



**NEW YORK STATE SECTION
AMERICAN PHYSICAL SOCIETY**

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
119th Semi-annual Symposium
159th Meeting of NYSS/APS
November 1, 2018
SUNY - Fredonia, Fredonia NY

Members Present: Erica Simoson (Chair, 19), Gianfranco Vidali (Secretary/Treasurer, 21), Samuel Amanuel (19); Eric Cotts (21), Harold Hastings (19), Ken Podolak (Vice-chair, 19) participated by Sype

Members Absent: Abram Falk (21), Joel Giedt (21), Shashi Kanbur (19), Jenny Magnes (19), Carl Ventrice (21), Michael Rogers (19), Zachary Robinson (21), Donell Brandon Hoffman (21), Rajesh Vaddi (19).

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Erica Simoson.

1. Approval of minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting at the 2017 Spring Symposium:

The approval of the minutes was delayed because of lack of quorum.

2. Report of the Local Committee – Erica Simoson (SUNY - Fredonia):

Local Committee Report – there were just a few registrants so far; however over 20 high school students are expected to attend. The reason is the fact that the Symposium had to be organized at the last minute the organizers of the originally designated Symposium withdrew. It is commended that Erica was able to organize a very interesting Symposium on a short notice.

a. Posters – see Appendix A

- i. Reminder of the policy: (PASSED October 15, 2004 with amount revised at this meeting) the judging committee may award prizes (up to \$1,000) for posters in categories at the discretion of the judges. Gianfranco proposed to increase poster awards up to \$2,000 at the discretion of judges and for this time only. Harold seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- ii. The poster judging committee was set up. From the Executive Committee: Erica Simoson, Gianfranco Vidali and Samuel Amanuel.
- iii. Results of posters judging – **See Appendix A**

c. Student support – see Appendix B

- i. Student support.
- ii. Reminder of the policy passed at the Executive Committee Meeting, Spring 2013 **Overall student support maximum is increased to \$150 per student for travel and hotel. To encourage pre-planning, student support requests received two weeks prior to the symposium will receive full consideration for full reimbursement of expenses (double occupancy and ride sharing) pending availability of funds. Students are expected to pursue alternative sources of funding also. The total amount to be allotted per symposium for this purpose is**

\$2500. Amounts exceeding this need prior approval of the Executive Committee.

3. Secretary/Treasurer’s report

- a. Gianfranco Vidali reported that at the end of September, the date of the most recent financial report from APS, the balance was \$ 53,199.99; last year, at the same date we had a balance of \$ 52,714.53. However, Binghamton University, the site of the Spring 2018 Symposium, hadn’t yet submitted the invoice of expenses occurred in organizing the Spring Symposium. The net cost to our section should be \$ 3097.39.
- b. Dues from APS amount to \$11,236 vs, last year’s \$11,244. Currently there are 2609 NYSS members 4.71 % of APS membership) vs. 2809 (official count for 2018). We are the state section with most members after the Far West section (3046 members).

The investment income is \$ 1,424.15 for 2017.

	2017 (full year)	2016 (full year)	2015 (full year)	2014 (full year)	2013 (full year)
Total assets	\$52,714.53	\$ 57,423.09	\$54,886.25	\$52,422.60	\$46,668.91
Revenue	\$19,373.15	\$16,005.18	\$13,049.80	\$16,480.47	\$15,097.91
Expenses	\$24,081.71	\$13,468.34	\$10,661.15	\$10,651.78	\$8,453.65
Net	\$(4,708.56)	\$2,536.84	\$2,388.85	\$5,828.69	\$6,644/26

Data from APS financial statements.

- c. Preliminary figures on cost of Symposium per student attendee. The cost per student is obtained by using the cost per Symposium, excluding: students’ travel, outreach grants, poster awards; but including speakers’ travel.

Binghamton	78	\$ 40	
Union	119	\$ 40	
Buffalo	<120	\$ >46	(120 is the total number of attendees)
RPI	44	\$ 64	
Sarah Lawrence	51	\$ 44	
Vassar	16	\$200	
SUNY Fredonia	46	\$ 28	
SUNY Plattsburgh	35		
SUNY Oswego	27	\$ 35	

4. Future Symposia

There is a healthy pipeline. IBM in Spring 2019 (the physics of AI), Corning in Fall 2019, and Brockport in Spring 2020. Other possibilities to explore further are: Brookhaven National Lab and LeMoyne College.

5. Outreach Grants– Harold Hastings

Harold reported there were no requests for Outreach Grants.

6. Nominating committee

Ken Podolak, chair of the Nominating Committee (other members: Eric Cotts, Carl Ventrice and Joel Giedt.) , has a list of 5 nominees for 6 open positions at Member-at-Large, plus the

nominee for the vice-Chair. The approval of the list will be delayed by a couple of weeks in order to obtain more nominees.

7. Newsletter

The newsletter is published on-line once a year. There is a mid-January deadline to get material to Eric. This issue will have the bios of the colleagues who were nominated for the 2019 Election.

4. Other Reports

- i. There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Appendix A – Fall 2018 Student Poster Awards

Graduate Student Awards:

Dasharath Adhikari (University of Buffalo) Phase coexistence near metal-insulator transition in CuIr_2S_4 single crystals \$50

Ahmed Hussein Ali (University of Buffalo) Effect of sulfur vacancies on the transport characteristics of Bi_2S_3 nanobeam transistors \$50

Undergraduate Student Awards:

Blake Huck (Canisius College) Machine Learning for Particle Identification at Jefferson Lab \$50

Appendix B – Travel Support to Students to Attend the Fall 2018 Symposium at SUNY-Fredonia

There were no requests.

Appendix C – Report of Spring 2018 Symposium at SUNY - Binghamton

Financial Report: Spring 2018 NYSSAPS Meeting

Total Registrants: 102 + 9 (invited speakers) = 111

Students: 78

Non-students / HS Teachers / Retirees: 6

INCOME:

Registration/Banquet collected by APS (off-site)	1190.00
Binghamton University Donation	3000.00
Income Total	<u>\$4190.00</u>

EXPENSES:

Catering (includes Executive Committee breakfast and lunch)	5055.40
Rentals (Hall, vans, etc.)	517.01
Invited Speakers Support	1555.00
Parking	
Name Badges	
Program Printing	
Folders and Labels	
Audiovisuals	
Others (supplies for name badges, folders, etc.)	159.98
Expenses Total:	<u>\$7287.39</u>
Net cost to NYSSAPS	<u>\$3097.39</u>

Submitted on 11/1/2018 by Bruce White