Minutes of the OH Region Section Executive Committee Spring 2020

Date: 4/4/20

Location: Virtual (zoom)

Present: Executive Committee Members: Cynthia Aku-Leh, chair-elect (ISciences), Petru Fodor, past-Chair (CSU); Don Priour, Treasurer (YSU), Roy Day, Chair (JCU); Jay Mathews, vice-chair (UD); Ulrich Zurcher, Secretary (CSU) Andrea Richard, Member-at-Large (MSU –); Niklas Manz vice-chair-elect (College of Wooster); Zifeng Yang, member-at-large (WSU); Crew Weusnki, student member (JCU).

Guests: Perry Yaney, archivist (UD). Corneliu Rablau (Fall ’19 host, Kettering U); Mike Crescimanno, awards committee (YSU), Mike Lisa (Fall ’20 host, OSU).

Call to order 10:00 am

Section Business:

Secretary’s report and approval of minutes
Report was approved

Treasurer’s report
OSAPS account has balance $28,204 - $400 difference with APS statement; the actual balance should be closer to $31K if past cash receipts are included (Donald Priour and Roy Day will look into this with APS). Long time to receive checks from APS. Both Spring ’19 and Fall ’19 meetings were very reasonable with costs to OSAPS – could be used as a model by future hosts.
Report was approved

Chair Report
(1) Elections: Vice chair, Niklas Manz (Wooster College); Student member: Krystin Brandenburg (OU): Donald Prior (YSU) was selected by voting members of the executive committee to Treasurer.
(2) Gordon Aubrecht Award: communicated with SO-AAPT regarding the award $750/year to participants of the State Science Fair for the next three years. Most likely, the science fair will be held this year virtually.
(3) QWIP communication in Fall ’19 to late for the meeting in January ’20; will be more proactive for meeting in January ’21 at Western Michigan University.
(4) No newsletter in Spring ’20; will combine with summer ’20 newsletter.
APS Leadership meeting (formerly APS Convocation)

January ’20 in Washington, DC

Cynthya Aku-Leh
Jay Mathews
Andrea Richard

APS guarantees a return of 2.5% of account balance; awards over $600 are taxable and require 1099 form; monthly statements available on APS-Engage website; different contact for financial matters: payable-unit@aps.org; no longer accepts email requests and instead forms need to be filled out that can be emailed; for travel award, one form needs to be filled out for each student (considered as a vendor).

For meetings, non-members can register with a separate account; APS provides free of charge speakers and workshops related to careers in physics (negotiating salary, job search, research and teaching statements) - requests can be submitted online.

Kate Kirby is retiring.

Membership directory on the new APS website currently not searchable – APS promised to fix.

APS provides free help with design/printing of newsletters, flyers, posters, etc.

Response to email best if subject line kept to 41 characters.

The APS Code of Conduct needs to be displayed prominently at all meetings – could be done online or in print. Jay Mathews will look into either a poster (fabric) or banner w/ stand that will be shared among meeting hosts – perhaps there is a standard banner, we then add OSAPS logo. Currently available OSAPS logo is of poor quality – perhaps APS has better original.

APS provides storage space for files of sections/units (the unit for Early Career Scientists can serve as a model).

APS provides child-care grants – promote at meetings – must be added as line item on budget. Promote Early Career Awards – as recipients tend to be more diverse than late career – nominate as APS fellows. APS considers to have similar policy as EPS and have at least one female nominee per award.

APS has a program to get undergraduate students interested in STEM teaching. Outreach mini-grants of up to $10K available on a rolling basis.

New guide of effective undergraduate programs in physics will become available.

Meeting Report

Roy Day

Spring ’20 meeting (host Roy Day, JCU) cancelled due to COVID-19 university closures; did include NO-AAPT and SPS Zone 7; all speakers local and facilities at JCU free so no cost to sections; virtual meeting was not feasible; registration fees were returned by APS.

Fall ’19 meeting (host Cornel Rablau, Kettering). 90 OSAPS members and 3 MI AAPT members; 30 oral and 44 poster presentations; 58 participants at banquet; 5 plenary speakers (3 on Friday and 2 on Saturday); after dinner speaker from NASA; Total cost $9431; revenue $3945 and $2K from OSAPS so that net cost to Kettering $3486; abstracts of invited speakers submitted by host; informal meeting on lab experience on Saturday afternoon.

