

Friday Group SR1 Membership

Developing ideas for unified membership and increasing membership

What is the process?

And has to be in-line with current section practice
School districts and colleges could get institution memberships

What would a tier structure look like?

First premise – all teachers are AAPT members
How do the benefits and membership match up?
What comes with an entry level membership?

The idea is to have one form of membership – you are a member of AAPT
Where you spend your time and the benefits are up to you.
Even if you are teaching one class in physics you would want to join

Constraints on universal membership

- 1) Low enough fee to not impede joining
- 2) High enough to allow the member to get benefits
- 3) Does not effect the way the sections operate now (cost and things like lifetime members of sections etc)
- 4) What will be the price to be paid at the local section?
- 5) Fee structure has to be low enough to welcome all (economics of scale)
- 6) Not deny resources to any section (accounts/gifts etc.)
- 7) Local sections retain individual by-laws – flip side – need to respect the national needs for example the requirements for section reps remain the same (really are “national” representatives elected by the local)
- 8) The benefits need to be clear for each member level

Benefits of universal membership

- 1) The idea is to infuse money and energy into the local areas
- 2) Communication – universal list of communication – could request certain types of information (minutes from area committees) – like APS forums.
- 3) When you become a member you get the benefits of what is happening at the local, sectional, national level.
- 4) Mentoring at all the levels
- 5) The way a member is involved is up to them and is part of the benefit
- 6) Universal membership form
- 7) Increased involvement and more members.
- 8) Cross communication between sections

Example

New England – 700 members of AAPT – about 70 come to a local meeting
AAPT sends \$10 per member in the section = \$7000

Need a uniform membership form.

Do they vote? What are the other benefits?

The communication will improve – get automatic information about local and national

Dissociate the “meetings” local and national from the membership

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Money similar to the APS sections

What formal AIP restrictions are in the way (ex: paper copy of Physics Today for “each” member = revenue).

Universal officer dates could be useful

Business model - income flow back and forth to and from section

International concerns need to be taken care of – tax structure