

Section Representative 2010 Handbook



**First Place
2009 High School
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Title: Where Sand Meets
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1st place Con:

***Where Sand Meets Sea*, Kelsey Rose Weber**

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This photo was contrived by placing a transparent sphere against the beach horizon. The glass sphere in this photo acted as a lens, causing the inverted image. This photo was taken at the Venice beach in Los Angeles, California, and shows the beauty of combining physics with one's own natural surroundings. __

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INTRODUCTION

The Mission of the American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT) is enhancing the understanding and appreciation of physics through teaching. Local sections represent a vital extension of the fulfillment of AAPT's mission at regional and local levels. This document is provided by the AAPT to Section Officers to assist them in their relationships with AAPT's National Office, with other local sections, and with their local membership base.

Local sections vary considerably. However, all sections are recognized by AAPT through the joint use of the name American Association of Physics Teachers, through the pursuit of common objectives, and through the provision that most members of the AAPT Council are Section Representatives who are determined by the local sections. These representatives shall participate in the governance and constitutionally mandated activities of AAPT.

On behalf of the members of AAPT, I want to thank you for your service as representatives of our 51 Sections. As a Section Representative, you provide the knowledge of the physics programs and physics educators in your geographic region. As Section Representatives, I would like you to take on the additional important role of providing advice and input to the National Office and the Executive Board on matters of concern to your section.

One of the unique features of AAPT is the interaction between volunteers like you who are committed to physics education and members of the Executive Board and the staff at the National Office who are responsible for ensuring that AAPT programs, services and publications are of the highest quality possible. The AAPT National Office staff provides logistical support and leadership in specialized areas from developing publications and designing Websites to managing marketing efforts and organizing meetings, topical conferences, and workshops. We are all committed to our Association being successful and you can count on the National Office and Executive Board to support you in your efforts. We will work closely with you to fulfill your Section goals.

On behalf of the Executive Office and the Executive Board,

Warren Hein, Executive Officer
February 2010

AAPT PROGRAMS

[NATIONAL MEETINGS TWICE A YEAR](#)

These meetings give you a chance to:

- Attend physics workshops
- Meet and greet other physics teachers
- Form networks internationally, nationally, and locally
- Meet exhibitors who provide the most current and up-to-date physics resources

[PHYSICS TEACHING RESOURCE AGENTS \(PTRA\) PROGRAM](#)

Established in 1985, this program seeks to provide sustained professional development to teachers of physics and physical science. By maintaining a cadre of over 100 accomplished high school teacher leaders, trained and updated yearly, this program produces teachers who go out to meet the specific needs of teachers in their local area.

[AAPT PHYSICSBOWL](#)

Each year, approximately 10,000 students take a 40-question, 45-minute long, multiple-choice test under their school's supervision. AAPT awards certificates of participation to all competing teachers and students.

[PHYSICS TEAM](#)

The U.S. Physics Team Program promotes and demonstrates academic excellence by preparing outstanding students to participate in the International Physics Olympiad. The U.S. Physics Team fulfills its mission by:

- Expanding awareness of and participation in the program
- Providing a meaningful scientific and cultural experience for team members, including opportunities to network and meet new people
- Learning in intellectual and experiential ways
- Gaining international exposure

[NEW FACULTY WORKSHOPS](#)

The American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT), in conjunction with the American Astronomical Society (AAS) and the American Physical Society (APS), holds a workshop for new physics and astronomy faculty members each year at the American Center for Physics.

This annual conference is led by internationally renowned physics and astronomy educators. The goals of the conference are: helping new faculty understand how students learn physics and astronomy; learning about new educational technologies in the field; becoming aware of new ways of promoting student learning through active engagement and impacting a new professor's teaching methods.

ComPADRE (COMMUNITIES FOR PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY DIGITAL RESOURCES IN EDUCATION)

ComPADRE is a well-organized network of digital collections of high-quality educational materials in physics and astronomy. These collections connect to a wide range of digital resources, including curricular materials, digital libraries, and online journals.

