

AAPT Meeting of the Members  
Ballroom, Hilton Portland Downtown  
Portland, Oregon  
January 15, 2023 (8:00 PM Pacific)

Toni Sauncy (AAPT President) called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM (Pacific). Gordon Ramsey made the motion to approve the Meeting Agenda and 2022 Meeting of the Members minutes; Tom O’Kuma seconded the motion.

Members approved the Meeting Agenda and 2022 Meeting of the Members minutes.

Blane Baker (AAPT Secretary) provided a report on 2022 elections and composition of the 2023 Nominating Committee.

In 2022 the following AAPT members were elected to the Board of Directors: Gabe Spalding (Vice President), Marianna Ruggerio (At-Large High School Representative), and Blane Baker (Secretary).

The Board approved the following members for service on the 2023 Nominating Committee: Joe Kozminski (Chair), Danny Doucette, Deborah Roudebush, and David Sturm.

Tom O’Kuma (AAPT Treasurer) gave an overview of the budget. Overall, the Association is experiencing yearly deficits. (The projected 2023 deficit before investments is approximately \$1.4 million.) One of the factors contributing to the recent deficits is the rising costs of national meetings. The cost for a typical national meeting is now over \$700,000 with the audiovisual AV portion totaling about \$115,000. The market value of our investments is down about 16% from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2022. The APPT Board and staff are working diligently to reduce costs and thus the projected deficit.

Gordon Ramsey, Chair of the Meetings Planning Committee, reported that SM2023 will be held in Sacramento, WM2024 (and WM2027) will be held in New Orleans, SM2024 will be held in Boston, SM2025 (and SM2027) will be held in Washington DC, and SM2026 will be held in Pasadena. Sites for WM2025 and WM2026 are still being discussed. Overall, meeting planning is progressing well. If members would like to provide input on sites or give other feedback, please contact Gordon.

Beth Cunningham (CEO) presented a report for the members. AAPT would like to thank Pam Aycock for many years of devoted service as TPT Managing Editor and welcome Ben Lefstein as the new TPT Managing Editor. Several AAPT staff members celebrated work anniversaries in 2021-22. (The most notable one is Janet Lane who has been with AAPT for 30 years). Erwin Campbell was promoted to Chief Information Officer CIO, and Jerri Anderson was promoted to Senior Marketing Manager.

AAPT membership continues to decline, particularly among high school teachers. From 2018 to 2022 AAPT membership among high school teachers dropped by over 500. The Board is working closely with the K12 Task Force to identify ways to make meetings more attractive to high school teachers and possibly recruit more members.

The lease for the American Center for Physics (Washington, DC) ACP-DC was signed in September; however, AAPT headquarters will remain in Maryland. The DC office will provide collaborative and meeting space for AAPT as part of a partnership between AIP, APS, and AAPT.

AAPT hosted their first in-person meeting (SM2022, Grand Rapids) since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. A refresh of ComPADRE is nearly complete. With support from AAPT, the US Physics Team earned 3 Gold and 2 Silver medals. In September 2022 AAPT signed a joint statement on "[Sustainable Systems for Quality Teaching](#)" in response to the K-12 teacher shortage and best ways to solve this problem. AAPT continues to seek grant support. The Organization for Physics in Two Year Colleges (OPTYCs) NSF grant supports TYC physics faculty in a variety of ways including professional development, networking, and DEI initiatives.

AAPT recently onboarded 6 new physics and astronomy departments as part of the Physics and Astronomy SEA change pilot program.

AAPT is remembering the following members who passed in 2022: Alex Dickison, Robert Beck Clark, Donald Lawrence Strandburg, Marles Lee (Mac) McCurdy

Cunningham expressed thanks to all members for their dedication and support of AAPT.

Saucy expressed appreciation to members for their support and tireless efforts and summarized several accomplishments. Over the past year or so, AAPT has developed new mission and vision statements, a new strategic plan, and improvements to our DEI initiatives. The Board has focused on working on developing strategic goals and initiatives. Some of our challenges include rising costs of meetings, decreasing membership, and smaller numbers of folks attending meetings.

Saucy encouraged folks to nominate their colleagues for awards.

Saucy and Cunningham took questions from the membership. One member asked if the meeting space at ACP-DC was needed by AAPT. Cunningham responded that the space is not needed by AAPT, but AAPT was able to secure the space at a very modest cost. AIP has taken the initiative in securing the ACP-DC site and funding most of the expense.

The Meeting of Members adjourned at 8:57 PM (Pacific).