

**AAPT Executive Board Minutes (DRAFT)**  
**Teleconference**  
**Saturday, April 27, 2013**

**Members Present:** Gay Stewart, President; Mary Mogge, Vice-President; Mary Beth Monroe, President Elect; Jill Marshall, Past President; Wolfgang Christian, Secretary; David Jackson, Editor, *American Journal of Physics* (AJP); Karl Mamola, Editor, *The Physics Teacher* (TPT); Greg Puskar, Chair Section Representatives; Elaine Gwinn, Vice Chair Section Representatives; Diane Riendeau, At-Large Member (High School); Aaron Titus, Member At Large (4-Year College); Paul Williams, Member At Large (2-Year College); Beth Cunningham, Executive Officer; Robert Hilborn, Associate Executive Officer

**Guests:** RaShonda Rosier, Director of Marketing; Patch Hicks, Administrative Assistant; Marilyn Gardner, Director of Communications and Membership; Michael Brosnan, Director of Finance; Tiffany Hayes, Director of Programs & Conferences; Rogers Fuller, Associate Director of Membership; Paul Cottle, APS COE chair; Ernie Beringer, UCTF chair; Jack Hehn, AAPT Senior Fellow

**1. Call to order (Stewart)**

The meeting was called to order at 10:10.

**2. Approval of Agenda (Stewart)**

The agenda was approved.

**3. Approval of Minutes of Winter 2013 Board Meeting (Christian)**

Cunningham, Stewart and Monroe have sent minor corrections to the Secretary.

Marshall moved and Williams seconded the motion:

**The Minutes from the Winter 2013 Board Meeting are approved with minor changes.**  
The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Discussion on Appointing a Treasurer to Serve until WM14 (Stewart)**

Eric Zitzewitz has informed the Board that Paul Zitzewitz has gone into hospice and is no longer able to serve as Treasurer. Various members expressed their sense of personal loss and friendship for Paul. Cunningham will email Paul Zitzewitz's home address to the Board so we can correspond privately with Paul and his family. (Note: Paul Zitzewitz passed away in his sleep on Monday April 29.)

Article II.11 of the Association's bylaws states that a vacancy in the office of Secretary or Treasurer shall be filled to complete the term by appointment by the Executive Board. Several very qualified candidates were discussed. The Board agreed that it was important to move quickly because the 2014 budget will be developed over the next 6 months. The Treasurer chairs the Finance Committee that provides feedback on a draft of the budget prior to distributing it to the Board for discussion at the fall Board meeting. The Board agreed that Beth Cunningham should contact Steve Iona to determine his willingness to serve.

Christian moved and Stewart seconded the motion:

**To suspend the rule requiring a one-week discussion period prior to voting on an interim Treasurer appointment.**

The motion passed without dissent.

### **5. Discussion of Secretary's Report (Christian)**

Christian communicated the recommended slate of candidates from Dyan Jones, Chair of the Nominating Committee.

- VP: Sam Sampere and Janelle Bailey
- Treasurer: Jess Dowdy and Steve Turley
- HS Member At Large: Pat Callahan and Jan Mader

The slate was approved. Christian will send letters to the candidates asking each candidate to formally accept his or her nomination and Gardner will request biographical information and a statement for the ballot.

### **6. Discussion of Finance Report (Brosnan)**

Brosnan reported first quarter operating revenues of \$1,328,232 and expenses of \$1,167,815 resulting in a profit of \$160,417. The March 31 reserve balance increased to \$4,127,009 compared to \$3,557,635 in 2012. Preliminary results for the 2012 fiscal year indicate that revenue has increased and expenses have gone down. In addition, the AAPT has received a \$40,000 rent refund from ACP and has been able to reduce IT costs from \$53,000/month to \$43,000/month. Additional details are available in the April 2013 iBook.

Williams commented that the surplus was a membership benefit that we didn't provide. Marshall asked if we make more money and serve fewer members, is that a good thing? Stewart reminded the Board that the Association had significantly depleted its reserves in the past, and that we should increase our financial reserves to one year of operating expenses. [Note: See Strategic Plan.]