PhySTEC (PHYSICS TEACHER EDUCATION COALITION)

PhySTEC is a joint project of the American Physical Society and AAPT whose mission is to improve and promote the education of future physics and physical science teachers.

Specifically, the project aims to

- Demonstrate successful models for
 - Increasing the number of highly qualified high school physics teachers
 - Improving the quality of K-8 physical science teacher education
- Spread best-practice ideas throughout the physics teacher preparation community
- Transform physics departments to engage in preparing physics teachers

PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS

AAPT publishes two peer reviewed journals and many other publications in both print and online. The American Journal of Physics is geared to an advanced audience. The Physics Teacher focuses on teaching introductory physics at all levels.

GRANTS, COMPETITIONS & AWARDS

AAPT sponsors many competitions, grants, awards and other programs designed to foster an interest in physics, a desire to excel in the study and instruction of physics, and a sense of community and teamwork in the physics education community. Some of these include: Apparatus Competition, High School Photo Contest, International Science and Engineering Fair, Distinguished Service Citations, Excellence in Undergraduate Physics Teaching Award, the Klopsteg Memorial Award, and the Melba Newell Phillips Medal.

SECTIONS AND SECTION REPRESENTATIVES

Sections of the American Association of Physics are provided for in Article VII and the roles and responsibilities of Section Representatives are described in Article VIII of the AAPT constitution. Section Representatives, along with the members of the Executive Board, make up the AAPT Council. The role and duties of the Council are specified in [Article VI](#) of the AAPT Constitution.

ARTICLE VII. SECTIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. Sections are geographical areas with members consisting of teachers of physics and others interested in promoting the objectives of the Association.
2. Sections have their own constitution and by-laws that must not contravene the Constitution and By-laws of the Association.
3. Section constitutions and by-laws must define Section boundaries by postal codes and such boundaries cannot overlap those of other Sections.
4. Changes in Section boundaries must be approved by the Council.
5. Members of the Association may join one or more Sections but shall vote for a Section Representative in one Section only. Persons not members of the Association may be members of Sections. All Section meetings shall be open to any member of the Association.
6. Each Section shall elect one of its members, who shall be a member of the Association, to serve as its Section Representative.
7. Any Section not providing evidence of Section activity for a period of two years may be declared inactive by the Council.
8. Recognition as a Section may be withdrawn by the Council for cause.
9. Ten or more members of the Association, in an area deemed appropriate by the Council, may petition the Council through the Secretary to be authorized by the Council to form a Section. A Section shall not be formed that includes part of the territory of any existing Section unless either (a) that Section expressly releases such territory, or (b) the AAPT Council, by affirmative vote of two-thirds of those members present at a meeting, declares that such territory be released.

Article VIII. Section Representatives

1. Section Representatives are AAPT members elected by individual Sections to be their representatives at meetings of the Section Representatives and on the Council.
2. The Section Representatives shall have their own by-laws.
3. The Section Representatives, at a meeting coincident with the Annual Meeting of the Association, shall elect a Vice Chair, who must be a Section Representative at the time of election. The Vice Chair shall hold office from the close of that Annual Meeting until the close of the second Annual Meeting after assuming office. The Vice Chair of the Section Representatives shall become Chair of the Section Representatives following the two-year term as Vice Chair and shall serve a two-year term as Chair.
4. The Chair of the Section Representatives and the Association Secretary shall receive annual reports of the activities of Sections and shall be notified of changes in Section constitutions. The Council or Executive Board may request changes in Section constitutions where these are inconsistent with policies of the Association.
5. Special meetings of the Section Representatives shall be announced in writing at least four weeks in advance, with the reason for the meeting being set forth in the announcement. Special meetings may be called by the Chair of the Section Representatives or by a majority of the members of the Section Representatives.
6. A Section Representative unable to attend a meeting of the Section Representatives may be represented by an alternate if this is not prohibited by the Section constitution. The Secretary of the Section Representatives must be informed in writing by the Section Representative or other Section Officer of the name of the alternate before the meeting is called to order. The alternate shall be a member of the Association and the Section being represented.

