

Minutes of the Ohio Section of the American Physical Society

Executive Committee

Youngstown State University, 12 May 1995

The Executive Committee of the Ohio Section of the American Physical Society met on Friday, 12 May 1995 in Buckeye Room 3 of the Kilcawle Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair George Miner at 10:04 AM. In attendance were Barbara Andereck, Bruce Craver, Paul Dalbec, Paul Hagelberg, Graciela Lacueva, Scott Lee, George Miner, Barrett Ripin, Roger Rollins, Don Schuele, and Perry Yaney.

Opening Remarks - George Miner

George had everyone introduce themselves, primarily to welcome Barrett Ripin, Associate Executive Officer of the American Physical Society, to our meeting. George also announced that Larry Becker is ill and won't be able to attend the meeting.

1. Local Chair's Report - Paul Dalbec

Everything is in order for the program. Sixty-five people are expected to attend the meeting, including 18 students. Two students (from Indiana University) requested funding to attend the meeting. There will be 37 contributed papers given in 4 parallel sessions. Some letters were returned; the mailing list should be modified appropriately.

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

The minutes for the Fall 1994 Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Ohio Section of the American Physical Society were approved as sent. The dates for the next two meetings have been approved by the National Office: 6 & 7 October 1995 for the Fall 1995 Meeting at the University of Dayton (organized with the Air Force Institute of Technology) and 12 & 13 April 1996 for the Spring 1996 Meeting at Ohio State University. The deadline for the announcement of the Fall 1995 Meeting is 2 June 1995.

The abstracts from this meeting (Spring 1995) are due in the National Office by 22 May 1995. This is the deadline for including these abstracts in Transactions A of the *Bulletin of the American Physical Society*. Bruce suggested that Paul send the abstracts directly to the National Office. Bruce will give Paul the correct forms to do this.

Barrie Ripin said that the officers will be published in the Membership Directory this fall.

3. Treasurer's Report - Roger Rollins

There was a discrepancy last spring in our finances since the National Office had more money in our account than we had. The cause for the discrepancy is that they didn't deduct the support for the meeting until after the meeting had actually occurred. We are

spending down the balance of account slowly. We have dropped from \$27k to about \$25k. We cannot keep spending down the account forever. The recent "spend-down" has been accomplished by sponsoring local primary and secondary teacher workshops.

The support provided for each meeting is as follows: 1.) \$3,000, 2.) the cost of two first class mailings, 3.) the luncheon for the Executive Committee, and 4.) expenses for students presenting papers. The student support usually covers the cost of their hotel room plus the banquet. It is expected that the student will travel with her/his advisor and so the student will not have any expenses associated with the travel itself.

The National Office would like a final report for the money spent at each meeting. Finally, the reimbursement to the Section from the national dues has gone from \$4 to \$5.

4. Final Report, Fall 1994 Meeting - Scott Lee

The total attendance at the meeting was 155 with 95 attending the banquet. In addition to the five invited papers, there were 59 contributed papers, 47 of which will be published in the *Bulletin of the American Physical Society*. An astronomy workshop was co-sponsored by the Ohio Section of the American Physical Society and the University of Toledo Support Program for Instructional Competence in Astronomy. Twenty-one local primary and secondary teachers participated in this workshop. The total cost of the Fall 1994 Meeting was \$8,436.23. This figure includes \$953.45 of OSAPS support for the astronomy workshop. Eleven attendees paid their OSAPS dues at the meeting.

5. Local Chair's Report, Fall 1995 - Perry Yaney

Perry passed out a program listing of the meeting. All the space is reserved for the meeting and the after-dinner speaker is great. Two sources of extra support have been found so far: Systems Research Lab will contribute \$500 and the local chapter of Sigma Xi will also provide support. A workshop on particle physics (to be run by Ted Zaleskiewicz) had been planned for this meeting. However, a space problem on campus has meant that the workshop cannot be held at this meeting. Perry recommended that the workshop be held at the Spring 1996 meeting. Perry would like address labels for all APS members in Ohio and surrounding areas. George asked if there would be an SPS component to the meeting. Perry said yes, provided George helped with that.

6. Local Chair's Report, Spring 1996 - John Wilkins

John is not present and no information is available about the meeting.

