CSAAPT Business Meeting October 10, 2026

William and Mary

in Williamsburg, VA

Commenced: 4:45 pm

Conducting: Kent Yagi, President

Attendance at this Business Meeting: 15 in person and zero online

Secretary's Report by Jason Sterlace: The minutes from the previous meeting have been posted on https://csaapt.org since June 9, 2026.

The minutes of the April 18, 2026 meeting at University of Delaware were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report by Carl Mungan, Treasurer:

Income between 4/6/26 and 10/1/26 was $2,185. Expenses in that time totalled: $2,978.57.

Truist Account Balance: Starting Balance: $19,215.28 Ending balance: $18,421.71

The Treasurer's Report was accepted unanimously.

Section Representative Report:

- There continues to be discussion about the relationship between AAPT and the many sections, and a report will be coming out from the Task Force on this topic. The main highlight seems to be about improving communications between AAPT and the Sections. We may be asked to respond to the AAPT committee on this topic.
- AAPT Summer Meeting 2027 is in Washington DC, July 31 - August 4. Tatsu is on the AAPT Annual Meeting Programs Subcommittee (AMPs) for 2027. The AMP27 subcommittee is charged with organizing the content of the National Meetings. More information about the governance structure can be found at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1v58_pFTv-RJYhH-16vRye3FToTfCJgU7/view .
- We would like a strong Chesapeake presence at the AAPT Summer Meeting. We will be asked to come up with some kind of activity, please recall that last time (Summer 2025) our activity was an evening talk by John Mather, which was well attended and well received. CSAAPT members are asked to come up with ideas and submit them to our section.

Conference Attendance: The final registration numbers are 63 in-person (plus 2 volunteer students), 25 via Zoom, totaling 90. There were 19 attendees at the Sunday morning PICUP workshop.
Tatsu Takeuchi manages the website Indico, which was used for registration and collection of abstracts.

The Meeting Fee structure was as follows:

- Instructors/faculty of 2-year and 4-year colleges/universities, employees of institutions/organizations/companies : $45
- K-12 Instructors, Retirees, Students : $35
- 1st-time in-person attendees : $25
- Guests : $20

- There was a separate $15 registration fee for the PICUP Workshop for those who are attending it

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Attendees earned CSAAPT membership for the academic year 2026-2027 once the Meeting Fee was paid.

There was no fee for those attending online.

This meeting was hosted and sponsored by the College of William and Mary. Additional financial support is provided by:

- Department of Physics and the College of Science at Virginia Tech
- Departments of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Virginia

Future Section Meetings:

1. Spring 2027 meeting will be at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. The date is March 20, 2027.
2. Fall 2027 meeting location is unknown at this time.

Discussions:

1. The Nominating Committee presents a slate of candidates for election, and these candidates spoke briefly about their intentions for the future of the CSAAPT. See the following section.
2. The Chesapeake Section of the AAPT now has tax exempt status from the IRS.

Elections

The nominations committee proposed the following slate of candidates:

President: Muge Karagoz for the new president, a one-year term.
Vice President: Qi Lu for new vice president, one-year term.

The slate of candidates was approved by those present.

A note about other officers:
Secretary: Jason Sterlace will remain in the 2nd year of a two-year term.
Treasurer: Carl Mungan will remain in the 2nd year of a two-year term.
Section Rep: Jim Freericks will remain for a 6th year, the position is a two-year term with a maximum of four terms (eight-years). He will time out in 2029.

Business Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Minutes recorded by CSAAPT Secretary, Jason Sterlace