Minutes of the OH Region Section Executive Committee Fall 2020

Date: 10/16/20

Location: Virtual (zoom)

Present: Executive Committee Members: Cynthia Aku-Leh, Chair (ISciences), Don Priour, Treasurer (YSU), Roy Day, Member-at-Large (JCU); Jay Mathews, Chair-elect (UD); Ulrich Zurcher, Secretary (CSU) Andrea Richard, Member-at-Large (MSU); Niklas Manz, Vice-chair (College of Wooster); Zifeng Yang, Member-at-Large (WSU), Krystin H. Brandenburg, student member (OU).

Not present: Mike Lisa, Fall ’20 host (OSU).

Guests: Perry Yaney, archivist (UD); Mike Crescimanno, awards committee (YSU).

Call to order 10:00 am

Section Business:

Secretary’s report and approval of minutes Ulrich Zurcher
Report was approved

Treasurer’s report Donald Priour
No change in the balance ($28,204). It is unclear whether money was spent for poster award of Ohio Science Day (virtual). Report was approved

Chair Report Cynthia Aku-Leh
(1) Section sent to National APS secretary (Jeanette Russel) regarding the boundary of APS regional section; mismatch with SPS zone regions and AAPT. All organizations are under the umbrella of AIP. Borders changed without section input.
(2) Discussed rewording of bylaws [comments by Jeanette Russel], including the name change to Eastern Great Lakes Section. Additional edits following the meeting on Google docs. Decided to leave wording of past chair unchanged. Change “his/her” to “their.”
(3) Welcome letter to chairs of IN institutions. Suggestion to host a future meeting in IN.
(4) Newsletter submitted to APS; will be posted on Engage website.

Meetings Cynthia Aku-Leh
1. Fall 2020 (OSU- Mike Lisa organizer); 5 plenary talks (high diversity of speakers); 39 contributed talks; 16 posters, and 89 registrants; call to executive committee to participate in poster session
2. Spring 2021 (JCU – Roy Day). Unanimous decision to hold meeting virtual (zoom); Topic: space Physics; after dinner speaker possibly an astronaut.
3. Fall 2021 at Mt Union
4. Spring 2022 University of Michigan at Flint
5. Fall 2022: aim for meeting in Indiana or western OH.
Standing Committees
Award Committee
Mike Crescimanno
increase Doc Brown poster award from $750 to $1,000. Approved unanimously.

Nominating Committee
Jay Mathew
Goal for Spring 2021 ballot will be more than one candidates for all openings. Ulrich Zurcher will help out Jay Mathew.

New Business
Cynthia Aku-Leh
1. Annual leadership convocation 2021 (virtual) – no limit on attendance
2. Higher involvement by executive committee on future meetings to streamline call for abstract and communication with national organization; also help with career/diversity part of meeting. Communication with AAPT/SPS.

Meeting Adjourned 11:45 am