

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
Southern Ohio Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers
Saturday October 11, 2008

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Ohio Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers (SOS/AAPT) was called to order by President F. Reuter at 12:30 PM in Room 164 of the Brehm Laboratory Building of Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. Those present were Gordon Aubrecht (The Ohio State University), Jennifer Blue (Miami University), Darwin Church (University of Cincinnati), Elizabeth George (Wittenberg University), Frank Huss (Cincinnati Observatory Center), Frederick Reuter (St. Xavier High School), James Sullivan (University of Cincinnati), and Eric Towers (Summit Country Day School).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by F. Reuter and approved by the body.

President F. Reuter announced that the SOS/AAPT had received final approval as a 501(c)(3) organization and presented the associated papers to Treasurer G. Aubrecht. Mark Reuter had submitted the appropriate request to the IRS on a pro-bono basis after spending much time getting the needed information from members of the SOS/AAPT and organizing it into the appropriate format. It was moved and seconded that Mark Reuter be made an honorary life member of the SOS/AAPT – the motion passed unanimously.

President F. Reuter reminded the group that the data base of members had been distributed electronically and a paper form was available at the meeting. Those present were invited to make corrections. Also the new SOS/AAPT Membership Brochure was distributed by President F. Reuter.

The spring, 2009 meeting has been tentatively scheduled at Shawnee State University (SSU) in Portsmouth, Ohio - Jim Simmons, SSU, is the person in charge. The Ohio Area Section of the American Physical Society is scheduled to meet at Ohio Northern University (ONU) in Ada, Ohio on April 24-25, 2009 – Mellita Caragiu, ONU, is the person in charge. The spring meeting of OS/APS at ONU was a complete surprise to the officers of the SOS/AAPT and several SOS/AAPT officers were informed of this on Friday October 10th. Ada, Ohio is in the geographical territory of the SOS/AAPT and it has been the policy of the SOS/AAPT to meet with the OS/APS whenever the OS/APS meets in the territory of the SOS/AAPT. M. Caragiu personally asked several officers of the SOS/AAPT to meet with the OS/APS at ONU and will change the official meeting poster and documents if the SOS/AAPT is able to join the meeting. J. Sullivan was authorized to contact J. Simmons, SSU, after this meeting to determine the state of planning at SSU for the spring meeting and determine if it would be a serious inconvenience for them to delay their hosting of an SOS/AAPT meeting to a later date.ⁱ In the event the SOS/AAPT will meet with the OS/APS at ONU in April, 2009, G. Aubrecht was authorized to contact M. Caragiu, ONU, to inform her the SOS/AAPT would attend and G. Aubrecht would then serve as the SOS/AAPT person in charge of that meeting.ⁱⁱ

A similar problem occurred in that the SOS/AAPT officers had learned (again within the past day) that OS/APS planned to meet in the October of 2009 at Ohio Wesleyan University (OWU) in Delaware, Ohio (again in the SOS/AAPT territory). The SOS/AAPT had previously planned to meet at Summit Country Day School (SCD) and the Cincinnati Observatory Center (COC) in the fall of 2009 but F. Huss and E. Towers agreed to delay the SCD/COC hosting to a later date in order to permit a joint meeting with OS/APS at OWU.

Therefore future planned meetings are as follows:

- Spring, 2009 Ohio Northern University, Ada OH with OS/APS (G. Aubrecht)
- Fall, 2009 Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware OH with OS/APS
- Spring, 2010 University of Cincinnati Clermont College, Batavia OH (D. Church)
- Fall, 2010 Eastern Ohio (possibly Marietta) with Appalachian Section / AAPT
- TBD SCD/COC Cincinnati OH
- TBD SSU Portsmouth OH

President F. Reuter will extend gratitude on behalf of the SOS/AAPT to the appropriate persons at Wright State University and the Air force Institute of Technology for hosting this meeting.

In an attempt to improve membership in the SOS/AAPT, F. Reuter moved the following: Through June 30, 2009, (1) a senior (age 65+) can obtain life membership for \$100, (2) new members can join for two years for \$10 (2 for 1), and (3) a member who signs up two other new members gets one year of his/her dues free. The motion was seconded and after a short discussion the motion passed unanimously.

