

AAPT members tell us that one of the best things about being a member is that AAPT provides a platform for giving back to the community. When you look at the diverse variety of AAPT activities, you see that the value in the organization comes from its members, their expertise, and their service to the community of physics educators.

There are many opportunities to learn about the efforts of AAPT and its members, and we have opportunities for you, to engage in activities that contribute to AAPT's mission to "enhance the understanding and appreciation of physics through teaching." The way we, as members, support this mission continues to evolve as the organization changes and the world changes.

All members can be involved, whether you are in the early stages of your career or have a wealth of experience. There are also many different levels of commitment and engagement. We share some of these opportunities and welcome your thoughts and ideas, and we encourage you to think about how you might provide additional support for AAPT's values and mission..

### **Attending the meeting in Provo?**

You may want to attend one or more of the area committee meetings that occur at AAPT's national meetings. Area committee meetings are open to all conference attendees and you can sit in as a friend of the committee. If you haven't been to a committee meeting we encourage you to check them out - it's a great way to learn about what goes on behind the scenes at AAPT.

All AAPT members are invited to participate in aspects of the planning of our meetings, either through informal discussions and communications with other members, or more formally, as organizers for the conference sessions and workshops. If you are interested in being a session or workshop organizer for our upcoming national meeting, we encourage you to contact the committee Chair of the area you think best aligns with your ideas and goals for a session or workshop.

#### ***Or ... you can:***

- Serve as an experienced AAPT member at an early career speed networking event at one of AAPT's national meetings.  
Contact: [eo@aapt.org](mailto:eo@aapt.org)
- Serve as a presider for a session at an AAPT national meeting.  
Contact: [programs@aapt.org](mailto:programs@aapt.org)
- Be one of AAPT's social media volunteers (for entries to FaceBook, Twitter, Instagram, etc) during an AAPT national meeting.  
Contact: [eo@aapt.org](mailto:eo@aapt.org)

## Other short term opportunities:

### ***You can:***

- Help review physics programs.  
<http://aapt.org/Resources/deptreview.cfm>  
Contact: call (301) 209-3311 or email [eo@aapt.org](mailto:eo@aapt.org)
- Be a reviewer for *The Physics Teacher* or the *American Journal of Physics*.  
<https://aapt.org/Publications/>  
Contact: [tpt@appstate.edu](mailto:tpt@appstate.edu) or [amjphys@gmail.com](mailto:amjphys@gmail.com)
- Assist with judging photos for the High School Photo Contest.  
Info @ <http://aapt.org/Programs/contests/photocontest.cfm>  
Contact: [tholsenbeckhsphoto@gmail.com](mailto:tholsenbeckhsphoto@gmail.com)
- Serve on the PhysicsBowl Advisory Committee and assist in developing the exam.  
Contact: [programs@aapt.org](mailto:programs@aapt.org)
- Provide photos for AAPT to use in publications.  
Contact: [alennox@aapt.org](mailto:alennox@aapt.org)
- Add your name to the AAPT Speakers Bureau.  
[http://aapt.org/Resources/speakers\\_bureau-landing.cfm](http://aapt.org/Resources/speakers_bureau-landing.cfm)

## Are you able to commit more time to AAPT?

- Consider nominating yourself for being a member of an Area Committee or a member of the AAPT Board of Directors.  
Contact: The Chair of Nominating Committee - Info @ <https://aapt.org/aboutaapt/organization/nominating.cfm>
- Be an eMentor for a new high school physics teacher.  
<http://ementoring.aapt.org>  
Contact: [ementoring@aapt.org](mailto:ementoring@aapt.org)
- Become a Physics Teaching Resource Agent.  
<http://aapt.org/PTRA/>  
Contact: Karen Jo Matsler, PTRAs Director, [kjmatsler@gmail.com](mailto:kjmatsler@gmail.com)

- Be one of AAPT's social media volunteers (for entries to FaceBook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.) throughout the year.  
Contact: eo@aapt.org

### **Maybe you aren't able to commit your time but you can donate to AAPT?**

You can direct funds to the diverse activities AAPT engages its members in and support activities that are the most important to you!

For example, you can give to membership and help develop and support student members or new teachers - you can give to our new *Early Career Emerging Leader Award* - or, you support someone's attendance at an AAPT annual meeting by contributing to their travel and dependent care costs.

Visit <https://www.aapt.org/Donations> to learn more!

If you have any questions or other ideas about how you can support AAPT, let us know!

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