



**NEW YORK STATE SECTION
AMERICAN PHYSICAL SOCIETY**

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
120th Semi-annual Symposium
160th Meeting of NYSS/APS
April 26, 2019
IBM-Yorktown Heights

Members Present: Erica Simoson (Chair, 19), Gianfranco Vidali (Secretary/Treasurer, 21), Samuel Amanuel (19); Eric Cotts (21), Harold Hastings (19), Ken Podolak (Vice-chair, 19), Carl Ventrice (21)

Guest: Susan diFranzo – at the end of the meeting she became the new elected member of the Executive Committee

Members Absent: Abram Falk (21), Joel Giedt (21), Shashi Kanbur (19), Jenny Magnes (19), Michael Rogers (19), Zachary Robinson (21), Donell Brandon Hoffman (21), Rajesh Vaddi (19).

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Erica Simoson.

1. Approval of minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting at the 2018 Spring and Fall 2018 Symposia:

The minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings at both Symposia were approved.

2. Report of the Local Committee –Abram Falk:

Local Committee Report – 81 non-IBM members; 17 posters. Projected costs: \$3,000, \$15 per head for lunch, \$50 per head for dinner; up to \$200 for speakers' travel;

a. Posters – see Appendix A

- i. Reminder of the policy: (PASSED October 15, 2004 with amount revised at this meeting) the judging committee may award prizes (up to \$1,000) for posters in categories at the discretion of the judges. Gianfranco proposed to increase poster awards up to \$2,000 at the discretion of judges and for this time only. Harold seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- ii. The poster judging committee was set up. From the Executive Committee: Carl Ventrice, Heike Geisler, Jim Hannon
- iii. Results of posters judging – **See Appendix A**

c. Student support – see Appendix B

- i. Student support.
- ii. Reminder of the policy passed at the Executive Committee Meeting, Spring 2013 **Overall student support maximum is increased to \$150 per student for travel and hotel. To encourage pre-planning, student support requests received two weeks prior to the symposium will receive full consideration for full reimbursement of expenses (double occupancy and ride sharing) pending availability of funds. Students are expected to pursue alternative sources of funding also. The total amount to be allotted per symposium for this purpose is**

\$2500. Amounts exceeding this need prior approval of the Executive Committee.

3. Secretary/Treasurer’s report

- a. At the end of February 2019, according to the financial statement from APS we have \$62,264.42. At the same time last year we had \$62,904.19. Dues from APS amount to \$11,236.00. Currently there are 2801 NYSS members (5.13 % of APS membership). We are the state section with most members after the Far West section (2995 members). The investment income is \$ 1,360.19 vs. \$ 1,424.15 for 2017.

	2018 (full year)	2017 (full year)	2016 (full year)	2015 (full year)
Total assets	\$ 48,000.37	\$52,714.53	\$ 57,423.09	\$54,886.25
Revenue	\$20,771.19	\$19,373.15	\$16,005.18	\$13,049.80
Expenses	\$ 25,485.35	\$24,081.71	\$13,468.34	\$10,661.15
Net	\$(4,714.16)	\$(4,708.56)	\$2,536.84	\$2,388.85

Data are from APS financial statements.

- b. Preliminary figures on cost of Symposium per student attendee (in some cases, the number of students is estimated). The cost per student is obtained by using the cost per Symposium, excluding: students’ travel, outreach grants, poster awards; but including speakers’ travel.

Binghamton	78	\$ 40	
Union	119	\$ 40	
Buffalo	<120	\$ >46	(120 is the total number of attendees)
RPI	44	\$ 64	
Sarah Lawrence	51	\$ 44	
Vassar	16	\$200	
SUNY Fredonia	46	\$ 28	
SUNY Plattsburgh	35		
SUNY Oswego	27	\$ 35	

4. Future Symposia

Coming in Fall 2019, and Brockport in Spring 2020. Other possibilities to explore further are: Brookhaven National Lab and LeMoyne College.

5. Outreach Grants– Harold Hastings

Harold reported there were no requests for Outreach Grants.

4. Other Reports/ Business

At the end of the meeting, the Ken Podolak became Chair and Samuel Amanuel was elected vice-Chair. Gianfranco Vidali is Secretary/Treasurer and the Members-at-Large of the Executive Committee are: Eric Cotts (Binghamton University), Abram Falk (IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Center), Joel Giedt (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute). Donell Hoffman (Houghton College), Zachary Robinson (SUNY Brockport), Carl Ventrice (SUNY Polytechnic Institute), Christopher Bass (University at Albany), Patrik Dholabhai (Rochester Institute of Technology), Susan DiFranzo, Gen Long (St. John’s University), Erica Simoson (SUNY Fredonia), Rajesh Vaddi (Corning Inc.). Christopher Bass, Patrik Dholabhai, Susan

DiFranzo, Erica Simoson, and Rajesh Vaddi are the new elected members for a four-year term.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

Appendix A – Fall 2018 Student Poster Awards

Graduate Student Awards:

Dasharath Adhikari (University of Buffalo) *Phase coexistence near metal-insulator transition in CuIr_2S_4 single crystals* \$50

Ahmed Hussein Ali (University of Buffalo) *Effect of sulfur vacancies on the transport characteristics of Bi_2S_3 nanobeam transistors* \$50

Undergraduate Student Awards:

Blake Huck (Canisius College) *Machine Learning for Particle Identification at Jefferson Lab* \$50

Appendix B – Travel Support to Students to Attend the Fall 2018 Symposium at SUNY-Fredonia

There were no requests.

Appendix C –Report of Fall 2018 Symposium at SUNY - Fredonia

Total APS Registrants: + (invited speakers) = 52

Students: 34

Non-students / HS Teachers / Retirees: 2

INCOME:

On-site Registration / Banquet: Credit Card	
Checks	\$25.00
Cash	
Registration/Banquet collected by APS (off-site)	\$625.00
Host Donation	\$516.00
<u>Income Total</u>	<u>\$1166.00</u>

EXPENSES:

Catering – banquet + coffee breaks 1087.50+ 736.33=\$1823.83

Rentals (Hall, vans, etc.)

Invited Speakers Support \$925.06

Parking

Name Badges

Program Printing

Folders and Labels

Audiovisuals

Others (supplies for name badges, folders, etc.) \$72.07

Expenses Total: **\$2820.96**

Net cost to NYSSAPS **\$1654.96**

Submitted on by Erica Simoson