BYLAWS OF THE SECTION REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AAPT

(Last revised January 2001)

1. OFFICERS

A. Chairperson of the Section Representatives

The Chairperson shall serve as the presiding officer at meetings of the Section Representatives. The Chairperson shall serve for a two-year term. The Chairperson shall propose the agenda for the meetings of the Section Representatives. The Chairperson shall be responsible for the collection of travel expense claims from the Section Representatives and the submission of those claims to the AAPT Treasurer in accordance with the rules adopted by the Section Representatives. The Chairperson shall receive annual reports of activities of Sections and shall be notified of changes in Section constitutions.

B. Vice-Chairperson of the Section Representatives

The Vice-Chairperson shall serve as the presiding officer at meetings of the Section Representatives when the Chairperson is unable to serve. The Vice-Chairperson shall serve for a two-year term and then become Chairperson of the Section Representatives.

C. Secretary of the Section Representatives

The Secretary shall record and maintain the minutes of the Section Representatives. Minutes shall be distributed by the next meeting of the Section Representatives. The Secretary shall be elected at the Annual Meeting for a one-year term. Re-election, up to a total of four (4) consecutive years is allowed.

2. SECTION REPRESENTATIVES NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A. Composition

The Section Representatives' Nominating Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and at least two, but not more than four, other members from among the Section Representatives. They shall be elected at the Annual Meeting with the term of office to extend until the end of the next Annual Meeting. Committee members should not serve more than three consecutive terms. The committee will select a chairperson.

B. Duties

The Section Representatives' Nominating Committee shall be responsible for choosing nominees and presenting the names to the Section Representatives at the Annual Meeting after receiving an agreement to be nominated from the individual. They shall be responsible for nominating persons to fill the following positions: Vice-Chairperson of the Section Representatives, Secretary of the Section Representatives, the Nominating Committee of Section Representatives, and other positions for which the Section Representatives are responsible. Currently they are responsible for providing nominees for two positions on the AAPT National Nominating Committee and recommending two persons to the Council for membership on the Membership and Benefits Committee each year.

1) Nominations for Vice-Chairperson of the Section Representatives.

The usual practice shall be to present at least two nominees both of which must be Section Representatives at the time of the election. The slate of nominees will be distributed at least two weeks prior to the election.

2) Nominations for AAPT *National* Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee shall present at least one more nominee than the number of vacancies.

3. ELECTIONS

Nominations from the floor shall be permitted in addition to the nominations from the Nominating Committee for all elections conducted by the Section Representatives. The elections for Vice-Chairperson and Secretary shall be conducted by paper ballot whenever there are two or more persons nominated for the offices. All nominees shall be on the first ballot. In the event that no one receives a majority of the ballots cast, a runoff shall be conducted between the two nominees with the largest number of votes. In the case of tie(s), the runoff shall include the names of all those involved in the tie(s). The Chairperson shall appoint two or more Section Representatives who are not on the ballot to tabulate the ballots and report the results to the Section Representatives or the Secretary of the Section Representatives.

4. ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

Adoption or amendments to the Bylaws shall require a simple majority vote of those present at the next regular meeting of the Section Representatives. Amendments will be distributed at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

DUTIES OF A SECTION REPRESENTATIVE

ATTEND SECTION REPRESENTATIVE MEETINGS

These are the Section Officers Exchange and the Section Representatives Meeting at both the Winter and Summer AAPT Meeting and the Council Meeting at the winter meeting. If attendance is impossible, please send a substitute who is a member of both AAPT and your section. Notify the secretary before the meeting. There is partial travel reimbursement (two nights for a single room or three night for half of a double room, three days meals, and travel fares) for the Winter Meeting. You will need to fill out a [Travel Expense Voucher](#).

