



**NEW YORK STATE SECTION
AMERICAN PHYSICAL SOCIETY**

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
112th Semi-annual Symposium
153rd Meeting of NYSS/APS
April 24, 2015
SUNY Fredonia, NY

Time: 9:10 am

Members Present: vice-chair: Bruce White (15); Secretary/Treasurer Gianfranco Vidali (17); Executive Committee: Sunil Labroo (17); Michael Wood (15); Harold Hastings (15); Ken Podolak (17); Erica Simoson(17) ; David Trauernicht (15); Scott Heinekamp (15); Carl Ventrice (17)

Members Absent: Jay Newman (15); Abigail Flower (17); Michael Hennessy (17); John Noe (17)); David Trauernicht (15); Michael Rogers (15);

1. Approval of minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting at the 2015 Fall Symposium at SUNY-Plattsburgh:

They were unanimously approved.

2. Review of Steps Taken to Action Items:

3. Report of the Local Committee – Erica Simoson (SUNY Fredonia):

- a. Preliminary numbers for this meeting: about 50 attendees, 40 for the banquet.
- b. **Posters – see Appendix A**
 - (i) Reminder of the policy: (PASSED October 15, 2004 with amount revised at the last meeting) the judging committee may award prizes (up to \$800) for posters in categories at the discretion of the judges. A poster judging committee was formed:
 - (ii) Results of posters judging – **See Appendix A**
- c. **Student support**
 - (i) There were a few requests for travel support from students; see **Appendix B**
 - (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.**

4. Secretary/Treasurer's report –Gianfranco

At the end of March 2015, the latest financial statement available from APS shows we have \$ 58,046.14. At the same time last year we had \$57,619.64. Dues from APS amount to \$9,620 vs. \$10,096 a year ago. Currently there are 2405 NYSS members, slightly below the year 2014 number, which is 2524 members. The percentage of NYSS members with respect to the total APS membership declined from 4.99% to 4.67%. The investment income is \$298.54 vs. \$414.73 for the same period a year ago. The total revenue (APS dues, registration fees, banquet, investment) for 2014 (full year) was \$16,480.47 vs. \$15,097.91 for 2013. Expenses (food, travel grants, outreach grant) for 2014 were \$10,651.78 vs. \$8,453.65 for 2013. Although there are fluctuations from year

to year, both revenues and expenditures have declined in the last four years, but expenditures more than revenues, yielding a higher net.

	2015 (1/1-3/31)	2014 (1/1-3/31)	2014 (full year)	2013 (full year)
Total assets	\$58,046.14	\$57,619.64	\$52,422.60	\$46,668.91
Revenue			\$16,480.47	\$15,097.91
Expenses			\$10,651.78	\$8,453.65

Example of costs incurred in Symposia (figures for the SUNY-Oswego and SUNY-Plattsburgh Symposia are not final)

SUNY-Oswego:

- Symposium net balance: -\$934.87;
- Other expenses: \$2,743.88 (student travel: \$812.27; poster awards: \$400; Outreach: \$1531.61);
- **Total cost: \$3,678.75**

SUNY-Plattsburgh (**Appendix C**):

- Symposium net balance: -\$1,980.54
- Other expenses: \$1,217.14 (student travel: \$426.39; speaker travel: \$290.75; poster awards: \$500)
- **Total cost: \$3,197.68**

Total cost for the two Symposia: \$6,876.43

Actions recently taken:

- a. We increased the size of Outreach grants to \$2,000 per grant; we recommended increasing the visibility of our Outreach Program via the distribution of the newsletter to colleges and universities in NYS.
- b. At the Spring 2013 meeting we decided to increase the student support maximum for attending symposia to \$150. The total financial support is capped at \$2,500 per Symposium.
- c. We agreed at the Spring 2014 meeting that the Section would provide funds for speakers' travel expenses not exceeding a total of \$1,000. It is recommended that funds for speakers' travel expenses be sought from institutions.

5. Future Symposia

- a. Vassar College; tentative topic: Computations in Physics
- b. Sarah Lawrence College
- c. RIT (contact: Scott Franklin)

6. Outreach – Harold

The proposal "Oneonta Sparking New Attitude in Physics (O-SNAPS)" by SUNY Oneonta was approved at the level of \$1,943.00 plus \$200.00 for travel to present their report at the NYSS Spring Symposium.

7. Newsletter –

It was recognized that producing and distributing our newsletter in the current format requires more than one person. Sunil Labroo volunteered to help John Noe, the current editor.

8. Results of the Election – Bruce

The newly elected members are: Erica Simoson (SUNY Fredonai) to vice-chair; Sasha Kanbur (SUNY Oswego), Jenny Magnes (Vassar College), Harold M. Hastings (Hofstra University), Samuel Amanuel (Union College), and Michael "Bodhi" Rogers (Ithaca College) to Member-at-Large. There were 211 votes cast out of 2,371 eligible voters (8.9% participation).

9. Old Business

10. New Business

The meeting was adjourned (12 pm).

2015 Student Poster Awards

Undergraduate Student Category:

1st Prize Sarah Chamberlain – State University of New York (\$100)

Luke Pendo – University of Buffalo (\$100)

Ryan Scott – RIT (\$100)

Graduate Student category:

Xinyu Zhao – University at Buffalo (\$50)

Honorable Mention

Edmund Li - SUNY Plattsburgh - (\$50)

Appendix B – Travel Support to Students to Attend the Spring 2015 Symposium at SUNY Fredonia

A total of \$850.94 was paid to students for travel support.

Weston Honicker, Oneonta, NY, Amount \$438.17 (collecting for 5 students)

Ryan Scott, Hudson, MA, Amount \$147.24

Marta Schoenle, Amherst, MA, Amount \$150.00

Luke Pendo, Amherst, MA, Amount \$115.53

Appendix C –Report of Fall 2014 Symposium at SUNY - Plattsburgh

Total Registrants:	58
Students:	27

Expenses

Food Service	\$1,695.00
Folders	\$60.50
Nametags	\$55.00
Signs	\$27.43
Notepaper	\$8.25

Pen	\$27.50
Schedules	\$6.86
Angell Col. Ctr. Overtime	\$50.00
CAS Admin.	\$275.00
Total expenses	\$2,205.54
Onsite Registration Fees Collected	-\$225.00
Amount Paid By APS	\$1,980.54