Christian commented that we could freeze registration and membership fees and announce that decision to the membership. Stewart expressed her support for that idea.

Cunningham announced that AAPT has received donations totaling \$21,000.

Brosnan proceeded to give a short Treasurer's report on behalf of Zitzewitz. On March 31, 2013 the Association had net assets of \$3,316,847. Net income for the three months ending on March 31, 2013 was \$160,417. Additional details are available in the April 2013 iBook.

### **7. Discussion of Programs and Conferences Report (Hayes)**

Hayes reported that we currently have approximately 500 registered participants for SM13 in Portland but that early bird registration was not yet closed.

The Board again discussed complementary registration for invited speakers. Marshall commented that complementary registration should not apply to lapsed members. Stewart commented that complementary registration should only apply to people who would not normally come.

Marshall moved and Stewart seconded a motion to add the following language to the EBH: **"Non-member invited speakers who have been a member within the past five years are not eligible for complimentary registration."**

The Secretary will conduct an electronic vote on this motion after the meeting because the motion was not listed in the approved agenda.

Hayes reported that light rail in Portland is no longer free but workshop participants will receive free passes.

Hayes reported that the Town and Country Hotel in San Diego has not responded to phone calls or emails and that she will visit the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina to assess this alternate site. Stewart asked if this hotel change will increase cost and Hayes replied that the Sheraton room rates are about the same and that we will receive complementary Internet so there may be a cost savings.

Hayes reported that we do not have much information about a Cincinnati proposal to host a Summer Meeting. Stewart and Marshall commented that we need for summer meetings to have a campus setting with less expensive dorm rooms.

A tentative SM13 program is available in the April 2013 iBook.

#### **8. Meetings Committee Report (no allotted time)**

The Meeting Committee report is available in the April 2013 iBook.

#### **9. Discussion of Communications Report (Gardner)**

**Institutional Journal Subscription Pricing:** Gardner reported that institutional subscription pricing seems to be in line with other journals. Journals provide 50% of the operating budget for AAPT and we need to insure that this revenue stream is maintained.

Monroe asked about differences in pricing for two-year colleges. Gardner responded that the AAPT is gathering information on whether to move to tiered pricing so that larger schools (e.g., Harvard and MIT) will pay more and smaller schools (e.g., Dickinson and Davidson) will pay less. The TYC tier was created several years ago. Stewart commented that TYCs have small numbers of physics educators and should pay less.

Monroe moved and Riendeau seconded:

**Motion to approve subscription pricing.**

Motion approved without dissent.

**Alternative Access Committee:** Gardner reported that all meeting participants would need to pay an extra \$30/meeting in order to provide alternative access via commercial vendors such as LaunchPad. Many Board members voiced concerns about constantly increasing meetings cost. Christian commented that we should try to piggy back alternative access costs if we have joint APS/AAPT meetings. There seemed to be a consensus that alternative access users should pay the majority of the alternative access cost and that the Board should gauge interest in this service. Riendeau and Puskar asked if alternative access users would be asked to pay the entire meeting registration fee.

Numerous members commented on the desirability of asking speakers to provide slides of their talks. Stewart commented that AAPT would not need as much server to store slides as video. Christian commented that we should not ignore the advertising benefit of having excellent plenary videos available on the Internet with the AAPT logo. Stewart commented that the idea of having a second camera to show the speaker in a small insert within the Power Point would make captured plenaries more enticing.

The Board seemed to like the idea of allowing presenters to upload Power Point presentations and add video for plenary speakers but took no further action.

#### **10. Discussion of Membership Report (Gardner) and Membership Analysis (Cunningham)**

Gardner presented highlights of the Membership Report in the April 2013 iBook including numerous initiatives to recruit new members and renew lapsed members.

Marshall asked about associate membership and Gardner responded that this membership category no longer exists. Stewart asked if targeted membership drives had been successful and Gardner responded that our association management system does not record any data to indicate where new members come from.

Gardner reported that membership decline seems to have continued on Q1 but that the rate of decline has decreased. The relation of membership in the national Association to membership in Sections was discussed. National does not have a list of Section members and many Sections do not have good membership lists. Later in the discussion Puskar noted that it is difficult to get information from Sections.

