

Wisconsin Section, American Association of Physics Teachers
Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting
October 26, 2013, at UW – Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI

After a wonderful and fun morning talk/poster session and wrapping up the Cray talk/video, we all headed to the business lunch meeting. The AP Physics lunch discussion was going on in another room...

Meeting Start Time: 12:30 pm (which is actually quite a few minutes late). President Phil Young presiding. His first order of business was to thank the UWEC folks for a job well-done in bringing WAPT to UW – Eau Claire. 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 27th, 2012) – Erik Hendrickson

Motion to accept the minutes (on yellow paper) as corrected (there was a typo on page 3) was made by Matt Evans, seconded by Jim Madsen. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

2. Treasurer's Report for 2011-12 – 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 \$13.20 last year. Expenses were described briefly, including the costs of last year's meeting.

B. It was noted that we once again 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 Lowell McCann, seconded by Melissa Vigil. 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 gold 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 Orlando, FL, and the Summer Meeting is in Minneapolis, MN (this is close enough that many of us should get involved). Just to plan ahead, the following Winter Meeting (2015) is in San Diego, CA, and the Summer 2015 meeting is at the University of Maryland.

C. He reminded us that if anyone would like to serve on any of the national committees (there are 18 different "area" 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 Mike, seconded by Jim Madsen. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

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

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

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

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

C. There will once again be a 2-week summer course at UWRF for high school teachers. Think about attending or encouraging colleagues to attend.

D. Motion to accept the report was made by Lowell McCann, seconded by Brad Hinaus. 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 blue paper), what follows are his highlights...

A. Main issue: Non-traditional teaching modes. This includes "Flex Option" programs and concurrent enrollment programs.

B. More high school teachers are wanting to teach the 2-year college courses as concurrent enrollments, but many of them do not have the requisite physics background, so they are being turned down. The 4-year schools should be aware of what this may imply, regarding the transfer students they may eventually see.

- C. Enrollments for physics students has remained stable. This is mainly due to collaborative engineering programs.
- D. Motion to accept the report was made by Lowell McCann, seconded by Melissa Vigil. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

6. Committee Reports

a) Awards Committee – Matt Evans (in place of Paul Nevins, who was not present)

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 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 colleagues to Matt Evans, and he'll include them in a "nearly" monthly Newsletter. Thanks to Matt for sending these out!!

c) Workshops Committee – Matt Evans

There were five excellent workshops this year and all were well attended! Hooray!! People were excited to attend the workshops and 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 of a mixture of high school and college instructors at each workshop? These conversations would be welcome! Are the timings of the parallel sessions working for people? Do we need a new format for workshops? Please give Melissa or Matt feedback on this issue.

7. Old Business

a) Meeting Format

Do we want to continue the "Friday night and all-day Saturday" format? Most people seemed to be in favor of continuing this format. One suggestion: Is there a way to create a talk schedule that coordinates the talks with the workshops? In other words, if there were talks that were aimed at high school teachers, can we schedule these when there are not high school-emphasis workshops going on? Something for future organizers to consider...

8. Future Meeting Sites

2014: Marquette (Melissa Vigil) She will also invite the Illinois folks...

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

2016: UW – Oshkosh (Mark Lattery) Thanks!

2017: ???

2018: ???

2019: ???

2020: UW – River Falls (they are always on the tens!)

Start thinking of the possibility of hosting at your school...

9. New Business

A. The Webmaster Position and the "nearly" monthly Newsletter – Matt Evans

Matt wanted everyone to know that he is trying for a sabbatical leave for next year. This would mean someone else would need to take over his duties as Webmaster and sending out the Newsletter. Jim Madsen volunteered to do this. Matt mentioned that the Academic Department Associate at UWEC (Ms. Sherrie Miles) would be able to offer some office support, if needed. It was also noted that if Matt does go on sabbatical, Melissa would need to chat with him about the online registration stuff...

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: Phil Young

He was elected by a voice vote after being nominated by Matt Evans and seconded by Erik Hendrickson.

High School Rep.: Paul Nevins 2013-2015

He was elected by a voice vote after being nominated by Matt Evans and seconded by Lowell McCann.

College Rep.: Nathan Miller 2012-2014

Workshops Committee

(Chair/Vice President - one-year term; High School Rep. - three-year term; College Rep. - three-year term)

High School Rep.: Rick Cole 2011-2014

College Rep.: Brad Hinaus 2011-2014

High School Rep.: Tim Pasche 2012-2015

College Rep.: Mark Lattery 2012-2015

Publications/Promotions Committee

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

Chair: Jim Madsen 2013-2016

He was elected by a voice vote after being nominated by Lowell McCann and seconded by Matt Evans.

High School Rep.: Larry Stookey 2011-2014

College Rep.: Mark Lattery 2011-2014

High School Rep.: Oakley Moser 2012-2015

College Rep.: Melissa Vigil 2012-2015

Officers

Secretary/Treasurer (3-year term): Erik Hendrickson 2013-2016

He was elected by a voice vote after being nominated by Matt Evans and seconded by Lowell McCann.

Two-Year College Representative (2-year term): Cary Woodward 2013-2015

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

Elections:

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

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

Vice President, Program Chair, Workshops Committee Chair (1-year term): Melissa Vigil

She was elected by a voice vote after being nominated by Matt Evans and seconded by Lowell McCann. A loud uproar of clapping ensued! Thank you, in advance, Melissa & Marquette!! See you next year!

President (1-year term): Matt Evans

He was elected by an incredibly boisterous voice vote & much clapping after being nominated by Erik Hendrickson and seconded by Brad Hinaus.

11. Closing Remarks & Adjournment

The following motion was made by Phil Young and seconded by Brad Hinaus:

A big **THANK YOU** to

Matt Evans & Erik Hendrickson & UWEC

for an absolutely

FANTASTIC MEETING!!!

The motion unanimously passed, as I could attest from the thunderously loud clapping of hands and stomping of feet!

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

A big "**Thank You!**" to Phil Young for running such an efficient Business Meeting!

This motion unanimously passed, as well.

!!!See everyone at Marquette University next year!!!

The meeting ended at 1:21 pm (which is 9 minutes ahead of schedule!). Everyone headed out to the afternoon talk or workshop of their choice, and it was overhead that at next year's meeting there would be pumpkin flinging (?!?!), while Matt once again realized that he still has lots of stuff to clean up...

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Hendrickson
Secretary/Treasurer