

Northern California/Nevada Section
of the American Association of Physics Teachers

Minutes of the Business Meeting
April 9, 2005
Fresno, California

Officers Present: Joe Tenn, President (presiding); Sheraz Khan, President-Elect; Dennis Buckley, Treasurer; Stephanie Finander, Secretary; Paul Robinson, Program Chair/Historian/Section Representative.

Members Present: approximately 40

1. Plans for Future Meetings

- The Fall 2005 meeting will be held at California State University, Chico.
- The Spring 2006 meeting will be held at San Mateo High School (host: Paul Robinson) if the new building is ready, Menlo School (host: Robin McGlohn) if San Mateo High School is not ready.

2. Constitutional Changes

Changes and amendments to the Section Constitution were proposed by the officers. Discussion and/or vote was taken on the following matters:

- a. Emeritus members do not have to pay dues
- b. Deleting the term "teaching physicists."
- c. Add a comma before "and" in Article V, line four

Vote to accept all changes – passed (unanimous with abstentions)

3. Dual Signature Authority

Motion to let the Secretary have signature authority on the Section's bank transactions (so that the treasurer OR secretary may sign) -- passed.

4. Raising Dues

Motion to raise the annual dues to fifteen dollars effective in Fiscal Year 2005-2006 – passed.

5. New Officers

No nominations were presented for President-Elect

Nomination for Vice President of High Schools: Dean Baird -- accepted

Election of Officers

Secretary: Stephanie Finander

Treasurer: Dennis Buckley

Program Chair: Paul Robinson

Historian: Paul Robinson

Section Representative: Paul Robinson

Vice President of High Schools: Dean Baird

Vice President of Colleges and Universities – Michael Barnett

Joe Tenn succeeds to Immediate Past President by tradition

Sheraz Khan succeeds to President by tradition.

6. Report from the National Meeting (Paul Robinson)

AAPT meetings were traditionally held in January. Nowadays, meetings are held all over the country, and the summer meetings have become more popular than the winter meetings. Paul feels that the winter meeting should be dropped – it's not worth it for the vendors, difficult for people to get time off, etc. Let's put some heat on the National office to make that happen.

7. Report about Non-profit Status

The Northern California/Nevada Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers is now a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation recognized by the IRS and the State of California as a tax-exempt public charity.

Respectfully submitted this 10th of April 2005,

Stephanie Finander
Secretary