UPDATE YOUR LIST OF SECTION OFFICERS

You will need to go to the [AAPT Local Sections](#) webpage and sign in. The page will change to one listing additional links below you section name. (If you cannot sign in, please contact [Rogers Fuller](#).) Click on "Update Local Section Officers" to access a list of your section's officers. Then click on "edit" to change officers. You must supply a term for each officer. If you do not, they will be removed on December 31 and your listing will go blank.

SUBMIT EVIDENCE OF SECTION ACTIVITY.

You must submit at least a brief (where, when, how many) report of a section meeting. You are encouraged to submit an article to Section News by sending it to [Marilyn Gardner](#). Guidelines for submission are on the following page. Section news appears twice a year in January and July. Links to past issues can be found by going to the [AAPT Local Sections](#) page and clicking on the issue you want to view.

SERVE AS AN INFORMATION CONDUIT BETWEEN AAPT AND YOUR SECTION.

You are encouraged to report on current AAPT news and initiatives at each meeting of your section. You should also bring local issues and concerns to the attention of the appropriate person in either the [AAPT National Office](#) or the [Executive Board](#).

You can post notices of future section meetings on the AAPT calendar by contacting [Marilyn Gardner](#), the Director of Communications.

PROMOTE AAPT MEMBERSHIP IN YOUR SECTION.

You can obtain membership recruitment resources and membership application blanks at <http://aapt.org/Membership/recruitment.cfm>. Paper copies of some of the materials, as well as sample copies of American Journal of Physics and The Physics Teacher, can also be obtained by [requesting a section box](#).

PROMOTE SECTION MEMBERSHIP TO AAPT MEMBERS WHO LIVE IN YOUR AREA.

You can obtain a mailing list of all AAPT members in you geographic area using [Request Section Mail List](#).

SECTION NEWS SUBMISSION

“Section News,” a regular feature in AAPT’s eNNOUNCER magazine, highlights the events and activities of AAPT Sections. Section Reports for the “Section News” in the eNNOUNCER will be edited/condensed to a brief paragraph and, if available, a photograph. The full report will appear in the AAPT Section News, published twice annually. A typical section report is 250-700 words long and details important and interesting information from recent section meetings. For example: election of new officers, physics-related achievements, and contributions of AAPT section members.

GUIDELINES

Review a recent issue of the eNNOUNCER for examples of style and tone. Reports should be written in past tense, lead with the most significant news, and focus on information of interest to the entire AAPT membership.

Write clearly and concisely. Note that submissions may be edited to conform to AAPT style and/or for length.

Use Microsoft Word (or compatible software) and save the file as text only (i.e., a .txt file).

Use only one typeface, such as Courier or Times New Roman.

Do NOT embed artwork (photos, clip art, etc.) or use any special formatting (bold, italics, bullets, indents, etc.).

Reproduction quality photos accompanying a section report are welcomed. Please send only hi-resolution (i.e., 300 dpi or greater) images in TIFF or JPEG form. Include a brief description (no more than three sentences) of what the photo shows. (If three or fewer people are featured, include the full name of each person.)

Email the file and any images as attachments to Pubs@aapt.org . Submissions will be acknowledged.

DEADLINE

Section representatives will receive a reminder email, via the Sections’ listserv approximately two to three weeks before the deadline for eNNOUNCER copy. Please note that if someone other than the section representative produces the section news report, it is the responsibility of the section representative to notify that person.

For more information you may contact the eNNOUNCER Editor via mail One Physics Ellipse, College Park, MD 20740 or at Pubs@aapt.org.

OTHER RESOURCES

[Executive Board](#)

List of the Executive Board members and their contact information.

[The Section Representative Listserv](#)

You should all receiving messages from this listserv. If you are not receiving messages or if you are no longer a section representative and wish to be remove from the listserv, please contact [Rogers Fuller](#). As a courtesy to your successor, you might also want to give Rogers the name and contact information of the new section representative.