Christian commented that NSTA membership with one journal is \$75/yr and that NSTA has a "New Teacher" rate for \$35. Titus commented that our biggest "competitor" is the NSTA and that he knows many NC physics teachers who go to state NSTA meetings but not NCS-AAPT meetings. Paul Williams noted that early bird registration for the national NSTA meeting is \$225. Cunningham commented that national NSTA meetings have many thousands of registered participants so they can distribute costs. She also stated that other education-related organizations have had membership declines comparable to AAPT.

Fuller commented that HS teachers are very price sensitive and that many HS teachers tell him that the AAPT is too expensive. Riendeau added that only three of 21 teachers in her school belong to a professional organization.

The discussion concluded with a recommendation that the membership discussion would be part of our strategic plan discussion.

**Technology Report (no allotted time)**

The Technology report is available in the April 2013 iBook.

**Marketing Report (no allotted time)**

The Marketing report is available in the April 2013 iBook.

**11. Discussion of Section Representative's Report (Puskar)**

Puskar presented highlights from his report in the April 2013 iBook. He reported that the Puerto Rico Section has been inactive for some time and that action has been initiated to begin delisting of that Section. The Alaska Section is also under consideration for delisting.

**12. Discussion of Two Year College Representative's Report (Williams)**

The TYC report, including a report of the TYC New Faculty Experience and plans for a TYC Leadership Institute, is available in the April 2013 iBook. The report was discussed briefly.

**13. Discussion of Four Year College Representative's report (Titus)**

Titus reported that Toni Sauncy has replaced Tom Olsen as the AIP Liaison for AAPT UCTF.

Titus reported that Beth Thacker is continuing to work on assessment. Christian asked if this work could provide a mechanism for AAPT to help departments with accreditation reports and Titus responded that he thought it could be useful for accreditation but was not certain how that would be implemented. Various Board members commented about assessment instruments, such as the ETS Physics Major Field Test, and it was suggested that AAPT could offer a similar service.

Titus reported that Graduate Student Day will not take place during SM13. He will follow up with the Graduate Education Committee to organize Graduate Student Day at a future meeting.

**14. APS Education Report (Ted Hodapp)**

[Note: Paul Cottle (APS COE chair) and Ernie Beringer (UCTF chair) joined the meeting for this report.]

Hodapp reported that new PhysTEC sites at Central Florida, Georgia State University, University of Cincinnati, and NC State University are coming online and that the Bridge program is starting with the goal to increase minority participation. While describing the Bridge program, Hodapp presented data to show that GRE scores have large variations with race and ethnicity. Women and minorities tend to score lower so cut-off scores disproportionately affect these groups. Stewart remarked that GRE is a measure of preparation but not potential.

Hodapp reported the APS Committee on Education endorsed the creation of an AAPT/APS Joint Task Force on Undergraduate Physics Education and asked the Board to think how to make this a joint committee with a time-defined charge and carefully selected membership.

Cunningham asked how this committee integrates with the current AAPT Undergraduate Curriculum Task Force (UCTF). The Board agreed that UCTF should be consulted about the joint task force.

Titus remarked that that a joint task force is the way to go and that the UCTF should be adjusted. Hodapp responded that of the membership and charge of the joint task force needs to be determined first.

Williams remarked that recommendations that come from a joint task force would have more impact than something coming from either APS or AAPT alone. He then suggested that the job of the UCTF is to assist in supporting the charge of the joint task force. Titus responded that the hope, when developing UCTF was to have a joint task force with APS and that the proposed joint task force is the natural evolution.

