

Minutes of the Ohio Section of the American Physical Society

Executive Committee

University of Toledo, 14 October 1994

The Executive Committee of the Ohio Section of the American Physical Society met on Friday, October 14, 1994 in the Student Union. The meeting was called to order by Chair George Miner at 10:07 AM. In attendance were Barbara Andereck, Larry Becker, Paul Dalbec, Paul Hagelberg, Bob Hengehold, Graciela Lacueva, Scott Lee, George Miner, Don Schuele, and Warren Young.

Opening Remarks by Chair George Miner

George brought up the issue of the timing of the publication of the abstracts for each meeting. The National Office has made the deadlines such that our abstracts can be published only once a year (in the July issue). George suggested that we write a letter to the National Office expressing our desire to have the abstracts published twice a year. Barbara suggested that we consider publishing the abstracts before the actual meeting, as is done for the March Meeting.

George also discussed the issue of expanding our section since we do not have enough members to maintain our status. There was discussion about trying to encourage membership by individuals in neighboring states.

1. Local Chair's Report - Scott Lee, Univ. of Toledo

All of the invited speakers have arrived except for one who is expected to arrive on Saturday. There was a problem with the after-dinner speaker; she canceled on us last week! There are 132 people registered for the meeting and 95 people are registered for the banquet. There will be 59 contributed talks. There will also be a meeting of Zone 7 of the Society of Physics Students this afternoon. Tomorrow a workshop for local high school teachers will be held all day to discuss recent advances in astronomy. As a special bonus, these teachers will build their own telescopes.

2. Secretary's Report - Scott Lee

The minutes for the Spring 1994 meeting of the Executive Committee of OSAPS were approved without modification.

3. Treasurer's Report

Neither Roger nor Ron were able to attend, they sent a report of the current financial status of the Section. The balance in the Ohio University OSAPS account was \$1,416.43 as of 30 September 1994. The balance in the OSAPS account at the National Office of the APS was \$22,918.00 as of 30 June 1994.

4. Final Report, Spring 1994 Meeting - Don Schuele, CWRU

The total number of registered members was 71 with 12 retired members. There 50 students in attendance and 3 non-members. Nineteen area teachers attended the strangeness workshop. There were 80 people in attendance at the banquet. There were 53 contributed papers of which 36 were published in the *Bulletin of the American Physical Society*. The total cost of the meeting was \$10,242.83.

5. Local Chair's Report, Spring 1995 Meeting - Paul Dalbec, Youngstown State Univ.

The dates of the meeting are 12 & 13 May 1995 and the theme is atomic physics and astrophysics. The invited speakers for atomic physics are Daniel J. Heinzen of the University of Texas and Robert Jones of the University of Virginia and the invited speakers for astrophysics are Adolf Witt of the University of Toledo and James Kaler of the University of Illinois. There might be a local physics alliance. The joint meeting with AAPT did not work out. The reception will be held at the Art Facility and the banquet will be held at the Wick Park Inn. The after-dinner show will be a planetarium show. They will soon be assigning jobs to other faculty members.

6. Local Chair's Report, Fall 1995 Meeting - Bob Hengehold, AFIT and Perry Yaney, UD

The dates of the meeting will be 6 & 7 October 1995 and the meeting will be held at the University of Dayton. The topic will be applied electro-optics. They will try to get invited speakers to discuss topics such as integrated optics and imaging. The after-dinner speaker has not been chosen yet.

7. Local Chair's Report, Spring 1996 Meeting

John Wilkens is the local chair and he was not able to attend the Executive Committee meeting. The dates and topic for the meeting should be chosen very soon.

8. Future Meetings

Miami University will host the Fall 1997 meeting and Ball State University will host the Spring 1998 meeting. This leaves Fall 1996 and Spring 1997 still open. The discussion involved which universities should be asked to host a meeting. Bowling Green, Akron, Oberlin and Wright State were mentioned as possibilities.

9. Membership Committee - Larry Becker, Hiram and Graciela Lacueva, John Carroll U.

The local mailing list now has 523 names. The previous list (which contained 820 names) was pared down by the returned first class mail from the Spring 1994 meeting. Our national list now has 1,054 names (which is up from 961). The total for the two lists is 1577. In order to retain our section status we must have 3% of the total APS membership

and we are now at about 2.25%. Larry sent a mailing on 18 May 1994 to everyone on the local list to encourage them to move over to the national list (by checking the appropriate box on their national dues). We also discussed whether or not such a mailing should be sent out every 3 years. Graciela said that we should encourage the OSAPS members to encourage their colleagues to become members. Barbara suggested that we do this more broadly geographically and include the surrounding area (western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, and the lower peninsula of Michigan. George suggested that perhaps he should write a letter to encourage more people to join. Paul made such a motion and Scott seconded. It passed unanimously.

Larry passed out two forms: 1.) report of attendees at most recent meeting and 2.) the advance registration form. Larry pointed out several errors in the advance registration form sent out for the current meeting. We also discussed whether or not non-members of the APS should be charged at an additional \$5.00 to attend a meeting. The answer was yes!

11. Honors and Awards Committee - Bob Hengehold, AFIT

Cy Rutledge will receive the Maxwell Award for Distinguish Service to the OSAPS tonight.

12. Old Business

Paul said that Bunny said that we should write a letter to Judy Franz about additional sections. George said that we might have joint meetings with AAPT in other states.

13. New Business

George brought up the possibility of having a particle workshop at the Fall 1995 meeting to be held at UD. Paul made a motion that we support 20 local teachers with \$75 each plus \$500 for the speakers of the workshop (for a total of \$2500). Scott seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

Bunny Clark suggests that we limit her term as section representative to end in May, 1996. Barbara made that motion and Paul seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,

Scott A. Lee
Associate Secretary