[Listserv](#)

For information about AAPT lists in general.

[Mini-grants](#)

AAPT is funding workshops for new high school or middle school physics teachers in approximately five sections a year. The site contains more information and an application to host one of these workshops.

[Section Representative & Area Committee Chair Documents & Information](#)

This page has links to a draft of the Strategic Plan and reports from earlier retreats.

[AAPT Local Sections Website](#)

The website contains links to section news and upcoming section events. The [Find a Local Section](#) link can be used information about each local section, including a list of its officers and its website.

[Calendar of Events](#)

This site lists AAPT and section events. Please consider posting an announcement of your future section meeting on this site by contacting [Marilyn Gardner](#).

[AAPT Constitution and By-Laws](#)

[AAPT NATIONAL OFFICE](#)

The AAPT Executive Office works closely with the Executive Board and member volunteers to manage the operations, carry out directives, and create and uphold general association policies. The Executive Office represents the Association at public venues. It provides leadership and services for all AAPT activities and programs. The Executive Office further manages all external grant projects on behalf of AAPT.

Contact the Executive Office if you have questions about any of the Association's programs and services.

Executive Office (301) 209-3311 eo@aapt.org

The Executive Office oversees and leads the AAPT operations. Contact the Executive Office about:

- All Grant related projects
- The International Science and Engineering Fair
- The Presidential Science and Mathematics Teaching Awards
- The AAPT Executive Board
- Marketing
- Fund Development
- General questions or concerns about physics education
- Questions about AAPT and its role in "improving physics education and supporting physics educators"

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Communications Department (301) 209-3322 pubs@aapt.org

The Communications Department oversees the production of journals, magazines, and publications. Contact this department if you have questions about:

- The file format of your submission of abstracts to National Meetings
- Purchasing reprints, obtaining copyright permission
- How to include a product in our catalog
- Whether AAPT would be interested in producing your product, or
- Press releases

If you have questions about your subscription, including how to file a claim for missing issues or how to change your name or mailing address, contact the Membership Department. In addition, Editorial and Publishing Services will not be able to answer questions about journal submission. Please contact the Journal Editor directly regarding unpublished articles.

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Programs and Conferences Department (301)-209-3340 meetings@aapt.org or
programs@aapt.org

The Programs and Conferences Department works closely with the Program Chair and the Area Committees to plan all aspects of the two annual AAPT National Meetings. The department also organizes and manages the physics exhibit shows.

The department also coordinates the following programs for the Association:

- [PTRA Program](#)
- [Workshop for New Physics Faculty](#)
- [The United States Physics Team](#)
- [Physics Bowl](#)
- [Barbara Lotze Scholarship](#)
- [High School Grants for Innovative Teaching Programs](#)

Contact this department if you have questions regarding

- Abstract submission
- Session or workshop request form submission
- Invited speakers
- Hosting a Summer Meeting
- Exhibiting

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Membership Department (301) 209-3333 membership@aapt.org

The Membership Department is responsible for the recruitment and retention of AAPT members, institutional subscribers to the AJP and TPT journals. This department is also responsible for expanding AAPT's visibility within the scientific community, and assisting the local sections in dissemination of AAPT resources. Product order fulfillment (AAPT Physics Store) and inventory control are also responsibilities of this department.

[Marilyn Gardner](#), Director of Membership
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Finance and Administration Department (301) 209-3330 accounting@aapt.org

The Finance and Administration Department manages the fiscal aspects of the operation, information technology, and human resources. The Department prepares budget reports and all financial statements. Budget reports are provided monthly, showing year to date comparisons of actual expenses to budget by cost center.

In addition, the following services are provided: General Ledger maintenance, Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, Payroll Processing, Cash Receipts, Grant Accounting and Budgeting, as well as manages rental income and expenses.

The Department maintains the important papers and records of the Association and monitors the Association's investments. All tax and insurance (except health) issues are handled through the Department.

