

AAPT Meeting of Members Minutes
Orlando, FL
Sunday, January 19, 2020
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1. Mel Sabella called the meeting to order at 8:34 PM. Sabella reminded members of ways to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Specific examples include: attending sessions at the WM2020 sponsored by the Committee on Diversity in Physics, visiting the AAPT page on Diversity at aapt.org/Resources/Physics-Diversity, and reading the AIP TEAM-UP report found at aip.org/diversity-initiatives.
2. Andy Gavrin made the motion to approve the meeting agenda and 2019 Meeting of Members minutes; Gordon Ramsey seconded the motion. Both were approved unanimously.
3. Blane Baker gave the Secretary's report. Baker reported the results of the fall 2019 Board of Directors Election. Members elected are: Toni Sauncy (Vice President), Tom O'Kuma (Treasurer, re-election), and Marth Lietz (At Large High School Representative). Baker also announced the members of the 2020 Nominating Committee: Dwain Desbien, Carina Rebello, Janie Head, Steve Spicklemire, and John Stewart.
4. David Sturm provided the Chair of Section Representatives report. Section representatives are focusing on discussions of how to support sections, raise the profile of AAPT, and offer certain benefits to members. Officers of the Section Representatives are: David Sturm, New England Section, Chair (WM21); Tommi Holsenbeck, Alabama Section, Vice Chair (WM21), Chair (WM23); Sam Sampere, New York Section, Secretary (WM21). Section Representatives elected to the 2021 National Nominating Committee are: Debbie Andres, New Jersey Section and David Marasco, Northern California/Northern Nevada Section.
5. Tom O'Kuma presented an operations budget summary. As of November 2019, net income was a loss of \$83,103 before considering investment activity. Long term reserves increased by 22.5% from December 31, 2018 to December 31, 2019; short term reserves increased by 3.34% over the same period. The budget for 2020 was approved by the Board.
6. Mary Mogge gave the Meetings Committee report. She mentioned their primary responsibility is to find locations for future meetings. Presently, we are on a four-year rotation cycle to ensure that meetings are held in various geographic regions of the US. The schedule of upcoming meetings includes: SM2020 Grand Rapids, MI; WM2021 Portland, OR; SM2021 Washington, DC; WM2022 New Orleans, LA; SM2024 Boston, MA. A recommendation will be submitted to the Board of Directors to hold SM2022 in Pasadena, CA.

Currently, the Committee is looking at sites for 2023 and 2025. The geographical areas considered for 2023 are Southeast for the Winter Meeting and North Central for the Summer Meeting. The geographical areas considered for 2025 are South Central for the Winter Meeting and Northwest for the Summer Meeting. If members would like to propose a site, here is link: <https://www.aapt.org/Conferences/upload/Check-List-for-National-Meetings-Final-10-21-19.pdf>

7. Beth Cunningham gave the Executive Officer EO report. Cunningham expressed appreciation to the entire AAPT staff for their diligent work. One of the areas of concern for professional societies is declining membership. The largest drop for AAPT is among high school teachers. Please encourage high school teachers to join AAPT and retain their memberships. If you have suggestions for recruiting and retaining members, please contact the AAPT Office. AAPT has new long-term agreements with AIP Publishing to publish the *American Journal of Physics* and *The Physics Teacher*. Cunningham announced that the Laboratories Committee is the Area Committee of the Year. AAPT is launching an AAPT Books website in April to promote submissions and inquiries. Grants received during 2019 include: Research on the Integration of Computational Modeling and Algebra Based Physics to Improve Teaching and Learning of Computational Thinking - NSF 1842432; AIP Venture Partnership Fund Award to enhance the number of teachers from groups underrepresented in physics; Expanding Access to Learning Beyond the First Year Labs: ALPhA's Immersion Workshops for Faculty Development - NSF 1940925 (with ALPHA); ENERGY AND EQUITY: Changing the climate of secondary physics teaching and learning - NSF 1907950; and AIP Venture Partnership Fund Physics & Astronomy Departmental Award Pilot for STEM Equity Achievement Change (SEA Change). We are now seeking nominations for the Doc Brown Futures Award to be given to an early career physics educator who has the potential to be an AAPT leader. We are continuing to improve and enhance our Code of Conduct COC. No COC incidents were reported recently. Cunningham thanked Members for their support and participation during the past year.
8. Sabella presented the President's report. The Board has been active on various priorities including expanding the voting privileges for student members, hosting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion DEI Workshops, sharing presentations and resources beyond meetings, and developing DEI resources. Some questions that the President and the Board are considering: How can we foster structures and culture so that ideas from all members are heard? What is the right governance structure to move big ideas forward? How can we best support the strategic work of area committees? How can we get more members (early career members) active in committee and leadership efforts? AAPT is active in policy and advocacy initiatives, including three visits to Capitol Hill since July 2018 with the support of the

AIP Public Policy Team. AAPT has developed several one-pagers to express our concerns and promote various programs and bills. Additional one-pagers will be developed as we continue our efforts. Sabella expressed appreciation to Board Members Gordon Ramsey and Dan Crowe who are rotating off the Board.

There were some questions about the AAPT Meeting Exhibit Hall. What is the future of the Exhibit Hall given decreased participation? What are the financials?

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.