7. Future Meetings

The Fall 1997 meeting will be held at Miami University and the Spring 1998 meeting will be held at Ball State University. The Fall 1996 and Spring 1997 meetings are still open; George has not been able to get anyone to say "yes" to either of those two meetings. Bob Boughton at Bowling Green State University says that they might host one of those

two, but he has not made a commitment. Barb Andereck says that von Meerwall might agree to host a meeting at Akron University. Roger Rollins says that Ohio University might be willing to host a meeting. Paul Hagelberg wondered if Battelle might be interested in hosting a meeting. Barrie Ripin said that the Industrial Forum of the APS might provide a way of connecting with industry in the state. George Miner has sent a letter to neighboring states to see if some institution would like to host a meeting.

8. Membership Committee - Graciela Lacueva

Graciela reported that the national list for OSAPS showed that we have 1,011 members and that our local list has an additional 512 members. Barrie Ripin reported that the most recent national list only shows 986 members which is less than 3% of the overall APS membership. If our membership is greater than 3%, then we are entitled to have a non-voting member on the APS Council. All units have been given four years to get above that number. We are nearing the end of that four year period, though Barrie indicated that the National Office will be lenient.

9. Honors & Awards Committee

No report

10. Nominating Committee Report - Perry Yaney

The committee consisted of Bunny Clark, Paul Hagelberg, and Perry Yaney. The slate of candidates was: Barbara Andereck for Chair, Don Schuele for Vice Chair, Scott Lee for Secretary, Bruce Craver for Associate Secretary, Roger Rollins for Treasurer and Ron Winters for Associate Treasurer. Perry nominated this slate and Paul Hagelberg seconded it. The slate passed unanimously and will be presented at the meeting this afternoon.

11. Old Business

George had the National Office send a letter to all 1582 APS members in neighboring states (Michigan, West Virginia, Indiana and the western half of Pennsylvania). In the letter, George pointed out that membership in the Ohio Section is free. Responding to this letter should automatically mean that the person will receive all information about future OSAPS meetings. Perry asked if he should send a mailing to this group of people about the Dayton meeting. Perry can make 1500 copies of a brochure for \$330 and send it by bulk mail. Paul made a motion that Perry do that and Roger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Graciela will get a list of APS members within Ohio who are not members of OSAPS. Barbara pointed out that the 2 sets of labels from the National Office should be requested separately.

12. New Business

Ted Zaleskiewicz is comfortable with moving the workshop to the Spring 1996 meeting. Paul moved that the workshop be moved and Barbara seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Perry moved that the new officers of OSAPS send letters to all department chairs in Ohio and the surrounding area inviting them to OSAPS meetings and to host a meeting. The chairs should be sent a list of all OSAPS meetings for the next five years. Paul seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

Perry also moved that at each fall meeting, the first mailing should include a sheet giving the officers, their addresses and a list of the future meetings for the next five years. Paul seconded this and it passed unanimously.

13. Communication from National Office - Barrie Ripin

First, Barrie observed that our governance is working more efficiently than several divisions. Second, the National Office is putting a lot of effort into electronic services. Eighty percent of the abstracts to the 1995 March Meeting were submitted electronically. By 1997, the National Office will phase out all paper *Bulletin of the American Physical Society* comint out before the meeting. By that time, **all** abstracts will have to be submitted electronically. The APS now has a home page on the WWW and the OSAPS could have its own home page. Shaun Poulton is the person at the National Office who could help with that. The APS Directory and APS News are on the WWW also.

A new forum has been created on Industrial and Applied Physics. It has more than 1000 members already and 300 of them have expressed an interest in leadership roles. This effort is linked to the employment problem.

There was a unit convocation in January and there will be another next year. Three people (Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer) can go.

Every member of the APS is encouraged to get one new member, as a way of building our society.

Barrie will write an article about this meeting of OSAPS and put it in APS News.

Finally, 1999 is the Centennial Year for the APS. The celebration will be held in conjunction with the March Meeting: 22 - 26 March 1999 in Atlanta, GA.

Perry asked if we can get the top 200 papers in physics issue of *Physical Review*.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 PM.

Respectively Submitted,
Scott A. Lee
Secretary