

AAPT Meeting of Members Minutes
Virtual Meeting
Sunday, January 10, 2021

1. Chandralekha Singh called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM (Eastern) and welcomed everyone.
2. Sabella made the motion to approve the meeting agenda and 2020 Meeting of Members minutes; O'Kuma seconded the motion. Both were approved unanimously.
3. Blane Baker gave the Secretary's report. Baker reported the results of the fall 2020 Board of Directors Election: Duane Merrell was elected as Vice President, Blane Baker was re-elected as Secretary, and Krista Wood was elected as At Large Two-Year College Representative. Baker also announced the members of the 2021 Nominating Committee: Janie Head (Chair), Emma Smith, Debbie Andres, Dimitri Dounas-Frazer, and David Marasco.
4. David Sturm provided the Chair of Section Representatives report. As Vice Chair Tommi Holsenbeck will assume the duties of Chair and David Sturm will become Past Chair after WM2021. Sam Sampere was elected as Vice Chair and Mario Belloni was elected as Secretary. Debbie Andres and David Marasco were elected as 2022 National Nominating Committee Members. WM2022 Section Representative Nominating Committee is composed of Brad Ambrose, Vince Kuo, Brian Pyper, Kendra Sibbernsen, and Tetyana Antimirova.
5. Tom O'Kuma presented an operations budget summary. Income is slightly lower than the budget, expenses are higher than the budget, a small year-end operations loss is anticipated, and next year's budget may have a small deficit. As of November 30, 2020, our long-term reserves have increased by 10.1% over the past 11 months. Short-term reserves have increased by 1.99% over the same period. The budget for 2022 was approved by the Board.
6. Mary Mogge gave the Meetings Committee report. SM2021 is scheduled for July 31-August 4 in Washington DC, and WM2022 is scheduled for January 8-11 in New Orleans. Other future meetings include: SM2022 in Grand Rapids, MI; WM2023 in Portland, OR; SM2023 in Pasadena, CA; WM 2024 in Sacramento, CA; and SM2024 in Boston, MA. The Committee is recommending that AAPT adopt criteria for meetings (beginning in 2025 and beyond) as outlined here: <https://www.aps.org/publications/apsnews/202011/police-conduct.cfm>. 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 presented the Executive Officer EO report. Cunningham expressed deep appreciation to the AAPT staff for their outstanding work during a difficult year. WM2020 was an outstanding success, but shortly thereafter the COVID-19 pandemic led to AAPT staff working from home beginning on March 17. ACP began allowing 25% occupancy in September 2020. AAPT responded to the pandemic in various ways including sending weekly teaching resources to members and hosting Virtual Coffee Hours. AAPT staff also developed budgets based on three scenarios to account for changes in how meetings are administered during the COVID-19 pandemic. AAPT received three major grants in 2020 and offered its first virtual national meeting in summer 2020. Several workshops and conferences were moved to virtual environments to accommodate COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines. No Code of Conduct incidents were reported during WM2020; two incidents were reported during SM2020. Both incidents were addressed and resolved. EO continues to participate in workshops and events conducted by Societies Consortium on Sexual Harassment in STEMM. EO noted the passing of several AAPT members: Curtis Hieggelke, Carl Curtis Duzen, Lillian McDermott, Charlie Reno, and Uri Haber-Schaim. AAPT Area Committees of year in 2020 were Diversity in Physics and Physics in Two-Year Colleges. EO thanked all AAPT members for their support and contributions to the organization.

8. Singh presented the President's report. Singh reviewed the Strategic Plan and encouraged members to consider: How can we foster ways 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, especially early career members active in committee and leadership efforts? Singh highlighted efforts of the AAPT Board: expanding voting privileges for student members, advocating for science and science education on Capitol Hill, improving accessibility at meetings and beyond, enhancing DEI initiatives, and beginning to study AAPT's carbon footprint. Singh expressed thanks to AAPT members, EO, AEO, AAPT staff, and the Board of Directors. Singh recognized the contributions of Mel Sabella, David Sturm, and Arlisa Richardson who are rotating off the Board.

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Blane Baker
AAPT Secretary