

Wisconsin Section, American Association of Physics Teachers
Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting
October 27, 2012, at UW – Platteville, Platteville, WI

After a wonderful and fun morning talk/poster session, we all headed to the business lunch meeting. The UW-P folks were checking badges to make sure everyone had paid for their lunch. The NGSS lunch discussion was starting in another room...

Meeting Start Time: 12:55 pm (which is actually a few minutes late). President Brad Hinaus presiding. His first order of business was to thank the UW-P folks for a job well-done in bringing WAPT to UW – Platteville. These thanks, of course, go to all of the people working behind the scenes, as well. Loud clapping acknowledged their excellent work!

1. Minutes of the last meeting (October 29th, 2011) – Erik Hendrickson

Motion to accept the minutes as distributed (on yellow paper) was made by Jim Madsen, seconded by Matt Vonk. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

2. Treasurer's Report for 2010-11 – Erik Hendrickson

Please see the full text, including a nice graph, of Erik's Report (which was distributed on green paper), but a few items were highlighted...

A. It was reported that our 1-yr CD earned \$21.33 last year. Expenses were described briefly, including the costs of last year's meeting.

B. It was noted that we remembered to put the "first timers" awards on the registration page this year, since we do have the funds to try to entice new people to attend. Remember, the idea is to include the "1st timer" awards on the meeting registration page that offers \$50 awards to the first 10 people who register for their first WAPT meeting ever and for the first 3 people who register who are from a two year college. For people who are driving to the meeting and need lodging, the awards are \$50. For local attendees, the award covers the cost of the meeting (dues, lunch, etc.). Make sure to invite new people from your schools to attend and sign up for these perks!

C. Motion to accept the printed treasurer's report as distributed was made by Steve Sahyun, seconded by Paul Nevins. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

3. Section Representative's Report – Jim Mallmann

Please see the full text of Jim's Report (which was distributed on dark green paper with colorful printing), but he highlighted a few items...

A. Jim pointed out that the AAPT is looking for all of us to encourage new members to join (and for each of us to join, as well!). They would really like to create more connections between local and national issues.

B. Jim noted that the Winter AAPT Meeting is in New Orleans, and the Summer Meeting is in Portland, OR. Just to plan ahead, the following Winter Meeting (2013) is in New Orleans and the Summer 2013 meeting is in Portland, OR.

C. He reminded us that if anyone would like to serve on any of the national committees, he could nominate you. The National Office would like to get more members involved at the national level. Remember, even if you are not a member of a national committee, you can be a friend of a national committee (you still attend the meetings, get emails about the happenings, etc.).

D. Jim mentioned that he is always available via email to answer any of your questions about AAPT.

E. Motion to accept the report was made by Matt Evans, seconded by Erik Hendrickson. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

F. Motion to acknowledge/congratulate Jim Mallmann for winning the Homer L. Dodge Award (presented at the New Orleans meeting) was made by Matt Evans, seconded by Erik Hendrickson. Motion passed unanimously by thunderous clapping.

4. High School Representative's Report – Matt Evans (in place of Gary Baier, who is at the NGSS discussion)

Please see the full text of Gary's Report (which was distributed on light green paper)

A. Encourage new teachers to use ementoring.aapt.org!

B. Please get involved in the NGSS discussion with your colleagues once you head home. They are chatting about the implications as we speak...

C. Motion to accept the report was made by Brad Hinaus, seconded by Erik Hendrickson. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

5. Two-Year College Representative's Report – Cary Woodward

Again, please see Cary's full written report (which was distributed on gray paper), what follows are his highlights...

A. Technical colleges are seeing a demand for an increase in the number of student contact hours for instructors. This is raising some concerns. Please chat with Cary about this situation, especially if it is affecting you.

B. The UW-Colleges are deadlocked on student contact hours, as well. The new "flex" degrees and dual enrollment (which are very preliminary) are making the conversation very confusing. Cary is trying to stay on top of all of the changes and implications.

C. Enrollments for education majors are way down. This should be a cause for concern.

D. Motion to accept the report was made by Matt Evans, seconded by Erik Hendrickson. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

6. Committee Reports

a) Awards Committee – Paul Nevins

There were no nominations this year.

If you think there's someone deserving of a WAPT award, make sure to share this information with any member of the Awards Committee at any time throughout the year. We continue to look for and to recognize excellence in the Wisconsin physics education community

Remember, there are also national AAPT awards out there. Think about nominating WAPT members for these, as well.

b) Publications/Promotions Committee – Jim Madsen

Nothing to report. Remember, we now have a Facebook page (please post things!). Also, please pass along articles/videos that you usually share with your local colleague to Matt Evans, and he'll include them in a "nearly" monthly Newsletter.

c) Workshops Committee – Phil Young

There were lots of excellent workshops this year and all were fairly well attended! Hooray!! Many wonderful discussions were had. Lots of clapping!! Start thinking of workshop ideas for next year!

One thing to consider: How do we get more mixture of high school and college instructors at each workshop?

These conversations would be welcome! Do we need a new format for workshops? Please give Phil or Matt or Brad feedback on this issue.

7. Old Business

a) None

8. Future Meeting Sites

2013: UW – Eau Claire (Matt Evans) It's been over 10 years and we should have a new student union to show off.

2014: Marquette (Melissa Vigil) Confirmed! Invite the Illinois folks...

2015: UW – La Crosse (Seth King) Try to run a joint meeting with MAAPT again?

