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From: Yerian, Stephen [yerian@xavier.edu]**Sent:** Thu 2/14/2008 10:20 AM**To:** 'Reuter, Fred'**Cc:****Subject:** Saturday's meeting**Attachments:**

Hi All,

I just wanted to give you an update on my situation and make a request. Today is the last day for my chemo+radiation phase of my treatment. I have been receiving chemo and 1.8 Gy of 16 MeV x-rays each weekday since January 7 and today is my last treatment! I then get six to eight weeks of rest and recovery before surgery. Since the tumor is in the lower colon all of the radiation has been to the pelvic region. Needless to say that area is quite sore and not functioning properly. I am also very tired so I spend a lot of my time sleeping. My doctors are all very positive and I remain so myself.

My request is that when the topic of elections comes up on Saturday I would like you to consider seriously someone else for the position of Section Representative for next year. I have been section rep since 2000 and I believe I fulfilled the duties pretty well for the first six years but have been derelict in those duties for the last two. Gordon, Elizabeth, and Kathy have graciously and capably filled in but I do think now it is time for a change. The person must be a member of AAPT, attend at least one national meeting per year (preferably the winter meeting so they can attend Council and for which there is some travel reimbursement provided by AAPT), write reports on the section meetings and send them to the national website (used to be the Announcer), something I have not done for about two years now, give reports on national meetings to the section meetings (another task I did not always fulfill), keep the national website up to date on the latest section officers information, a job made easier by Fred's work on the section webpage (do you really want to stop that now?), and miscellaneous other tasks that come up such as the special meeting last May that Elizabeth attended. I would remain available as a substitute myself for future national meetings as needed but I believe it is time for a change.

I hope you all have a great meeting on Saturday and do great work! I will be there in spirit.

Regards,

Stephen

From: Kathleen A. Harper [kharper@mps.ohio-state.edu] Sent: Thu 2/7/2008 12:46 PM
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SSOAAPT Executive Meeting

February 16, 2008

Wittenberg University

Springfield OH

corrected minutes

Present: Eric Towers, Gordon Aubrecht, Jim Sullivan, Darwin Church, Frank Huss, Mary Whalen, Elizabeth George, Kathy Harper, Bill Kuhlman, Fred Reuter

Past President Frank Huss presided as President Yerian was ill. Frank is appointed president *pro-tem* in Steven's absence.

Minutes: Frank Huss moved and was seconded to accept minutes of Oct. 25, 2007 meeting.

Membership report: Gordon Aubrecht has identified 11 life members. Money needs to be invested in CD after incorporation is complete. We need to gather dues and generate interest in others to join & to maintain current membership. An electronic redo of Mike Grote's circular might help??

Fred is appointed to: generate a data base with info about dues dates so that emails can be posted to members who need to pay dues. Sources of info for the base includes: 1. Email addresses from Elizabeth George, updates from Gordon Aubrecht, paper files from Jim Sullivan.

Fred Reuter submitted a report on sosaapt.org site usage. Consensus was that the site should be maintained but that other members of the executive committee might/should also work on the web pages. Eric volunteered his help. Perhaps electronic deposit through the site might help? How can we get sosaapt.org to popup early in a Google search?

Treasurer's report: SOSAAPT is solvent (\$3500 in bank). We may need to file form 990 to IRS after incorporation is complete. 503C status, state has informed us that we will be notified in 60 days (rpt F. Reuter.) Need to develop a quick envelop for people to mail in dues?

Job descriptions: At Bill Kuhlman's suggestion, it was moved and seconded that each of the present officers will provide a job description of his/her duties. President *pro-tem* Huss will 'ride herd' bringing together the documents for examination, emendation and approval at the autumn 2008 SOSAAPT meeting.

Spring 2008 Meeting April 26: Kathy Harper and Mary Whalen reported on the intended content of the spring meeting at Olentangy High School (North of Columbus OH in Delaware Co.) Please see Kathy's email for content (attached).

NSTA in Cincinnati: Kathy Harper reported that the Dec 4, 2008 meeting of the NSTA needs the help of the physics community. The dates by which to submit

offerings is February 25. What is needed is: 2 one hour talks on current physics topics, 2 one hour talks on pedagogy. Demo shows, hands on, make & take programs. Fred & Jim offered to form a panel presentation on providing science fair opportunities for students at high school levels. Frank suggested a "how to do" dealing with Jarred's Law.

Slate of Officers to be presented for Vote at Spring Meeting:

- President Elect ?? (Paul Wolfe, Jennifer Blue, Bev Taylor???)
- Secretary: Fred Reuter
- Treasurer: Gordon Aubrecht
- Section Representative to AAPT: Kathy Harper
- Vice President for Universities: Mark Fisher

Future Meetings:

- Autumn 2008, Oct. (10 &) 11 at Wright State: Elizabeth George contact.
- Spring 2009: possibilities: Shawnee State (Larry Lonnie contact)??
Cincinnati Observatory & Summit Country Day
(Frank Huss & Eric Towers contacts.)
- Fall 2009: Ohio Wesleyan
- Spring 2010: ??Thomas Worthington High -(Jason Cevenic contact)??
- Fall 2010: ?? Clermont College (Darwin Church contact) ??
?? Marietta College??