**Action Item:** Cunningham and Hodapp will work on a proposed motion for SM13. Beringer will provide input from UCTF.

### **Sunday, April 28, 2013**

**Members Present:** Gay Stewart, President; Mary Mogge, Vice-President; Mary Beth Monroe, President Elect; Jill Marshall, Past President; Wolfgang Christian, Secretary; David Jackson, Editor, *American Journal of Physics* (AJP); Karl Mamola, Editor, *The Physics Teacher* (TPT); Greg Puskar, Chair Section Representatives; Elaine Gwinn, Vice Chair Section Representatives; Diane Riendeau, At-Large Member (High School); Aaron Titus, Member At Large (4-Year College); Paul Williams, Member At Large (2-Year College); Beth Cunningham, Executive Officer; Robert Hilborn, Associate Executive Officer

**Guests:** Jack Hehn, AAPT Senior Fellow; Cathy O'Riordan, AIP

### **15. Call to order (Stewart)**

### **16. AIP Education Activities Report (Cathy O'Riordan)**

O'Riordan reported that the AIP Statistical Research Center recently published a report showing that 26% of all students taking physics do so at TYCs. SPS is continuing its Career Pathways Project to work with undergrads and recent grads. AIP is also working on a new SPIN-UP report and on a STEM Master Teacher Corps in conjunction with AAPT and APS.

### **17. High School Representative's Report (Riendeau)**

Riendeau reported that the HS Photo Contest currently has 96 entries. She suggested that the \$5 fee has greatly reduced the number of entries but that the contest would continue for four more weeks.

[Note: An email from Cunningham on 5/16/2013 stated 1,303 entries had been received and that this number was new record. In addition 9 teachers joined AAPT as a direct result of the contest.]

**Action Item:** Send a letter of acknowledgement to Tommi Holsenbeck.

Riendeau reported that workshops and conferences are better received by HS teachers if they come with some kind of college or university credit. (See HS report for suggestions.) Stewart commented that PTRAs have given credit through the University of Dallas and that the cost is about \$150 per credit hour. Christian asked if AAPT can negotiate a discount. He also mentioned that the Bruce Mason at the University of Oklahoma is interested in offering online credit and that Bruce would be a good contact to try and establish an Oklahoma-AAPT collaboration.

Titus suggested that we offer a distance-education course with 1 day "in person" follow up at an AAPT meeting. Gwinn commented that Tom O'Kuma works with University of Dallas to give credit for his workshops. Both TYC and PTRAs have a great system that works smoothly and easily.

Riendeau noted that HS teachers have the least representation on the Board and that HS teachers are underrepresented in the AAPT governance. Gwinn reminded the Board that she too is a HS teacher. A lively discussion followed where:

- Marshall asked if we should charge the nominating Committee with finding more HS teachers.
- Stewart commented that it would be very good for the Association to make sure we have at least two high school faculty on the board at all times. Do we refer this to CoGS?
- Hilborn stated that we currently have 2700 HS teachers. College (TYC+PUI+Univ)=3600. TYC about 700.
- Cunningham asked how we get HS to have voice in what AAPT will be in 20 years.
- Riendeau stated that we need more benefits for HS teachers, such as liability insurance.
- Titus stated that the primary value of membership consists of meetings and journals, and these aren't enough to make membership worthwhile for HS teachers. We must add value by offering credits, course materials, lesson plans, etc. Williams agreed with this comment.
- Monroe pointed out that sessions come from Area Committees. We need "Phun" sessions for HS teachers. Mamola then asked how do we encourage HS teachers to give those "Phun" papers.
- Riendeau pointed out that it is a difficult task to create sessions that appeal to both HS and college teachers. She stated that PER doesn't appeal to HS teachers. Riendeau also asked if we can charge area committees to create HS-specific sessions to insure that session titles accurately reflect the target audience. Members (HS and students) complain that they are not that interested in PER.

- Marshall commented that PER sessions are well attended- we tend to put them in larger rooms and they are often standing room- so reducing the number would be an issue for that constituency. She also commented that PER presentation is a very important member benefit.
- Jackson noted that it is important for the PER community to have a place to present their research. And PER folks always bring a significant number of graduate students to the national meetings.
- Monroe pointed out that PER sessions are often put together from what is submitted by the general membership and that some non-PER requested sessions get cancelled because of a lack of submissions. Monroe is bringing this problem up with area committees.
- Stewart suggested that having more generic titles that are attractive would encourage people to think about submitting talks and bring teachers to sessions. She commented that there needs to be a thread throughout the meeting that supports things you can use in your classroom, sharing ideas, apparatus and lessons.
- Jackson asked two meetings a year may be too much because members only have enough time and money to go to one meeting a year. Marshall stated that she would recommend that we drop the Winter Meeting.
- Christian commented that dropping the Winter Meeting would affect our plans for a joint meeting with the APS.

