

Fall is upon us and the PTRAs are fast getting in contact with their colleagues in their respective states.

The **Idaho PTRA** collaboration will be meeting with the teachers at their state science teachers' meeting. This meeting will be **October 5-6, 2017** at **Highland High School in Pocatello ID**. The PTRA sessions are designed as a follow-up for the summer program that has been held at Idaho State University. For those teachers not in the summer program, contact Jan Mader ([jan\\_mader@gfps.k12.mt.edu](mailto:jan_mader@gfps.k12.mt.edu)), Duane Merrell ([duane\\_merrell@byu.edu](mailto:duane_merrell@byu.edu)), or Steve Shopshire ([shrostev@isu.edu](mailto:shrostev@isu.edu)), for details. The registration is closed for this meeting. This PTRA event is a very strong program and continues to report success with teacher advancement and student achievement. Eager participants are always encouraged to apply.

While **TEXAS** has been in the news handling the wrath of Mother Nature, the state section of **AAPT** will be meeting **October 20-21, 2017** jointly with APS at the **University of Dallas in Richardson TX**. Registration can be completed at <https://research.utdallas.edu/tsaps/register.html>. Faculty and staff have a registration fee of \$80 after September 30. There are nine workshops available for a nominal fee by some of the best PTRAs in Texas. Registration for the workshops are here: <http://www.texasaapt.com/fall-2017-meeting/>. Excellent speakers are on the agenda and the membership will be present with positive outlooks regarding physics research and physics education in Texas.

The TEXAS AAPT's have over 15 workshops schedule for the state science meeting **CAST in Houston on November 9-11, 2017**. This meeting will continue as planned. The list of PTRA workshops can be found on the schedule and they are named with **TSAAPT** on the workshop title. Registration is open, <https://ww2.eventrebels.com/er/EventHomePage/CustomPage.jsp?ActivityID=21948&ItemID=79656> and hotel reservations need to be made. More on this later.

For those of you who enjoy the beautiful hues of the season in Pennsylvania, a quick trip to Misericordia University will provide an opportunity to work with Pat Callahan, Dave McCachren and Alice Flarend. This will be a 6-hour workshop with several parts entitled **Something Ancient, Something Classical, Something New**. The meeting will be **Friday, December 1, 2017, 8:30 to 3:00**. Interested participants have time to arrange for released time and travel plans. These workshop leaders have many years of experience in the classroom including well-developed presentation skills for workshops. Past evaluations have always been positive and asking for more opportunities to work with these super PTRAs.

The PTRA program is still alive and working with their local colleagues. Anyone interested in knowing more about this program can contact Pat Callahan ([ptcallahan@aol.com](mailto:ptcallahan@aol.com)) or Karen Jo Matsler [texasaapt@gmail.com](mailto:texasaapt@gmail.com).