

# **Amended Minutes of the Ohio Section of the American Physical Society**

## **Executive Committee**

**John Carroll University, 15 October 1993**

The Executive Committee of the Ohio Section of the American Physical Society met on Friday 15 October 1993 in Seminar Room 2 of the O'dea Student Activities Center at John Carroll University. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM by Chair Paul Hagelberg. In attendance were Lawrence Becker, Robert Boughton, Bruce Craver, Paul Dalbec, Michael Fisch, Paul Hagelberg, Robert Hengehold, Jack Kelly, Scott Lee, George Miner, Roger Rollins, Don Schuele, and Ron Winters.

### **1. Local Chair's Report, Fall 1993 - Michael Fisch**

There are 108 people registered for the meeting. About half of the registrants are students. There are 40 contributed papers which will be presented in seven sessions tomorrow morning. There were some problems with the mailing list. Some of the mail went to home addresses. Several members of the Executive Committee reported that they had received their mailings at their home. The labels had come from the National Office of the APS. It should be noted that the National and local mailing lists are mutually exclusive!

A question had come up about the exact policy for student support. What exactly should be paid for? Robert Hengehold reported that it is the policy of the OSAPS to pay for the banquet and hotel for the students. This should be put into the "hints for hosts" instructions.

### **2. Secretary's Report - Scott Lee and Bruce Craver**

Scott Lee asked for any corrections to the Spring 1993 minutes. No corrections were made and those minutes were approved as distributed.

Bruce Craver reported that the Fall 1994 meeting dates (14 & 15 October) have been approved and published by the National Office. The Spring 1994 Meeting will be held on 13 & 14 May 1994 and the Spring 1995 Meeting will be held on 12 & 13 May 1995.

Bruce has also received a letter from the National Office stating that the minutes from the Fall 1993 and Spring 1994 meetings will be published at the same time. The deadline is **3 June** at the National Office. So, there will be a big pressure on the Spring 1994 meeting to get their abstracts ready right away.

The Spring 1994 meeting announcement is due on 19 November 1993 at the National Office. Bruce needs to have these things about a week before they are due.

### **3. Treasurer Report - Ron Winters and Roger Rollins**

We have two accounts. The cash fund is in Athens. The bulk of the funds are with the APS. The APS is in disarray because of a change of computers, then an audit and now they are moving from NY to MD. Roger had trouble getting a balance from them. Now we seem to agree with the numbers from the National Office. There is about \$23,000 in an account at the APS. This account earned about 7% interest last year. The cash fund in Athens has about \$3,000. (Complete details of the exact amounts in these accounts are listed in the report disbursed by Roger and Ron at the meeting.) Roger feels that a balance of about \$20,000 would be more appropriate for our section.

The APS automatically deducts the \$40 abstract publication fee. The local chairs should send the \$40 fees directly to Roger with a check made out to OSAPS/Roger Rollins/OU. One check is better than multiple checks. Please send a breakdown of what the money in the check is for.

To get the funds for a meeting (the \$3000 + the cost of the first class mailing), send a written request to Roger. After the meeting an accounting of how the money was spent must be sent to Roger. Mike Fisch noted that the cost of the first class mailing can be substantial. For the Fall 93 meeting, he sent out 800 pieces of mail @ \$0.52 each. The costs of the luncheon of the Executive Committee comes directly from the section.

#### **4. Final Report, Spring 1993 Meeting - Jack Kelly, Kent State University**

The total attendance for the meeting was 170 and 115 people attended the banquet. There were a total of 20 gratis banquets (the invited speakers and 14 attendees for the particle physics workshop). There were a total of 67 contributed papers submitted of which 43 will be published in the *Bulletin of the American Physical Society*. The total cost of the meeting was \$8883.95 (a complete financial report was circulated by Jack).

#### **5. Local Chair's Report, Spring 1994 Meeting - Donald Schuele, Case Western Reserve University**

The invited speakers are pretty well locked in place. Two are from academia and two are from industry. The topic of the meeting is "Computers in Teaching". Steven Wolfram might come to the meeting. A demonstration will be given of a computerized classroom. Joe Prohl (professor from Mechanical Engineering at CWRU) will give the after-dinner talk. He is a former astronaut.

#### **6. Local Chair's Report, Fall 1994 Meeting - Scott Lee, University of Toledo**

The dates of the meeting will be 14 & 15 October 1994 and the topic is "The Fourth State of Matter". A list of possible invited speakers has been compiled and three have accepted our invitation so far. Scott Lee is also the Zone 7 Councilor of the Society of Physics Students and will convene a zone meeting at the same time. There will be a student demonstration contest held then. These contests are a new program of SPS and have generated a lot of student interest.

