

Discussion Group SR3

Review of Premises:

- P1. –main concern at the high school level is cost
- cost is also a concern at the college and university level
- many resources are available for free online; AAPT must offer something extra
- advantages of AAPT should be publicized
- one of the major advantages is the national meeting: it provides “something” that cannot be obtained elsewhere
- we should focus on making the national meetings more accessible

Actions that can occur at the section level:

- need an email list or listserv that connects all section members
- section rep sends information on what is happening at AAPT to section members on a regular basis, perhaps several times per month
- the information should be presented in summary format, with links to additional information, and presented in a clear, visually appealing manner
- section reps should encourage local executive, and as many other members as possible, to join the AAPT
- AAPT will be lowering the fees for high school teachers to \$72/y, including one print publication and electronic access to both
- prefer to keep the print journals because they bring in advertising revenue
- could offer monthly dues (\$6/month, auto deduction from bank or credit card)
- offer more for “new” physics teachers**
- prepare and distribute a package for new teachers
- create and maintain a dynamic web site that becomes an often-visited venue for information, archives, etc
- often the same people do the same things: actively recruit other members to share in the workload, tap their expertise
- tap into local colleges/industry as available to put on workshops, tours, presentations by experts, etc.
- recognize contributions to the organization with certificates, letters to administration, etc.
- include presentations made at meetings, section officers, etc.
- perhaps the AAPT can provide a number of free memberships (say 5) to each section that can be used as awards for physics teachers
- consider having joint meetings with a neighbouring section or sections, keep costs down with limited travel required, accommodation in college/university residences, etc.
- need a mechanism for sharing information about particularly good workshops/speakers that have appeared at other sections, perhaps a feature on a web site for section reps
- sections should take part in curriculum review and development at the state/provincial level
- AAPT should form a new committee to help local sections tap into corporate funding to finance local workshops, meetings, etc.