



Message from your president:

Greetings, AAPT members. In my first message to you, I'd like to introduce myself. I am a professor of physics at Loyola University Chicago, where I have been for 36 years. In the past two years, I have served on the AAPT Board of Directors as Vice President and President-elect. From 2007-2010, I served as the At Large Four Year College Representative. My membership in AAPT has been for 45 years and I became a Life Member a decade ago. AAPT has helped me throughout my career by giving me ideas and inspiration for the classroom and curriculum, as well as establishing valuable friendships and collaborations. More information can be found at: <http://www.aapt.org/aboutaapt/GordonRamseyPresident2018.cfm>

As your president, I will periodically inform you about what your Board of Directors and AAPT Staff are doing to move physics education forward. In addition, this serves as a reminder as to what is presently available to you as a member of AAPT.

Your Board of Directors is working on defining an action plan to support strategic issues in moving physics education forward. Part of this is to provide the membership with additional guidance and materials to enhance your effectiveness in the classroom. Our web site is in the process of an overhaul to make it easier to navigate and obtain the information you need. The Board is discussing ways to increase diversity in physics education. And as always, we keep close attention to our financial stability. Our organization is financially strong and fiscally sound.

As a reminder of some things that are available to you: The ComPADRE web site has a wealth of information <https://www.compadre.org/>, including resources at every level. In addition, the Physical Sciences Resource Center <https://psrc.aapt.org/> is continually adding resources for your use. Lessons on various physics subjects are available for K-12 at <http://www.aapt.org/K12/All-lessons.cfm>. Furthermore, the Speakers Bureau http://aapt.org/Resources/speakers_bureau-landing.cfm is active if you are looking for speakers in many topics for your school or local venue. Finally, remember to mark the AAPT Summer Meeting on your calendar. We will meet in Washington DC at the Renaissance Hotel from July 28-August 1, 2018. See the link at: <http://www.aapt.org/Conferences/sm2018/>.

We would like you to encourage your colleagues to join both the national and your local section of AAPT. As you know, there are many benefits to belonging in the national AAPT that are not available to the section-only members. In addition, I encourage you to be involved in outreach to K-12 schools, the general public and museums. We hope that you become involved in spreading the excitement of physics to others. Please contact me if you have any suggestions on we can do to move AAPT forward.

Best, Gordon