



American Association of Physics Teachers

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Alexander K. Dickison Assumes New Role as AAPT President
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The American Association of Physics Teachers announced that Alexander K. Dickison has assumed the role of Executive Board President. Dr. Dickison, Professor of Physics, Seminole Community College, will serve as President in 2009, and Past President in 2010.

Dr. Dickison has served as a Physics Instructor (1973-present) and Chairman of the Physical Sciences Department (1986-present) at Seminole Community College. He was also an instructor at the University of Wisconsin, Green Bay (1969-72).

His AAPT service includes: Committee on the History and Philosophy of Physics (2002-Present); Treasurer (1996-2002); Chair of Section Representatives (1991-1995); Section Representative (1978-1996); Two-Year College Committee (1987-1990); Building Fund Committee (1986-1988); Science Education for the Public Committee (1981-1985); and TPT Review Committee (1979)

A member of AAPT, the American Physical Society, Florida Section of AAPT, NSTA, Florida Academy of Sciences, and Sigma Pi Sigma, Dr. Dickison has received numerous honors including the AAPT Distinguished Service Award. He serves as the Principal Investigator for Introductory College Physics/21st Century (ICP/21) project; member of the Advisory Committee for SPIN-UP/TYC; Co-Chair of the Florida State Physics and Astronomy Leveling Committee (1996-present); AP Physics Summer Workshops Coordinator (1987-present); Florida Statewide Committee on Common Course Numbering (1984-present); AIP Committee on Career Planning and Placement (1992-present); Summer Eisenhower Grant Institutes for K-12 Teachers Coordinator (1985-92); and the Steering Committee for TYC21.

Recognizing AAPT as a very important component his professional life, Dr. Dickison says, "It provides me a source of rejuvenation. I always leave the section and national meetings with renewed enthusiasm and new teaching ideas to try in my classroom. AAPT is unique in bringing together teachers, from high school through university, to work together to improve student understanding of physics. The strength of AAPT resides in its members and their initiatives."

About AAPT: AAPT is the leading organization for physics educators—with more than 10,000 members worldwide. Our mission is to advance the greater good through physics teaching. We provide our members with many opportunities for professional development, communication, and student enrichment. We serve the larger community through a variety of programs and publications. AAPT was founded in 1930 and is headquartered in the American Center for Physics in College Park, Maryland.

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