Hilborn closed the discussion by recommending that the meeting committee address the question of how to make meetings more attractive for HS teachers and other constituencies.

### **18. President's Report (Stewart)**

Stewart reported that often the Section Representative from a future meeting site declines membership on the Meetings Committee. Local involvement is critical to planning the meeting, so the declination is problematic since we need to have people who know AAPT on the committee. She recommended that:

**AAPT not accept a site unless there is a rep from the region willing to serve on the committee.**

Monroe commented that the AAPT HS Teacher Day should be on a Sunday (not a Monday) during Winter Meetings so that teachers can attend. A local HS teacher would have helped spot this scheduling problem in WM13.

**AAPT Fellows:** Stewart proposed that the Association recognize distinction in the field of physics education by the naming of AAPT Fellows. She pointed out that this recognition is very different from the current service citation and that most scientific societies have this membership designation. (See President's report for Fellowship proposal.)

Christian recommended that major award winners should automatically become AAPT Fellows to avoid reviewing a flood of nominations for already recognized education leaders. He also recommended that at least 5 years of AAPT membership be required (as in



the AAAS) and that there be annual maximum quotas for area constituencies (as in the APS).

**Action Item:** The Awards Committee is asked to draft a formal Fellowship proposal.

Stewart proposed a number of changes in the EBH related to Area Committees. The Secretary will consolidate all EBH changes for discussion and approval at SM13.

### **19. Past President's Report (Marshall)**

Marshall announced the Melba Newell Phillips Medal endowment campaign and the kick-off dinner at SM13. The campaign will continue through this year with a goal of raising \$30,000 (half the endowment needed to give the award every 5 years).

Christian asked if the "Donate" button on the main page could link to a more attractive html page than a Funds Directory. Colleges usually highlight fundraising campaigns and our donations page is "flat."

Marshall reported on Strategic Plan feedback from Sections and Area Chairs. She then asked: What is the value of Strategic Plan? Williams responded that without a strategic plan we just react.

Marshall: How do we use the Strategic Plan? The EO uses the plan but maybe not the Board.

Cunningham responded that the Strategic Plan helps us choose, that the Strategic Plan is not rigid, and that we can always go after targets of opportunity. Cunningham then stated that we are at a critical moment in our history, that a Strategic Plan will help us set the direction, and that maybe Board meetings should be organized by strategies. She also stated that we need to separate tactical actions from a Strategic Plan and that it is the responsibility of the Board and the EO to note where we are with the Strategic Plan.

Stewart commented that increasing membership is not what we are about. We are about better serving our members, so more would find membership rewarding, and thus we need to raise the discussion to a higher level. Examples from the new APS SP:

- **GOAL ONE: To Better Serve the Members**  
Attracting and serving a diverse and inclusive membership worldwide is of foremost importance. Finding new and more effective ways to communicate with APS members is essential to maintaining a large and engaged membership.
- **GOAL TWO: To Better Serve the Physics Community**  
APS is dedicated to providing world-class peer reviewed journals and organizing stimulating physics meetings, as well as leading and partnering outstanding physics education initiatives, deepening its global engagement, and advocating for a stronger physics enterprise.

- **GOAL THREE: To Better Serve Society**

As a leading source of physics information, APS will build greater public support for physics and science generally. It will engage the membership in conveying the importance and excitement of physics to the public, and will provide opportunities for its members to bring their expertise and passion to bear on solutions to important societal problems.

Marshall stated that we need to reorganize the SP around the core values.

A Strategic Plan working session has been scheduled for SM13 on Sunday from 2:00-4:00 PM. At this point the following individuals have agreed to serve on the Strategic Plan working group: Diane Riendeau, Chris Chiaverina, Steve Iona, Mary Mogge, Mary Beth Monroe, Wolfgang Christian, Karen Johnston, Beth Cunningham, and Bob Hilborn. Others who wish to join in the effort are welcome.

