

Group SR1

National help with spreading the word and help sections (reps especially) open the communications – information sharing

Communication – first timers could be contacted both ways

Could even work on transportation

Many kinds of memberships but a universal membership

Join one you are auto at a certain level to the other national/section

A unified membership is exciting

Base membership – what would it be?

How would the fees be shared? Does not need to match up.

Need many tiers/layers

Cost and benefits will be important – matching the different costs and benefits

When you join you get something – example – a CD with best of Physics teacher etc.

Make section more visible with National

There are examples of a multi-tiered system – PTA, NSTA (Building a presence), SPS
AAPT attempted this – section generate a contact person at each college/university

Need a structure that does not kill variability/diversity of the sections

When you teach a physics class you are invited. Need a local level (grass roots) of invitation.

Volunteer vs paid – volunteer needs special care and support from the paid staff. This is where it breaks down. To move new ideas forward need people that can take the time and they need to be reminded.

Local and National issues come together and when that happens it is a good time for the national to support the local with press releases and information. Sections can benefit from the knowledge base of the national office.

National can share the innovation of the local sections – national clearing house for speakers/labs/lessons/meetings

What would the sections look like? Finer structure. What would this finer structure do.

Locally a focus could be making connections between the overlaps – teacher training is an example

Most states have strong mentorship programs for high school physics teachers

Section meetings best part – the sharing of common experience of teaching physics
Venue for sharing new ideas – demos etc.

Structure?

What would the leaders/people do if we started with local level and move up to national level? Would we have section reps or a new structure?

National is strong is because it has non-volunteer and volunteer is strong. The sections – all volunteer are largely variable depending on leadership. Need monetary support on local level. Need it to be win-win.

How do we make those connections?

Local network goes well beyond just the local meeting. How do we change the structure.

Part of leadership comes with benefits. What are they?