

Annual Report to the  
**WISCONSIN SECTION of the AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICS TEACHERS**  
Annual meeting at UW-River Falls – River Falls, WI - October 30, 2010  
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My AAPT activities since the October 2009 WAPT meeting at UW-Whitewater:

- **Feb. 2010:** Attended the AAPT winter meeting in Washington DC. Attended the Section Officers' Exchange, the Section Representatives meeting, two Program-Planning meetings
- **July 2010:** Attended and presented a paper at the AAPT summer meeting in Portland Oregon. Attended the Section Officers' Exchange, the Section Representatives meeting, and two Program Planning meetings.

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### AAPT Membership

Established in 1930, AAPT is the world's leading organization for physics educators.

With more than 11,000 members in 30 countries, AAPT provides teachers with many opportunities for professional development, networking, and student enrichment.

There are currently 47 local sections of AAPT around North America.

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Here is a list of **Core Values** in AAPT's 17 May 2010 draft of its *Strategic Plan 2010*:

As a member-driven volunteer organization, the AAPT is guided by and committed to the following:

- Promoting excellence in physics education by supporting AAPT members and reaching out to all teachers of physics in their efforts to provide an effective physics learning experience for all students at all levels and in all teaching and learning environments—in the classroom, in the laboratory, and in public settings.
- Publishing exemplary journals (*American Journal of Physics* and *The Physics Teacher*) and providing other physics teaching resources that adhere to the highest standards in content, pedagogy, and technology.
- Providing and supporting quality professional development for physics teachers at all levels through meetings, topical conferences and workshops.
- Supporting and disseminating research into how students learn physics.
- Ensuring excellence in physics instruction by promoting research-based education of future teachers of physics at all levels, elementary through graduate.
- Advocating for physics education at local, state, and national levels.
- Keeping aware of the main issues facing the physics world and of the overreaching questions to be tackled by the physics community, and providing a forum for discussion of these issues at National Meetings.

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AAPT encourages physics teachers to consider the following opportunities to play a bigger role in the physics community and to enhance their careers:

- [Become a member of AAPT](#) – includes journal subscriptions and discounts on meetings and teaching resources
- Become a member of [your local section](#)
- [Volunteer your time](#)
- [Participate in Online discussions](#)
- [Serve on a Committee](#)
- [Nominate a Colleague for an Award](#)
- [Write for AAPT Journals](#)

See the first page of the AAPT website [www.aapt.org](http://www.aapt.org) for links to more information on the above underlined topics

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### FUTURE NATIONAL MEETINGS

**2011 Winter Meeting**  
January 8-12, 2011  
Jacksonville, FL

**2011 Summer Meeting**  
July 30 – August 3, 2011  
Omaha, NE

**2012 Winter Meeting**  
February 4-8, 2012  
Ontario, CA

**2012 Summer Meeting**  
July 28 – August 1, 2012  
Philadelphia, PA

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## The AAPT Associate Membership

This new *Associate Membership* opportunity is for section members who have never joined AAPT and for former members whose membership lapsed before December 31, 2006. This offer should be especially attractive to pre-college teachers who teach courses in several disciplines and adjunct faculty members who feel they cannot afford the cost of a full membership.

### New Special Offer for Section Members

- **Associate Members** with a dues rate of \$36 per year (\$0.10 per day)
- Sections receive a \$9.00 incentive grant for every Associate Member that joins from their section.
- Associate Membership will be in effect for at least three years on a trial basis.

### Associate Member Benefits

1. Article Packs of 42 articles from AJP or TPT per year—both current and back issues
2. Electronic table of contents for each issue of TPT and AJP
3. Physics Today magazine by paper and electronically
4. AAPT e-NNOUNCER and special e-mailings
5. Discounts for: • registration at AAPT semi-annual meetings • purchases at AAPT Store
6. AAPT Annual Review by paper and electronically
7. Access to a password-protected AAPT site containing
  - Podcasts of selected AAPT meeting plenary and other sessions
  - Podcasts of interest to physics teachers
8. Participation opportunities:
  - in iWEB community activities
  - in AAPT Area Committee listservs
  - in AAPT Area Committees
9. Reduction of 50% on semi-annual meeting registration to members who upgrade to full within the first year.
10. Increased access to local section activities

Please direct all questions regarding the Associate Membership to the AAPT Membership Department at [membership@aapt.org](mailto:membership@aapt.org) or 301-209-3333. **See also:** <http://www.aapt.org/Membership/joining.cfm>

### AAPT AREA COMMITTEES

There is a continuing need for new members of the 19 area committees.

If you are interested in serving on one of the committees, I will be happy to nominate you for your choice of committee. You can nominate yourself using the nomination form available at:

<http://www.aapt.org/aboutaapt/nominationform.cfm>

*Area Committees deal with the following areas of interest to the membership:*

- Apparatus • Educational Technologies • the History and Philosophy of Physics • Laboratories
- Physics in Pre-High School Education • Physics in Undergraduate Education • Professional Concerns
- Science Education for the Public • the Interests of Senior Physicists • Space Science and Astronomy
- Graduate Education • International Education • Minorities in Physics • Physics in High Schools
- Physics in Two-Year Colleges • Research in Physics Education • Women in Physics • Teacher Preparation
- Special Projects and Philanthropy

See: <http://www.aapt.org/Directory/index.cfm> for a list of current members of the committees and for mission statements for the committees.

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To download a poster on “The Top Ten Reasons Why You Should Take Physics” go to:

<http://www.aapt.org/resources/>

For a video to inspire physics majors to pursue careers in teaching, go to:

<http://phystec.org/video/video-teachphysics.php>

Respectfully submitted,

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