Additional SMT Strategic Plan Suggestions and Iona's Strategic Plan Suggestions are available in the April 2013 iBook.

## **20. Discussion of the Awards Report (Marshall)**

Marshall recommended that AAPT increase prominence of its awards. She asked if awards need to be given every year or if the Association should rotate awards so that we give one major award per year.

Williams responded "Out of habit, out of mind" implying that awards should be given every year. Marshall noted that awards given in any year would be advertised and that we didn't get any complaints when we missed year. Monroe noted that she has received complaints when an award has been ignored.

Christian commented that we may need awards to attract the best plenary speakers.

**Action Item:** The Awards Committee is tasked with coming up with a proposal for how often awards should be presented.

## **21. President Elect Report (Monroe)**

Monroe reported on preparations for the WM14. She reported that AAPT has received:

- 51 submissions for workshops,
- 182 poster abstracts,
- 110 invited/panel abstracts, and
- 267 contributed papers.

Monroe thanked Mogge for her help with the paper sort.

The AAPT has received a request from the AAAS to appoint members to serve on AAAS committees. The President Elect (Monroe) recommends these candidates and the Board approves the appointment.

**Motion: The AAPT Executive Board appoints Phillip “Bo” Hammer as AAPT Representative to Committee B (Physics) of the AAAS and Beverly Karplus Hartline as AAPT Representative to Committee Q (Education) of the AAAS. Each term will end February 15, 2016.**

Motion to appoint was approved unanimously.

The AAPT has received a request from the Eleventh Inter American Conference on Physics Education (IACPE) to appoint a delegate. The President Elect (Monroe) recommends the delegate and the Board approves the appointment.

**Motion: The AAPT Executive Board appoints Teodoro Halpern, retired, Ramapo College of New Jersey, as the AAPT Delegate to the Eleventh InterAmerican Conference on Physics Education.**

Motion to appoint was approved with 8 yes votes and two abstentions.

An extensive discussion of funding for Halpern’s expenses occurred before and after the motion. The issue of how does support for the delegate benefit our membership was raised as were the benefits of international collaboration. The historic involvement of AAPT in the IACPE was mentioned as was the fact that prominent AAPT members (Mazur, Sokoloff, and Laws) have been invited to speak at this year’s conference.

Christian notes that there is a form on page 239 of the EBH to request international travel support. Cunningham responded that this form is outdated because it refers to a funding mechanism that has been discontinued. Criteria listed in this form could, however, be used as a starting point for future requests.

Cunningham stated that the National Society of Hispanic Physicists will contribute to the IACPE Delegate travel and that the amount of money requested (~\$1,300) was relatively small. Stewart and the EO will decide the funding request and ask Halpern to give a report at an AAPT meeting if he is funded.

## **22. Discussion of Vice President’s Report (Mogge)**

Mogge reported on preparations for the WM14. (See the April 2013 iBook for deadlines.) The WM14 theme is “The Magic of Physics.” SM14 will be at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Minnesota but a theme has not yet been decided.

In response to the earlier discussions about creating sessions for HS teachers, Monroe suggested that sessions be color coded to indicate the audience.

In response to helping Monroe with the SM13 paper sort, Monroe suggested that some investment of IT time could make future paper sorts much easier. For example, once a session time is given the software should give all the paper times and the software could identify speaker and presider time conflicts. Cunningham responded that this request might require IT staff time that would need to be pulled from other projects.

**Action Item:** Further discussion of automation between Monroe, Mogge and EO staff.

### **23. Executive Officer's Report (Cunningham)**

Cunningham presented her notes on AAPT-AIP Publishing Strategy Day from April 25 - 26th. These notes will be emailed to the Board and discussed at the next Publications Committee meeting. Action items developed by the EO and the Pubs Committee may require Board action at SM13.

Williams, Hilborn, and Cunningham have edited the AAPT Program Review Guidelines using suggestions provided by the Board at WM13. A new version of the Guidelines is included in Appendix B and the Board is asked to approve these Guidelines.

Williams moved and Puskar seconded:

#### **Motion to approve Program Review Guidelines.**

Motion approved without dissent.

Cunningham and Jonathan Reichert have had several conversations and email exchanges since the January Board meeting regarding the proposed AAPT---ALPhA Award for Undergraduate Physics Students. (The award is described on page 15 in appendix D)

Jackson moved and Marshall seconded

#### **Motion to approve the AAPT-ALPhA award.**

The motion passed with nine (9) for and one against.

Cunningham reported that she will participate in an AIP Governance Review and that the AIP's relation to member societies is an agenda item. She requested that Board members send ideas by May 15.

A draft statement on the need for support of professional development for the teaching of physics in K-12 schools was presented to the Board during WM13. The revised statement is included in Appendix E of the April iBook and Cunningham asked the Board to approve this statement.

Monroe moved and Marshall seconded the:

#### **Motion to approve the statement on "Critical Need for Support of Professional Development for the Teaching of Physics in K-12 Schools" and Public Policy Activities**

The motion passed unanimously.

Cunningham reported that she was contacted on April 11<sup>th</sup> by John Dudley, President of the European Physical Society (EPS), asking AAPT to endorse and partner with EPS the International Year of Light in 2015. If the Board agrees, AAPT's name would be included on the list of partners in the next round of documentation. Numerous Board members wanted more information about the potential cost and obligations that AAPT would incur if it were to co-sponsor.

**Decision to cosponsor the International Year of Light was deferred pending additional information from EPS.**

Cunningham informed the Board that a recommendation for a new *TPT* editor would soon be made by the *TPT* Editor Search Committee and that the Board would need to make a quick decision regarding the recommendation so as not to lose the candidate.

Stewart moved and Marshall seconded the motion:

**To suspend the rule requiring a one-week discussion period prior to voting on The Physics Teacher editor.**

The motion passed without dissent.

Cunningham announced that the 2014 CUWiP conference will run Friday evening, January 17 through Sunday afternoon, January 19 at various locations (see EO report). Board members interested in representing the Association at one of these locations should contact the EO.

#### **24. Discussion of Publication's Committee Report (Christian)**

Christian communicated that the SM12 Pubs Committee minutes had been omitted from the WM12 iBook. These minutes are included in the April 2013 iBook as part of the official record.

Carl Mungan has submitted the Five-Year Review of the American Journal of Physics to the Publications Committee. This report with its 47 recommendations is currently being reviewed by the Committee. Items from this report that require Board action will be presented at SM13.

Juan Burciaga's response to the AAPT Book Publications Five-Year Review is included at the end of the Pubs Committee report in the April 2013 iBook. This document is currently being reviewed by the Pubs Committee. Items from this report that require Board action will be presented at SM13.

Christian asked the Board for information about the Online Publications Editor because there is no evidence for this position in the EBH. He recommended that we create such a position and that we conduct an electronic publication external review after an editor has been named.

[Note: After the Board meeting, we discovered that the Board approved an ePubs editor in 2005. Bruce Mason was appointed Interim Online Publications Editor "until the position was filled" but there is no formal evidence that further action has been taken. The Board needs to deal with this ambiguity, including possible financial support for an electronic publications editor. Christian will ask Mason to continue his interim appointment until an appointment is made.]

## **25. Associate Executive Officer's Report (Hilborn)**

Hilborn reported on his work on the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and on the Next Gen PTRAs and he asked the Board for advice on NGSS. He noted that, although the NGSS were approved on April 10, what happens next is murky. Achieve says "NGSS is a technical document not a curriculum document." How far should we go in working with other organizations in refining this document?

Stewart commented that NGSS is one of the most important things that we could be doing. Puskar added that we need to do as much as we can to provide the best possible document and that he suspects that states will use them without any modification on their part. Cunningham noted that states are supposed to adopt NGSS without modification (it is a package).

Hilborn asked what scale of effort should the Association put into Next Gen PTRAs. How ambitious should national AAPT be? Marshall and Stewart responded that Next Gen PTRAs are one of the most important things we should be doing. Who are the next generation of PTRAs leaders?

## **26.4:00 PM Adjourn**

**Motion to adjourn passed unanimously.**