SOSAAPT recognition: of Gordon Aubrecht's award by O.S.U. of 30 years of outstanding service to OSU. Congratulations Gordon.

Motion for Adjournment seconded: Meeting ended 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick Reuter,
secretary

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SOSAAPT Spring Meeting Meeting 26 April 2008
Olentangy High School
675 Lewis Center Road
Lewis Center, OH 43035

- 8:00 a.m. Registration with refreshments.
- 9:00 a.m. Mary Whalen welcomed the membership. and introduced Robert Brown of Case Western Reserve University who spoke on: "Revisit, Reflect, Remember, and Really Learn?: The Latest Data on a Cycling Method of Teaching Introductory Physics."
- 10:00 a.m. Kathleen A. Harper of The Ohio State University spoke on aspects of "Playing Physics Jeopardy." Kathy offered some samples.
- 11:15 a.m. Doug Forrest introduced Jim Beatty of The Ohio State University who introduced us to "The Highest Energy Particles in the Universe."
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch & SOSAAPT Executive Meeting:
- Meeting was called to order at 12:20 by Frank Huss.
 - Minutes of the past meeting were accepted.
 - As of yet the data base on membership has not been generated.
 - Web-blog, additional e-mail accounts and pages for SOSAAPT.org were introduced to the members
 - The introductory pamphlet was submitted and 50 copies are to be printed.
 - Treasurer's report could not be given as the Treasurer was not present.
 - It was reported that AAPT is trying to update local information.
 - NSTA meeting in December has been planned and SOSAAPT involvement has been determined thanks to Kathy Harper.
 - Candidates Slate: Jennifer Blue - President Elect
Fred Reuter - Secretary
Gordon Aubrecht - Treasurer
Kathy Harper - Section Representative to AAPT
Mark Fischer - University Representative
 - Spring 2009 possible meeting @ Shawnee State - Portsmouth OH- is to be explored by Jim Sullivan with Larry Lonnie. [Confirmed by Prof. Jim Simmons jsimmons@shawnee.edu]
 - Should we consider changing spring meetings to February or early March? No consensus.
 - Autumn Meeting is Oct. 10 & 11 joint with OSAPS @ Wright State U. Elizabeth George is the contact person & will shortly notify membership with e-mail.
 - Review of future meetings showed a potential conflict in the Spring and Fall 2010 meetings: Darwin Church and Jason Cevenec will confer and inform the executive committee of their decision. [D.Church: s UC Clermont College to host the SOS/ AAPT meeting Spring 2010, Jason Cervenec at Worthington City Schools near Columbus will host the autumn 2010 meeting.]
 - Adjourned @ 12:55 p.m.

- 1:00 p.m. Business Meeting called to order by Frank Huss, president pro-tem.
- Kathy Harper reported on Steven Yerian's health and recuperation.
 - Question of changing date of spring meetings to an earlier date produced no consensus, so things will remain as they are.
 - Gordon Aubrecht and the State Science Fair that is May 10 needs judges for the special physics awards given by AAPT. We are responsible for providing judges. Please inform Gordon if you can judge.
 - The April 2010 SOSAAPT meeting was confirmed by Jason Cevenec at Thomas Worthington High.
 - The slate for election of officers was presented and nominations from the floor solicited. The Slate was moved, seconded and accepted without opposition is:
 - Jennifer Blue - President Elect
 - Fred Reuter - Secretary
 - Gordon Aubrecht - Treasurer
 - Kathy Harper - Section Representative to AAPT
 - Mark Fischer - University Representative
 - President Huss on behalf of the SOSAAPT expressed thanks to all responsible for the splendid meeting:
 - Mary Whalen the organizer,
 - Olentangy High School for the Facilities,
 - Mindy Farry, Principal of Olentangy High
 - All of the presenters,
 - Jason Cervenec and Doug Forrest for special help with food and organization.
 - Anyone we overlooked.
 - Fred Reuter was introduced to the membership who then conducted the meeting:
 - New Business included an offering by Leonard Jossem of a Disk on "Our Atomic World" which contains many important documents on the foundation of the nuclear era.
 - Adjournment was called, moved, seconded and passed @ 1:15 p.m.
- 1:15 p.m. James Sullivan of University of Cincinnati spoke on his investigation of "Physics Assessment Tool - Part II"
- 1:30 p.m. Jason Cervenec and Brian Geniusz of Thomas Worthington High presented "Practica with a Purpose" which included four potential practica problems.
- 2:30 p.m. "How I Do It" organized by Doug Forrest presented many interesting and informative contributions.
- 2:50 p.m. Mary Whalen drew for the raffle and concluded the meeting with her best wishes.

Respectfully submitted
 Frederick Reuter, Secretary SOSAAPT
 27 April 2008