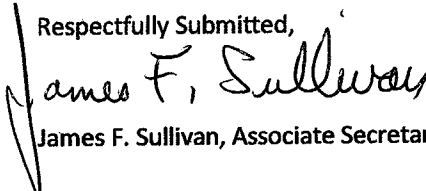
J. Blue gave the Section Representative report from the Edmonton, Alberta meeting of the national AAPT. Some AAPT sections have become inactive and others may be formed. Future AAPT meetings are February, 2009 Chicago II (with AAAS), Summer 2009 Ann Arbor MI, Winter 2010 Washington DC, Summer 2010 Portland OR, Winter 2011 Jacksonville FL, Summer 2011 Omaha NE, and Winter 2012 California.

Treasurer G. Aubrecht reported that \$700 was forthcoming from OS/APS for awards at the spring 2008 State Science Day. The current balance on hand is \$2972.02 and (with the anticipated \$700) our available cash should be \$3672.02. Life members were discussed and it was determined that we had 24 known life members. Cash should be kept in (higher) interest-bearing accounts to offset expenses for these life members. J. Sullivan was authorized to contact our bank to determine feasibility of changing our checking account to reflect our new tax-exempt status. Treasurer G. Aubrecht was authorized to alter and establish bank accounts, as he deems appropriate, in order to safely maximize the SOS/AAPT income. Both authorizations passed unanimously.

President F. Reuter was authorized to compose and send a letter to life members thanking them for their continued membership and pointing out that we are now a 501(c)(3) organization and that all donations are tax-deductable.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and unanimously approved at 1:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



James F. Sullivan, Associate Secretary/Treasurer

¹ James Sullivan phoned Jim Simmons, of Shawnee State University, immediately after the Executive Committee Meeting on October 11, 2008. J. Simmons reported that he had spoken with SSU administration and that several preliminary dates had been chosen but that it would not be a problem to delay SSU's hosting of an SOS/AAPT meeting to a later date. J. Simmons will attend the SOS/AAPT Executive Committee meeting in February, 2009 to firm up that later date.

¹¹ After being informed by J. Sullivan that J. Simmons had agreed to postpone Shawnee State University's hosting of an SOS/AAPT meeting, G. Aubrecht informed Mellita Caragiu (via e mail on October 11, 2009) of the SOS/AAPT's desire to accept her invitation to jointly meet with the OS/APS at Ohio Northern University on April 24-25, 2009.

SOS/AAPT Executive Committee Meeting
Wittenberg College
February 21, 2009

The Executive Committee meeting of the Southern Ohio Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers was called to order by President Frederick Reuter at 10:05 AM. The meeting was held in the Advanced Physics Laboratory (Room 304) of the Science Building at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio. Those present were Jennifer Blue (Miami University), Darwin Church (University of Cincinnati - Clermont), Mark Fischer (College of Mount St. Joseph), Elizabeth George (Wittenberg University), Kathy Harper (Denison University), Frank Huss (Cincinnati Observatory), William Kuhlman (St. Xavier High School), Frederick Reuter (St. Xavier High School), James Sullivan (University of Cincinnati - OCAS), and Eric Towers (Summit Country Day School).

The minutes of the Executive meeting of October 11, 2008 were approved with three corrections: The two misspellings of "Reuter" were corrected and the Spring, 2009 meeting is being held at Ohio Northern University.

Old Business & Reports:

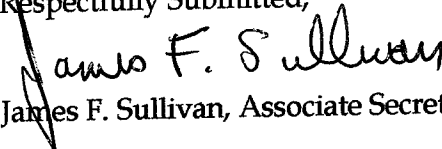
Gordon Aubrecht was unable to attend this meeting due to family commitments but sent a report to the body regarding the spring, 2009 meeting. He has asked Jan Tobochnik (American Journal of Physics Editor) to speak in the afternoon at the joint OS/APS and SOS/AAPT meeting at Ohio Northern University in Ada, OH. Also he reported that Lei Bao and Kathy Koenig recently published a paper in Science. He feels it fitting to invite Kathy to also give a talk in the afternoon. The Board expressed support for him in this effort.

Future Meetings:

- Spring, 2009 Ohio Northern University, Ada OH with OS/APS (G. Aubrecht) (Frederick Reuter needs to get info from Gordon.)
- Fall, 2009 Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware OH with OS/APS and OS/AAPT. (Kathy Harper will contact and report.)
- Spring, 2010 University of Cincinnati Clermont College, Batavia OH (to be verified by D. Church)
- Fall, 2010 Marietta University with Appalachian Section/AAPT and OS/APS
- (Need info from Gordon.)
- Spring, 2011 Cincinnati Country Day School and Cincinnati observatory Center, Cincinnati OH (E. Towers and F. Huss)
- Autumn 2011 Thomas Worthington High (Jason Cervenec) Darwin Church will request confirmation
- TBD Shawnee State University Portsmouth OH (J. Simmons)