The annual audit report process to attest to the accuracy of the financial statements and the government grant submissions is a joint effort of the Finance Department and the independent auditors.

Contact this Department with any issues relating to reimbursements.

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Technology and Information Services (301) 209-3110 tech@aapt.org

Contact this department with any issues relating to the web, listservs and computer related problems.

[Erwin Campbell](#), Director of Technology and Information Systems

DEVELOPING AN AAPT STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

Throughout our recent history, AAPT has engaged in planning the future of our organization through retreats in 1981, 1990, and 2000. At the 2005 Summer Meeting, President Richard Peterson and the 2005-2006 Executive Board agreed to undertake strategic planning over the following ten months, culminating with a three-day retreat at Belmont Conference Center, Baltimore, MD. These activities were organized to coincide with the planned retirement of Executive Officer B. Khoury (1990-2006). The Executive Board invited former President Karen L. Johnston to facilitate the planning processes and the retreat. Members of the Executive Board prepared a set of white papers on membership, sections, etc. for the retreat. Section Representatives, Area Committee Chairpersons, leaders in PIRA, Executive Office staff, and other groups were invited to provide input to the retreat deliberations. The white papers and record of the retreat is available at (<http://www.aapt.org/sections/docs.cfm>).

The retreat led to the second phase of the planning. President Ken Heller appointed a planning advisory group (PAG), consisting of Dick Peterson, Ruth Chabay, Dwain Desbien, and Alan Gibson, along with Warren Hein to assist new Executive Officer Toufic Hakim in his efforts to develop and refine a set of ambitious leadership goals for the organization. Karen Johnston was commissioned by Hakim to meet with the PAG and offer assistance in organizing the agenda for the PAG meetings. The four meetings of the PAG focused on the following: (1) the vision (where we see ourselves as an organization / the horizon) and values (core beliefs, principles and ideals), (2) the constituency that we represent, (3) the external affect on the physics teaching and education community, (4) membership (whom we serve and whom we should serve; benefits, models of membership), and (5) governance (how to engage the sections and their representatives, how to involve the area committees in driving and supporting our national agenda). At the conclusion of the PAG meetings, the Executive Officer prepared a draft strategic framework to guide AAPT.

In 2007, President Harvey Leff appointed an Ad Hoc Governance Review Committee (GRC), currently chaired by Mary Beth Monroe, to advise the AAPT Executive Board on governance issues and review AAPT governance documents and prepare an organizational chart that briefly describes the purpose of and indicates the connections among the different committees, programs, groups, and outreach efforts sponsored by AAPT. The work of the GRC continues as of October 2009.

With the guidance of a planning team AAPT convened a retreat for Area Committee chairs and Section Representatives (ACC/SR) in May 2007 at ACP to discuss the current structure and possible restructuring of AAPT. Several models were presented over the two days and the planning team met to summarize and report those models to the Executive Board. The text of their report is available at (<http://www.aapt.org/sections/docs.cfm>). President Leff appointed a temporary Executive Board Committee on Governance Structure (CoGS), currently chaired by Lila Adair, to study, summarize, and synthesize the following documents: the organizational chart of AAPT structure prepared by the GRC, the models presented by the planning group