2016: UW – Oshkosh (Mark Lattery) Thanks!

Beyond? Start thinking of this possibility for your school...

9. New Business

A. Webmaster Position? – Matt Evans

Our license for the website is up for renewal. Erik Hendrickson made a motion and Matt Vonk seconded it: Name Matt Evans as the WAPT Webmaster and pay the 5-year renewal fee for the website name. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Another suggestion from last year: Erik has sent out a welcoming e-mail to the department chairs of each of the colleges/universities in the state prior to the last few meetings. He will continue to reach out to this group to encourage more college professors and graduate students to attend.

B. Summer Meeting? – Matt Evans

A discussion ensued regarding how to increase participation and conversations at WAPT.

One suggestion was to have a summer meeting, as well as the usual fall meeting. Most of the high school teachers in attendance seemed to like the fall meeting better than a summer meeting (of course, they are here).

Another suggestion: Add Friday afternoon talks? It was mentioned that this makes it difficult to schedule rooms and lab to host the talks.

Another suggestion: Create one talk session that is geared toward a more high school audience, but then make sure not to have a high school themed workshop at the same date/time. This seems like it is a good suggestion for future meeting planners to consider, although it would depend upon the nature of the talks and workshops that people volunteer to present.

C. Timing of meetings?

The late October date came up in discussion again.. Would moving the meeting one week earlier or one week later each October (since it has usually been the last weekend of October recently) make a difference? There are just so many variables (Halloween, sports, etc.). Of course, one issue is that the people who are discussing this issue are the ones who could actually make it! But the consensus of the group seemed to be to leave it on the last Friday/Saturday of October for now.

D. Preparation of a "Fact Sheet" – Mark Lattery and Paul Nevins

After a discussion at a previous WAPT meeting, they produced a one-page "fact sheet" that could be shared with the public using some AIP statistics. It was handed out on a white sheet of paper. One thing to note: Fewer than 50% of high school physics teachers actually have a physics degree. We need to figure out how to

reach these folks and how to help them, all the while figuring out a way to increase this percentage to a more reasonable level.

10. Elections (Otherwise known as the railroading portion of the meeting!)

Awards Committee

(Past President - one-year term; High School Rep. - two-year term; College Rep. - two-year term)

Past-President: Brad Hinaus

He was elected by a voice vote after being nominated by Matt Evans and seconded by Jim Madsen.

College Rep.: Nathan Miller 2012-2014

He was elected by a voice vote after being nominated by Aaron Steffens and seconded by Lowell McCann.

High School Rep.: Paul Nevins 2011-2013

Workshops Committee

(President Elect - one-year term; High School Rep. - three-year term; College Rep. - three-year term)

High School Rep.: Tim Pasche 2012-2015

He was elected by a voice vote after being nominated by Matt Evans and seconded by Paul Nevins.

College Rep.: Mark Lattery 2012-2015

He was elected by a voice vote after being nominated by Brad Hinaus and seconded by Phil Young.

High School Rep.: Rick Cole 2011-2014

College Rep.: Brad Hinaus 2011-2014

Publications/Promotions Committee

(Chair - three-year term; High School Rep. - three-year term; College Rep. three-year term)

High School Rep.: Oakley Moser 2012-2015

He was elected by a voice vote after being nominated by Matt Evans and seconded by Paul Nevins.

College Rep.: Melissa Vigil 2012-2015

He was elected by a voice vote after being nominated by Erik Hendrickson and seconded by Jim Madsen.

High School Rep.: Larry Stookey 2011-2014

College Rep.: Mark Lattery 2011-2014

Chair: Jim Madsen 2010-2013

Officers

Secretary/Treasurer (3-year term): Erik Hendrickson 2010-2013 – no need for election at this time

Two-Year College Representative (2-year term): Cary Woodward 2011-2013 – no need for election at this time

Elections:

High School Representative (2-year term): Gary Baier 2012-2014

He was elected by a voice vote after being nominated by Phil Young and seconded by Paul Nevins.

Section Representative (3-year term): Jim Mallmann 2012-2015

He was elected by a voice vote after being nominated by Matt Evans and seconded by Roger Hanke.

Vice President, Program Chair, Workshops Committee Chair (1-year term): Matt Evans

He was elected by a voice vote after being nominated by Paul Nevins and seconded by Brad Hinaus. A loud uproar of clapping ensued! Thank you, in advance, Matt & Erik & UW – EC!! See you next year!

President (1-year term): Phil Young

He was elected by an incredibly loud voice vote & much clapping after being nominated by Brad Hinaus and seconded by Matt Evans.

11. Closing Remarks & Adjournment

The following motion was made by Steve Sahyun and seconded by Matt Vonk:

A big **THANK YOU** to
Phil Young & UW – Stevens Point
for an absolutely
WONDERFUL MEETING!!!

The motion unanimously passed, as I could attest from the thunderously loud clapping of hands and pounding on the tables!

The following motion was made by Matt Evans and seconded by Erik Hendrickson:

A big “**Thank You!**” to Brad Hinaus for running such an efficient Business Meeting!

This motion unanimously passed, as well.

!!!See everyone at UW – Eau Claire next year!!!

The meeting ended at 1:56 pm. Several of the remaining members chatted for a while and wished everyone a safe trip home, while Matt once again had lots of stuff to clean up...

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Hendrickson
Secretary/Treasurer