Fall ’20 meeting (host Mike Lisa, OSU). Held October 16&17 – no football game. Space for poster session and banquet in Physics Bldg; reserved 20 rooms in on-campus hotel, additional block of rooms reserved in local hotels; OSU will no charge for rooms and some support staff; expect income of $3K (APS) and banquet $3K; projected expenses $2.8K speakers and $1K coffee/bagels etc –
banquet currently quoted as $50/head – working on getting lower cost; theme: Astrophysics – strong group at OSU; discussed rough schedule with poster session Friday pm prior to banquet; box lunch not necessary for OSAPS – only if meeting joint with AAPT.

Future meetings Spring 2021 Mt Union (host Richelle Teeling-Smith) perhaps switch to Fall 2021 so that JCU could host Spring 2021 (they cannot host meeting in the fall) – Cynthia Aku-Leh will inquire; Spring 2022 UM-Flint (hosts Rajib Ganguly and Alan Grafe). Cynthia Aku-Leh and Jay Mathews will contact Xavier/OU/Cincinnati for Fall 2021 and later meetings.

Spring Elections
Total eligible 1427, total ballots cast: 212 [14.82%]
Vice Chair: Niklas Manz 107 [51%], Donald Priour 65 [31%], Joydip Ghosh [18%]
Student member: Krystin Brandenburg 143 [69%], Peter Hadchiti [31%].
Treasurer: no candidates on ballots – but several write-in candidates; The executive committee [excluding Don Priour – Treasurer] selected to appoint Don Priour [YSU] for another 1 year term as Treasurer.

Standing Committee Reports

Nominating Committee
Members are Jay Mathew, Andrea Richard (member at large), and Zifeng Yang (member at large).

Award Mike Crescimanno
Members are Mike Crescimanno (YSU), Uma Ramabadran (Kettering); replace Scott Lee (U Toledo) – Bob Henghold urges to select a new member with a “historical” vision.
Items: 1) New Awards and 2) Nominations
#1) New Awards - (Endowment to Section from Bob Brown)
   Doc Brown Young Investigator Award -
   Lecturer through to pretenure faculty
   in Great Lakes contiguous states (including Ky+Eastern Indiana)
   active research program involving students
   (ideally 1+ publication with an undergraduate coauthor and record of participation in OSAPS meetings)
   Nominated by research peers or self nominated
   $1000 award, given at Spring meeting
Doc Brown Outstanding Graduate Poster Award
   graduate student presenter
   thoroughness of understanding, depth of participation in research, and depth of participation in poster
   $100 cash award presented at each OSAPS meeting

   Doc Brown Outstanding Undergraduate Poster Award
   undergraduate student presenter
   thoroughness of understanding, depth of participation in research, and depth of participation in poster
   $100 cash award presented at each OSAPS meeting
#2) Status of award nominations (2)
#3) Status of nominations for new the awards committee member. (5)
Potential Rubric for Poster Awards
Score Sheet: by poster #, all judging items are scored from 5 (highest) to 1 (lowest)

- ELIGIBLE?
- Answers
- Technical Involvement
- Involvement
- Poster presenter total

# 0/1 Questions in work in poster Aesth ease

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Method:
(0) in advance of the meeting have announcement about the award in the meeting information sent to members.
(1) Form poster awards committee of 3-4 Senior (tenured or retired faculty) OSAPS members at/for that meeting.
(2) before poster session corporately review the judging guidelines and the ethical protocol.
(3) separate informal meetings with each selected poster presenters during poster session. The goal is to have each poster reviewed by at least two members of the poster awards committee.
(4) individual poster awards committee members rank posters they studied.
(5) poster committee meets to review rankings and perform a final vote determination for the award recipient.
(6) award presented at the banquet (by section awards committee),
(7) record the award winners name, institution and date and poster picture.

Costs: A single $100 award to student awardee, one grad and one undergrad.

New Business

Bylaws update: Perhaps name “Ohio Region” is a stumbling block to attract more APS members from MI. Will inquire with APS whether Eastern IN can join the rest of IN in the Prairie-Section that is currently much more active than 20 years ago. Discussion at Fall ’20 meeting to change to OH-MI Section.”
The duration of student members to OSAPS executive committee has been discussed in the past; does not appear to be an issue.

Meeting Adjourned 1:00 pm