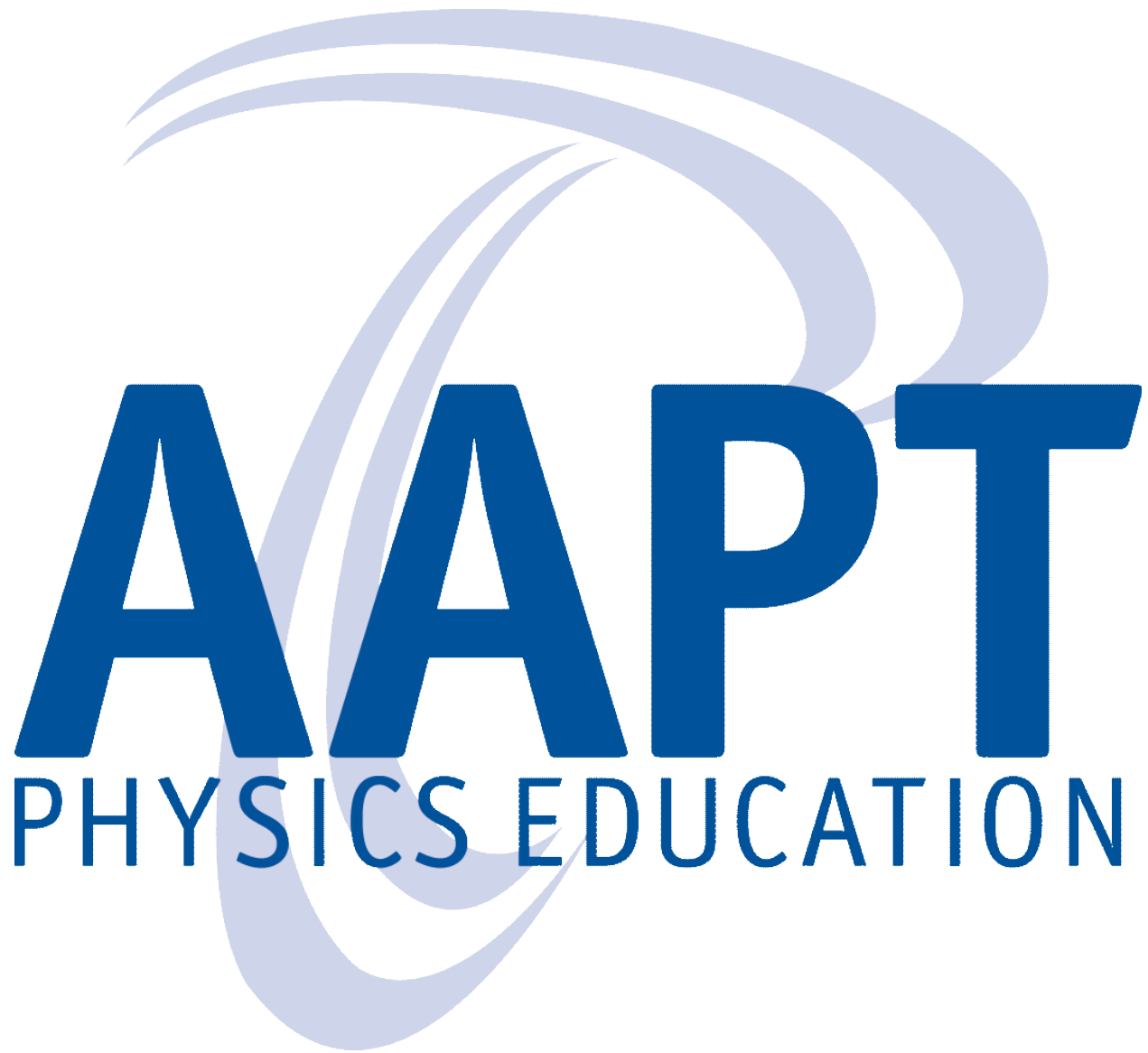
from the ACC/SR retreat, and other relevant documents. The work of the CoGS continues as of October 2009.

Changes in leadership within the Executive Office in early 2008 resulted in an interruption of some aspects of the strategic planning process. In April 2009 the Executive Board re-engaged in strategic planning with Karen Johnston facilitating the process. Significant time was dedicated to the strategic planning effort by the Board at its meetings in July and October 2009 with Johnston's leadership. In parallel, staff members in the National Office have been using the Board's strategic planning framework to guide program and financial planning and membership services and recruitment.

The current draft of the plan is available at (<http://www.aapt.org/sections/docs.cfm>). The sections representatives and area chairs held a mini-retreat at the 2010 Winter Meeting to continue the work of strategic planning.

SECTION ROSTER

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