Work on Membership: F. Reuter reported that several attempts at e-mailing members has turned up many non-working addresses. Some corrections of the membership database have been made. Suggestions on course(s) of actions were sought by President Reuter. The actual Physical area of the SOS/AAPT was discussed as described in the group's constitution and by-laws. After some discussion it was decided that K. Harper (backup - J. Sullivan) will contact Admissions Department at her (his) institution to obtain a list of high schools in the SOS/AAPT area. J. Snow will obtain a similar list of two-year colleges. M. Fischer will generate a similar list of 4-year institutions. It was the feeling that, if possible, these lists should include general mailing addresses and any other possible contact information items.

Respectfully Submitted,

James F. Sullivan

James F. Sullivan, Associate Secretary/Treasurer

Draft revised Feb 22, 09

SOS/ AAPT Executive Committee Meeting
Ohio Wesleyan University
October 10, 2009

The Executive Committee meeting of the Southern Ohio Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers was called to order by President Jennifer Blue at 12:19 PM. The meeting was held in the Benes Room of the Hamilton-William Campus Center of the Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio. Those present were Gordon Aubrecht (The Ohio State University), Jennifer Blue (Miami University), Darwin Church (University of Cincinnati - Clermont), Sandy Doty (Ohio University - Lancaster), Elizabeth George (Wittenberg University), Kathy Harper (Denison University), Frank Huss (Cincinnati Observatory), William Kuhlman (St. Xavier High School), and James Sullivan (University of Cincinnati - OCAS). President-elect Koenig was unable to attend due to illness.

The new SOS/ AAPT web site is now up and the section will now have to pay for this web site. By a unanimous vote the Treasurer was authorized to pay up to \$50.00 for one year's fees for this web site.

The treasurer's report was given by Treasurer W. Kuhlman. All six checks for the 2009 State Science Day awards have now been paid. The cash on hand as of September 15, 2009 was \$3521.50.

Thanks were given to K. Harper for organizing this meeting.

Future Meetings were discussed as follows:


- Spring, 2010 will be held on April 24, 2010 at the University of Cincinnati's Clermont College in Batavia OH (D. Church, Person in Charge)
- Fall, 2010 Marietta University with Appalachian Section/AAPT and OS/APS
- (G. Aubrecht will interface with other groups and serve as SOS/AAPT Person in Charge)
- Spring, 2011 Tentatively at Summit Country Day School and Cincinnati Observatory Center, Cincinnati OH (E. Towers and F. Huss) or possibly a more-northern site.
- Autumn 2011 Thomas Worthington High (Jason Cervenec)

S. Doty will manage the section's e-mail list and F. Huss will remain in charge of *The Dialog*.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday February 20, 2010 at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio.

The meeting adjourned at 12:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



James F. Sullivan, Associate Secretary/Treasurer

SOS/AAPT Business Meeting
Ohio Wesleyan University
October 10, 2009

The Business meeting of the Southern Ohio Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers was called to order by President Jennifer Blue at 2:02 PM. The meeting was held in Room B of the Hamilton-William Campus Center of the Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio.

President Blue announced that the next meeting of the SOS/AAPT will be held on Saturday April 24, 2010 at the University of Cincinnati's Clermont College in Batavia OH (D. Church, Person in Charge). At that meeting a new President-Elect, Vice president for High Schools and Secretary will be elected. All persons interested in running for one of these offices should notify an officer of the SOS/AAPT.

Treasurer William Kuhlman reported that \$3521.50 was on hand as of September 15th and there would probably also be a net gain from this meeting.

Kathy Harper (Section Representative to the National AAPT) spoke to the benefits of joining the national AAPT. At this time (through December, 2009) there is a special offer where a new member can get national AAPT Associate Membership and also join the SOS/AAPT section for \$40.00. More details are available from K. Harper at harperk@denison.edu.

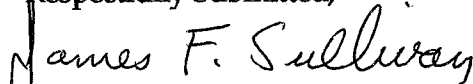
Frank Huss (Editor of *The Dialog*, the SOS/AAPT newsletter) requested ideas and material for *The Dialog* (fhuss3@aol.com).

Gordon Aubrecht requested everyone available to serve as a judge for State Science Day. Each year it is scheduled at The Ohio State University in Columbus, OH on a Saturday in early May – the exact date this year will be announced as the event approaches. (aubrecht.1@osu.edu).

President Blue presided as door prizes were awarded.

The meeting adjourned at 2:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



James F. Sullivan, Associate Secretary/Treasurer