

SOS/AAPT Combined Executive Committee Meeting and Business Meeting

Summit County Day School, Cincinnati, OH

Room 103 of the Upper School

February 19, 2011

Present: Kathy Koenig, President (Wright State University), Frank Huss, editor (Cincinnati Observatory), Eric Towers, President Elect (Summit County Day School), Darwin Church, at large (University of Cincinnati - Clermont), Jennifer Blue, Past President (Miami University), Kevin McChesney, Vice President-High School (Pickerington Central High School), Gordon Aubrecht, at large (The Ohio State University), William Kuhlman, Treasurer (St. Xavier High School), Kathy Harper, Section Representative (The Ohio State University), Mark Fischer, Vice President-4 year, and Holly Lavender, Secretary (Liberty Union High School)

1. A motion to approve the minutes from the October 2010 meeting was made by Gordon Aubrecht, seconded by Eric Towers.
2. Treasurer's Report by William Kullman – Balance of \$4215.28 in the account.
3. Discussion: Membership
 - a. How can we get the word out to Physics teachers who would like to be part of SOS? We had a list of secondary emails but many of them are no longer valid.
 - b. National meeting in Jacksonville – attendance was down, possibly due to the economy; possibly no more joint meetings for a while because of the expense - the national organization lost a lot of money.
Planning a bigger push for membership to deal with dwindling numbers – possibly a survey out to colleagues to find out why they are not members. It may just be a matter of getting the word out.
 - c. Had the discussion but can't collect section dues on the same bill as national dues because it's a different organization. However, if section members join the national organization we get 25%.
Effective January 1st, there will be a new dues structure:
 - i) Base amount (depending on where you teach and for how long)
 - ii) Journal
 - iii) Extras
4. Discussion: State Science Day
 - a. Gordon appealed for judges at State Science Day, on May 7th. There was a low turnout last year, and about 50 volunteers are needed to be able to get all of the projects done on time. Enjoy the benefit of free parking!
5. Discussion: Constitutional Revisions
 - a. Purpose is to clarify the duties of various officers
 - b. President elect: needs duties - the following suggestions were offered:

- i. To watch and learn, to prepare, and to assist the president as needed (E.T.)
 - ii. Overseeing the planning of future meetings (F.)
 - iii. Support the planning of the fall and spring meetings (K.K.)
 - iv. Point of contact for the meeting host (K.H.)
 - c. Vice President – ensure that there is something at each meeting relevant to each constituency
 - d. Past President – should be in “elected” section, since this person would have been elected at one time.
 - e. Member at large – support the section as needed
 - f. Article VI – the Executive Council shall be comprised of the elected and appointed officers, as described above. (D.C.)
 - g. A suggestion was made to elect section representatives, the secretary, and the treasurer for staggered 3 year terms rather than 1 year terms – to be elected at the spring meeting:
 - i. Treasurer (until 2012)
 - ii. Secretary (until 2013)
 - iii. Section representative VP –HS (2011); 2 year (2012), 4 year (2013)
 - iv. President elect
 - h. All changes will be voted on at the spring meeting.
6. Discussion – Bylaws
- a. Take out the “\$10.00” (G.A.)
 - b. We need to say something about how elections take place – who is responsible? (K.H.)
7. Upcoming section meetings-
- a. Spring meeting – at Pickerington Central HS (Kevin will host) – April 30th
 - b. Fall – Summit County Day School
 - c. Spring 2012 – Ohio University-Lancaster
8. 2014 National Meeting –
- a. (Darwin) – Cincinnati is being looked at as a possible host site for the National winter meeting in 2014 (airport, hotels, schools available)
 - b. SOS-AAPT would likely be tapped for assistance in hosting and organizing
 - c. We need to find out what will be expected of the section, and what we can do to facilitate the meeting (K.H.)

Other Business:

9. Web presence:
- a. The current website host is \$9.95/month; looking into other possibilities
 - b. Do we need a Facebook presence?
 - c. Eric needs someone else to take over the website when he takes over the duties of president.
 - d. Kathy Harper made the suggestion that we put a few links for useful resources on the website; possibly may attract new members

Adjourn

Motion made by Eric Towers. Seconded by Kevin McChesney