

Minutes of the OH Region Section Executive Committee Spring 19

(Approved, October 11, 2019)

Date: 3/29/2019

Location: Room 289 Ruth William Hall, Wooster College

Present: Executive Committee Members: Cynthia Aku-Leh, Vice-chair (ISciences), Petru Fodor, Chair (CSU); Don Priour, Treasurer (YSU), Roy Day, Chair elect (JCU); Jay Mathews, Member-at-Large (UD); Ulrich Zurcher, Secretary (CSU) Andrea Richard, Member-at-Large (MSU – by skype).
Guests: Perry Yaney, archivist (UD). Corneliu Rabeau (Fall '19 host, Kettering U). Ben Yu-Kuang Hu (UAkron), Niklas Manz (Spring'19 host, Wooster)

Not present: Snow Balaz: Past-chair (YSU), Nilaj Chakrabarty, Student Member (UD)

Call to order 10:00 am

Section Business:

Secretary's report and approval of minutes
Report was approved with minor revisions

Ulrich Zurcher

Meeting Report

Roy Day

Future Meetings: Kettering University (Flint, MI) Fall '19 and John Carrol University (University Heights, OH) Spring '20. In discussion with University of Michigan at Flint, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Xavier University, Ohio Northern University, Ohio State University (contact Mike Lisa), Marshall University (contact unclear – WV is part of Mid-Atlantic Section),

Next Meeting at Kettering University (Corneliu Rablau organizer held Oct 11 & 12.

More internal support (dean and provost) than usual – weekend prior to Centennial celebration of Kettering. Topic: Physics and Society. Confirmed invited speaker Howard Jackson, University of Cincinnati (Material Science); second confirmed speaker from UMass (topic photonics). Banquet at Flint Institute of Art. AAPT MI is part of the meeting. Don Priour will help getting advance from APS. AAPT members cannot register via APS website; hosts must compile submissions from non-APS members and submit to Eric Barth from APS (scheduler).

Spring 19 Meeting (Wooster) – Niklas Manz (present at meeting) with John Linder

Contacts at APS are Holy Croft, Eric Barth, and Don Wise.

APS Convocation

Jay Mathews

55,000 student members – problem how to keep them involved. APS has introduced a new feature called Engage to facilitate communication and involvement. SPS members can sign up for 2 additional

societies (one presumably APS) for three years. We should encourage SPS members to sign up for APS and OSAPS. APS has increased fees to sections from \$4 to \$5.
APS Innovation fund – create “things” with high impact. Anyone can submit proposals.
Three reminder emails appear to increase participation in elections (one section reports 30% vs 12% OSAPS). Badge identification by barcode available for sections. Use personal email to recruit OSAPS members from APS directory. Meeting dates must be approved by APS. APS mobile app available to sections. Help with websites for meeting; poster and T-shirt printing available. Careers in Physics (Crystal Bayley). Association for women in science; workshop for minority and women (already included in tips for hosts). Child care grants available. Inclusive practices in awards. Show diversity statistics of meetings. APS code of conduct (20% of women report harassment and 80% report bias). Young faculty in section (Mike Crescimanno used to do). PhysCon in Providence, RI, in November.

Standing Committee

Award

Mike Crescimanno (Fodor reporting)

No Fowler or Maxwell award at meeting, undergraduate student poster

Nominating Committee

Elected are Vice Chair: Jay Mathew, Secretary: Ulrich Zurcher, Member-at-large: Zifeng Yang (Wright State), Student member: Crew Weuski (JCU)

Treasurer Report

Don Priour

105 registered for Spring 19 meeting. Balance of the section \$28,041.

Discussion ensued about advice for future meeting hosts: use departmental facility at no or little (cleaning) costs and label university facility at a reduced (“internal”) rate.

Standing Committee Reports

Membership Committee: Jay Mathews. No report (See APS Convocation report for ideas on increasing membership of the section)

New Business

Petru Fodor

Discontinuation of Physics Programs in OH: guest Ben Yu-Kuang Hu (U Akron) Ben might contact the OSAPS Chair to circulate a letter of support for the physics programs, for endorsement by the OSAPS Executive Committee.

Meeting Adjourned 1:00 pm