

SR4 Thursday

SR4 Visioning charge items

-increase local 'bandwidth' in order to provide more links between national and section than just the section rep. More local leaders would provide leadership.

-have uniform naming of sections to highlight AAPT link (e.g. AAPT – Denver Section instead of Denver area physics teachers)

-have a package national items that serve sections available in one location. Such items could include: CEUs for local activities, workshops, speakers' bureau, electronic newsletter that has national news which could be modified to include section news as well.

-contact person at national for each section

-tiered memberships so that section members can afford to join national

-nationally prepared high quality physics outreach materials

-direct links from area committees to sections

-national hosting of e-mail for each section

What Local and National Structures

Discussion Notes

- The organization should include the chance to exchange classroom experiences and share ideas about teaching.
- It should be a community of people. The people in the community need to see the advantage in belonging.
- The meetings should coincide with other science teachers association meeting.
- The section reps should be better utilized.
- National should set up traveling workshops, provide continuing education units, and a list of speakers.
- More area committee reports should be available locally. Area committees should be mimicked at the local level.
- Someone in the national office should be charged with building up contact with the local area.
- Tiered sectional membership that could lead to TPT on line subscription should be available. Memberships should have a lower entry cost.
- Area boundaries are fluid.
- Workshops should be held at the regional level.
- Regional meetings were suggested.
- New teacher resources are needed at the local level.
- Better communication is needed.
- there is a need to increase the bandwidth – membership and leadership.
- Information should go to all officers, not just the section rep.

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- There is a need for high quality outreach materials to the local areas.
- Information about how to link up with regional groups is needed.