

**Minutes for the Spring 2010 SACS-AAPT Annual Business Meeting
University of South Carolina at Aiken
Saturday March 20 2010 2:45 pm**

1) *The meeting was called to order by President Tatiana Krivosheev (Clayton State College, GA).* She extended a word of welcome to the attendees and especially to those attending for the first time.

2) *The first order of business was the election of new officers.*

J.B. Sharma, (Gainesville State College, GA) was nominated and elected as the new secretary/treasurer

Craig Wiegert (UGA) was elected as the vice-president for 2010-11 and is the president elect for 2011-12

Ntungwa Maasha stays as our section representative till next year

Maria Desbrow (Charleston, SC) remains the at-large member of the executive committee.

3) *SACS-AAPT Meeting Proceedings*

Tatiana informed us of the proceedings of the SACS-AAPT meetings that she has been working on. The proceedings of the Spring 09 meeting at KSU are ready to be posted on our website.

Articles for inclusion into the Proceedings for the Spr 10 meeting are now being solicited. Interested contributors are requested to contact Tatiana.

4) *Future SACS-AAPT Meetings*

The Fall 2010 SACS-AAPT meeting will be hosted at the College of Charleston, SC tentatively on Oct 20 2010

The Spring 2011 meeting will be hosted by the College of Coastal Georgia tentatively on Jan 7,8. This is the weekend before the National AAPT meeting will be held at Jacksonville, FL which is about one hour away.

5) *SACS-AAPT Federal ID# and Tax Exempt Status*

Tatiana has applied for and obtained a federal ID# (Also known as the EIN#) for SACS-AAPT. Tatiana will also be applying for tax exempt status for SACS-AAPT , and intends to do it by April 15 2010.

This new EIN# involves filing a W-9 form every year. Tatiana will assist in creating a checklist outlining the procedures mandated for possessing an EIN# including filing a tax return.

6) *Award for SCJAS and GAS for Physics Presentations*

SACS-AAPT will pay \$100 for a Student award at the Annual South Carolina Junior Academy of Science

SACS-AAPT will pay \$100 for the teacher of the student award winner at SCJAS

Mikhail Agrest will be the contact person for these awards

SACS-AAPT will pay \$100 for the best student presentation in physics in the annual Georgia Academy of Science meeting.

There is currently no contact person for this award.

Taha also proposed a SACS-AAPT photo contest with an award of \$100 for the winner, before the national AAPT photo contest. This proposition was approved.

8) *We need certificate templates for SACS-AAPT* that can be given to officers after they have served and for any faculty/student awards.

9) *There was discussion on changes that need to be made to our constitution* to better serve the needs of our section. Taha will appoint a committee and charge them to look at this issue.

10) *Tatiana appointed a committee to improve the SACS-AAPT website* that comprises of the following members :
Tatiana Krivosheev (Clayton State U, GA), Danny Caballero (GA Tech), Linda Fox, Taha Mzouhgi (KSU)

11) *Taha will appoint a Public Relations Committee* which will include Mikhal Agrest (College of Charleston, SC), Frank Lock (Retired HS Teacher, GA) and Varsha Kulkarni (USC-Columbia, SC) to work on recruiting physics faculty in SC and GA

12) *Varsha Kulkarni of USC-Columbia invited SACS-AAPT members to the regional Astronomy meetings* in GA and SC and that we may look into joint meetings/activities with them

Respectfully submitted,

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