

CSAAPT Business Meeting October 24, 2020

Conducting: Alex Barr, CSAAPT President. Virtual meeting commenced at 3:30 pm

Minutes of the Fall 2019 Meeting were approved

Treasurer's Report from Brett Taylor:

Income from the Fall 2019 Meeting:	\$1299.18	
Expenses from the Fall 2019 Meeting:	\$1612.33	
Wells Fargo Account Balance: Starting	\$11102.37	Ending \$10789.22

There were no prizes awarded at this Fall Meeting, and there was no registration fee. This is because this was a virtual meeting. It was also decided to defer payment of dues until next year. Brett Taylor of Radford University provided the Zoom for the meeting and the technical support.

The following were elected to office:

President: Jason Sterlace, James Madison University
Vice President: Tatsu Takeuchi, Virginia Tech
Secretary: David Wright, Tidewater Community College

Section Rep Report: The Summer 2021 meeting will be in Washington DC. We will be involved in assisting with this meeting if it is not converted to a virtual meeting. Deonna encouraged CSAAPT members to become National AAPT members. She also said that there were discussions at the AAPT meeting about the ramifications of transportation funding being reduced because of Covid 19. Deonna also indicated that she will finish her 8th and final year as Section Rep next year, and encouraged section members to consider volunteering for the Section Rep position. She indicated that it has been a terrific experience for her.

Discussion:

1. We need to find a better way of finding and inviting High School teachers to CSAAPT meetings. Elena is working on this along with other section members to expand our outreach to the High Schools. It was suggested that we find a way to coordinate with school districts instead of individual schools.
2. We discussed the possibility of having hybrid meetings in the future, to increase attendance. Also, we are looking to give a special invitation to those in the immediate vicinity of the section meeting.
3. It would be a good idea to improve communications about what is happening in neighboring sections, so that people can have the option to attend their meetings as well. We also should look at the possibility of having joint meetings with other sections, especially when we meet at a location near other sections.
4. A suggestion was made that we have publishers provide books that can be given as door prizes at the meetings. A variation on this theme was suggested at our last meeting, that we do a book exchange at the section meetings.
5. Alex suggested that we find a way to work with the Team-Up project to increase Bachelor's degrees in Physics and Astronomy for African Americans.

Future Meetings:

1. Radford University: Spring 2021. It might have to be converted to a virtual meeting.
2. Possible future meeting sites: Virginia Tech, Howard University, and Randolph-Macon College. We are also looking at the possibility of holding a future meeting at a High School.
3. We are also looking for future opportunities to hold HS Physics workshops on the Friday preceding the regular section meeting. Our previous HS workshop at VCU was a great success.

Alex Barr was commended for doing an outstanding job in his two years as President, especially in guiding us through this pandemic.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm