

Subject: **Important Update: Transition of Our Annual Meetings**

Date/Time: **Wednesday, January 14, 11:00 am ET**

Dear Members,

We are writing to inform you of an important update to our annual meetings that will support AAPT's efforts in providing rewarding programming for our members. This transformation follows a year of review, in-depth surveys, and a collaborative workshop with leaders across our association to ensure our events reflect your strongest needs and ambitions. The Board approved these changes after careful consideration and strategic planning.

After January 2027, the Winter Meeting will be retired. AAPT will focus its resources on evolving the Summer Meeting into the centerpiece of our yearly events. Our commitment is to create a new era of programming built around greater interactivity, practical learning, and vibrant community collaborations.

While the Winter Meeting will conclude in 2027, AAPT will not step back from connection; instead, we will explore additional ways to help members stay engaged, collaborate, and continue learning throughout the year alongside the transformed in-person Summer Meeting.

The upcoming Summer Meetings will begin to offer interactive educational experiences tailored for immediate professional impact. Look forward to collaborative workshop-style sessions, expanded networking collaborations, and session formats that foster practical application and genuine peer exchange. You will see the latest innovations in science education, with new formats and content that keep our meetings both relevant and inspiring.

The transformation also broadens opportunities for sponsorship and participation, supporting the financial strength and growth of AAPT.

This change is a direct result of listening to your feedback. Every detail is rooted in what drives our members to participate, connect, and advance together. We are confident these enhancements will deliver richer experiences, more lasting value, and set a new standard for what AAPT annual meetings offer.

Members can share confidential questions and comments via our survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SGRTX63>; we will use this input to keep the meetings transition webpage at <https://www.aapt.org/Conferences/MeetingStrategy.cfm> updated with clear, timely responses to the questions we hear most often. Updates and FAQs will be provided throughout the transition.

Join us as AAPT introduces an annual meeting built on our tradition of excellence, now enriched with new opportunities, innovative programming, and collaborative experiences. We look forward to welcoming you to a Summer Meeting that promises even more inspiration, engagement, and value for every member of our community.

With appreciation,
Board of Directors
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