Bruce Craver pointed out that the announcement of the meeting must be submitted by 15 April 1994.

### **7. Local Chair's Report, Spring 1995 Meeting - Paul Dalbec, Youngstown State University**

The dates of the meeting will probably be 12 & 13 May 1995 and the topic will be "Astrophysics and Atomic Physics." They are currently considering the possible invited speakers. They are also considering having the meeting not actually on campus but rather at an adjoining Art facility. They will also have an AAPT meeting jointly.

### **8. Future Meetings**

Paul Hagelberg said that the Fall 1995 meeting was still open. There was a suggestion that the University of Dayton might be a logical choice. However, the two people from UD (George Miner and Bruce Craver) did not make any commitment.

Paul Scholten had called Paul Hagelberg to say that Miami University would be interested in hosting the Fall 1997 meeting. Also, Frank DeLucia from Ohio State University has told Bob Boughton that OSU would be willing to host a meeting sometime, but the date is currently unsure.

As a point of information it was noted that the Division of Nuclear Physics has scheduled its meetings as follows: 26-29 October 1994, 25-28 October 1995, and 16-19 October 1996.

### **8.5 APS Council Representative Report - Bunny Clark (not on original agenda)**

The APS is moving right now and should be done moving by 1 November. Several new phone numbers of interest are:

(201)-209-3131 - Executive Director  
(201)-209-3090 - Public Information  
(201)-209-3070 - Statistics  
(201)-209-3100 - General Information

Harry Lustig is now acting Executive Secretary.

The National Office would like to enhance the involvement of the geographical sections.

The position of Director of Education will be searched and filled.

The National Office would like to enhance the outreach of the national organization and the geographical sections. (Robert Boughton said that at the last convocation "outreach" meant into the high schools.)

## **9. Membership Committee Report - Larry Becker**

First, Larry said that Hiram might be willing to host the Spring 2000 meeting (because they are getting a new science facility).

Larry said that the National membership list has 1002 members and the local list has 809, making a total of 1811 members. (Remember that these two lists are mutually exclusive.) This is 41 more members than last time.

The Kent State University Meeting (Spring 1993) list is now available and that information has been used to update the local list. Larry's letter to local chairs will emphasize that the two lists are mutually exclusive.

Ron Winters suggested that all people on the local list should be sent a letters encouraging them to switch to the National list.

Ron Winters motioned that money be made available to the local chairs to pay for first class mailings. Scott Lee seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Larry is trying to update the local list to remove names of students who have graduated. George Miner suggested that a standard form be developed to keep a record of whether a person is a student.

## **10. Honors and Awards Committee - Robert Hengehold, AFIT**

In Spring 1993 Prof. Rao of Ohio State University was awarded with the Fowler Award. (This award is for an Ohio person who has contributed substantially to the field of physics.) The Maxwell Award is given to someone for service to the society. To nominate someone for a Fowler Award, please send Bob Hengehold the following information: 1.) biographical sketch, 2.) publication list, 3.) description of impact on physics, and 4.) Ohio connection.

## **11. Old Business**

The particle chart workshop done at the Spring 1993 meeting was a success. Ted Zaleskiewicz would like to do it again next spring (at CWRU). He would like to have 20 participants. He would like to provide a \$75 stipend for each plus pay for their banquet (\$25) for a total of \$2000. Ted would also like \$500 for expenses, giving a total of \$2500. Ron Winters motioned that \$2500 be made available to Ted Zaleskiewicz and Larry Becker seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Bob Hengehold said that it would be good to develop workshops in other areas. This fits into the outreach program. Scott Lee described the UT-SPICA program and suggested it as a possibility. Bob Hengehold suggested that this would be something good to organize for the Fall 1994 meeting.

Ron Winters also suggested a workshop on the toys demonstrating physical principles. Someone pointed out that Ron Speers at BGSU-Firelands does the physics of amusement parks. Ron Winters also said that we should send letters to the principals of the high schools to commend the participants.

At the Kent State University Spring 93 meeting Larry Becker said that someone had wanted to use our mailing list to send an announcement. What should be our guidelines? Bob Hengehold said that we shouldn't give out our list for commercial purposes. Larry will check with the National Office to see what their policy is.

## **12. New Business**

Robert Hengehold asked the question about how do the local chairs divide the contributed papers into the different sections. Doing it by topic is a good approach, but it might be good to mix up the schools involved so that the audiences are mixed. Otherwise, people are just talking to other members of their research group. Mike Fisch asked if we should make a list of possible topics. Jack Kelly pointed out that the education sessions had many more people in the audience than the number of presenters.

## **13. Adjournment**

Paul Hagelberg adjourned the meeting at 11:50 AM.

Respectively submitted,

Scott A. Lee  
Section Secretary