), Donald Priour (Youngstown State Univ.), Cornel Rablau (Kettering Univ.), Michael Strickland (Kent State Univ.), Perry Yaney (University of Dayton), Ulrich Zurcher (Cleveland State Univ.)

Ronald Winters (Denison Univ.)

Call to order and introductions

*Gabriela Popa*

### **Business Section**

#### **Secretary's Report and Approval of the Minutes**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved. It was unanimously approved.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

*Roy Day*

Income is registration and fees from YSU, and a small amount of interest. Payments were final payments to Cincinnati. YSU returned some of the advance. We paid the speaker honoraria. Seventeen students who asked for travel support participated, which cost \$1700. Also, we supported State Science Day, and the award plaque for last meeting, and BAPS charges. The balance goes down in the second half, and it did this year.

Income has been going down slowly, 2006 was the highest amount. Interest rate is about 3% but it was much higher in the past. Correction: The figures I gave in the meeting were off the cuff and inaccurate. Looking at the figures we are getting about 3% at the moment – an annual income of about \$900 on about \$30k.

A question was asked about student travel grants. It seems they have increased. The treasurer said that student travel goes up and down. We do have a limit of \$2000. The lack of a form for the website may have contributed to the single student applying for the current meeting. The discussion suggested we should highlight the student grants.

On the meeting expenses (Day changed accounting in 2012 to what it costs OSAPS), putting payouts and income against one another. The data for the past two show that

meeting net cost is around \$3500.

Our balance is slightly down. We recently raised the meeting costs. The APS at one time had said we had too high a balance. Other sections seem to be all over the place. Some are new, some are established and huge (like the Texas Section).

It was moved and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. The vote was unanimous.

### **Chair's Report**

*Gabriela Popa*

One item came out of the convocation: corporate reform. The vote is open, with a deadline of 10 November 2014. It was suggested that the chair suggest that everyone vote for the reform.

It was moved and seconded that the Executive Committee recommend a vote in favor of the change to the OSAPS membership. Concern was expressed that leadership would pass from professional physicists to bureaucrats. These concerns have been discussed at length in the runup to the proposal. A lot will depend on the person who is hired. The Board is all physicists. At least part of the reform has to be done for legal reasons. The vote was unanimous.

The use of Section email allowance by APS was discussed to APS members who are not OSAPS members. It is apparently due to the fact that they want to reduce emails in inboxes.

We need two new members-at-large and a new vice chair. We need to name a nominating committee. Usually, the past chair serves. Rablau was willing to be a member. The chair will notify APS, which will appoint one member. We need these members to be elected before the Spring meeting.

There is a Congressional visit in early 2015, APS pays for up to three physicists to go. We need to make the deadline for naming people. Dyck, Kuhl, and Popa are willing, and the secretary is usually invited as well.

Cornel Rablau said he'd failed to take pictures at the past meeting. After a meeting, it would be nice to send a newsletter to remind folks about the two meetings.

The chair wants to follow up on getting more members from industry. Hamilton did invite one company, but they were unable to attend. There were other contacts, but late.

## **Meetings Reports**

Fall 2014 (Current) Meeting Report

Tim Hamilton (*SSU*)

SSU has 42 preregistrations, but we have locals emailing about registration. There are students from local universities coming. Total \$1561 income. Banquet costs are expected to be around \$1500. The university decided to charge for room costs, \$3000, and notified Hamilton only last month. The school has made commitments of about this amount. Hamilton complained to the dean, and hopes it will be covered locally. He expects to break even, given that the banquet is subsidized for students. There are just 13 posters, and 23 oral presentations expected.

Spring 2014 (Past) Meeting Report

Donald Priour (*YSU*)

Priour reported on the Youngstown State meeting. There were 130 registrants. The site was in a new building, Williamson Hall. There were 5 plenaries, 38 contributed talks, and 38 posters. Expenses totaled \$11,669.53 and income totaled \$13,708. The difference was returned to the Section. Net cost to the Section was just \$500. Less than half a dozen participated in the new faculty luncheon.

Spring 2015 (Next) Meeting Report

Kent State University

Strickland reported that 27-28 March 2015, QCD phase diagrams is the theme. All plenary speakers have committed. Plenaries and banquet are in the same room. A block has been reserved at the Kent Holiday Inn, and there is also an on-campus hotel. They are preparing for 150-200 attendees. The Dean of Science has already contributed \$2000 toward the meeting. Various questions pertaining to preparing for the meeting were answered by the Board.

Future Meetings Introduction

Dennis Kuhl, OSAPS Chair Elect

Kuhl said Cleveland State was planning on fall 2015 and Dayton on spring 2016 respectively. Zurcher (CSU) asked about corporate support. There is scant wisdom on the Board. Zurcher said that SPS and OS-AAPT would be part of the meeting.

Kuhl contacted Michigan State, but so far there is nothing definite. Dyck reported that they have approached Otterbein.

**Ombudsman Report**

Ronald Winters (Denison Univ.)

Winters did not attend.

What should be done? It was suggested that the position be allowed to fade away.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

Membership Committee ?

No report. No one is currently responsible. Kuhl offered to look at membership numbers.

Student Membership *Masoud Kaveh Baghbador*

Baghbador mentioned an invited speaker from industry. 38% of OSAPS membership consists of student members. There appear to be fewer student presentations at this meeting.

Honors and Awards Committee *Robert Hengehold*

Hengehold did not attend. No award is being given at this meeting.

Nominations Committee *Cornel Rablau, discussed  
under chair's report above*

APS Councilor's Report

We have named no one so far. It was moved and seconded to appoint Aubrecht. It was passed unanimously. He will report (verbal and written).

Web Master's Report *Perry Yaney*

Yaney has cleaned up the website. He is trying to make it correct and up to date. He does not currently have an old officers list.

TechFest 2014 Report and Request for Funding *Perry Yaney*

State Science Day Report *Gordon Aubrecht*

Aubrecht thanked OSAPS for its support.

### **New Business**

Priour reported that there is a new mid-Atlantic Section. They had about 400 at their inaugural meeting at Penn State. Could we cooperate?

Hamilton said that OSAPS did not extend into WV and KY, but Shawnee State contacted local departments and many physicists from those departments are going to attend.

**Closing Remarks**

*Gabriela Popa*

Popa thanked everyone for participation.

The meeting adjourned at 12:07.