

THE OHIO SECTION OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICS
TEACHERS (OSAAPT)
CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be The Ohio Section of The American Association of Physics Teachers.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this Section shall be: the advancement of the teaching of physics and the furtherance of appreciation of the role of physics in our culture and the exchange of information and ideas among members of the physics community of Ohio.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

1. The membership shall consist of five classes: regular members, student members, honorary members, emeritus members, and sustaining members.
2. Eligible as regular members are (a) teachers of physics and/or physical science and (b) other persons who, in the judgment of the Executive Board, promote the objectives of the Section.
3. Eligible as student members only are students of two-year colleges, four-year colleges and universities who have a major interest in physics.
4. Eligible as honorary members are persons deemed deserving of this honor by reason of services to the objectives of this Section. Honorary members shall have all the privileges of regular members.
5. Eligible as emeritus members are persons who have been regular members and who have retired from regular gainful occupation. Emeritus members shall enjoy all the privileges of regular members.
6. Eligible as sustaining members are persons, corporations, or institutions who wish to further the work of the Section and whose admission is recognized as promoting the objectives of the Section.
7. All members shall be eligible to vote, hold office, and serve on the Executive Board, except that Section Officers (i.e., President, President-elect, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Vice Presidents and Treasurer) must reside in the geographical area bounded on the North, East, and West by the state line of Ohio, and on the South by the southern boundaries of those counties intersected by U. S. Route 30.
8. The Corresponding Secretary shall receive applications for regular membership and student membership.
9. Candidates for honorary membership shall be nominated by any member of the Section. Nominees so proposed may be elected by a three-fourths majority of the executive board.
10. Persons, corporations, and institutions shall be admitted to sustaining membership by written approval of the Corresponding Secretary and two other officers of the Section.
11. The Corresponding Secretary shall receive applications for transfer from regular membership to emeritus membership, and shall have full power to approve such transfer upon receipt of evidence that the conditions of emeritus membership have been met.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

1. The officers of this Section shall be a President, a President-elect, a Vice President for high schools, a Vice President for two-year colleges, a Vice President for four-year colleges and universities, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer.
2. The President shall preside at regular meetings and at meetings of the Executive Board and shall have such other duties as are ordinarily associated with a presidential office.
3. The President-elect succeeds to the office of President. A vacancy in the presidency shall be filled by the succession of the President-elect. The succeeding officer shall continue in office during the following year also.

4. The Corresponding Secretary, the Recording Secretary, and the Treasurer shall have the duties ordinarily associated with those offices.
5. Duties of the three Vice Presidents include representing the membership associated with their position as well as recruiting new members.
6. All officers shall hold office from May 1 until the following April 30.

ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE BOARD AND COMMITTEES

1. The Section shall be governed by the Executive Board, as provided in section (2) of this article.
2. The Executive Board shall consist of 11 members: the officers of the Section, the living Past-President of most recent incumbency, the Section Representative, and the Newsletter Editor.
3. The term of office of each Vice President, elected by the voting membership of the Section, shall run from May 1 for 3 years. In case a vacancy develops, the unexpired term is to be filled at the next regular meeting of the Section.
4. A quorum of the Executive board shall consist of at least 50% of the board members. If each position is held by a different individual, this would require at least 6 of the 11 board members.
5. In exceptional cases, with the consent of the voting members of the Executive Board, a mail or email ballot may be conducted to reach decisions between formal meetings of the Executive Board.
6. A member of the Executive Board who will be absent at a meeting may relay a vote on an item on the written agenda to the President in writing, including by email. If the item is changed substantially before a vote is taken, the absentee ballot is invalid.
7. Except for meetings of the Executive Board that are held in conjunction with regular meetings of the Section, special meetings of the Executive Board shall be announced to the members of the Executive Board at least two weeks prior to the time of the meeting.
8. All decisions pertaining to the financial affairs of the Section shall be vested in the Executive Board.
9. The Officers and the Section Representative shall be elected at the Spring Meeting by a simple majority of those voting.
10. The Newsletter Editor shall be appointed by the Executive Board.
11. The terms of Section Representative and Newsletter Editor shall be one year, running from May 1 to April 30.
12. The Executive Board shall have power to fill vacancies in the offices of Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. The Executive Board is further empowered to fill any other vacancy that may exist until the next regular election.
13. The eleven positions on the Executive Board need not be held by 11 distinct people however each person on the Board shall have one vote. A simple majority of those persons voting is required for a motion to pass.
14. The Executive Board shall serve as nominating committee.
15. The Executive Board shall have power to direct the President to appoint other committees. The term of each committee so appointed shall end at the same time as the President's term.
16. The terms of all members of the Executive Board are renewable except for those of President and President-elect.

ARTICLE VI. SECTION MEETINGS

In each year there shall be at least two section meetings with one designated as the Spring Meeting of the Section.

ARTICLE VII. NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

1. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, this Association shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an association exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of The Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law, or (b) by any association contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of The Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

2. This Association shall continue forever unless a two-thirds majority of the members voting in a mail ballot conducted in such a manner as the Executive Board may prescribe shall vote to dissolve the Association. In the event that the Association is dissolved, the Executive Board, after paying or making provision for payment of all liabilities of the Association, shall dispose of all assets of the Association exclusively for the purpose of the Association to such charitable, educational, or scientific organization or organizations as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of The Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law, except that in the case of funds granted by an agency stipulated otherwise, disposition shall be made in accordance with the provisions contained in the pertinent grant documents.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

1. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of those members voting.
2. Voting can occur during a meeting or by mail-in ballot of the Section conducted in such a manner as may be directed by the Executive Board.
3. An amendment may be proposed either by the Executive Board or by a petition to the President, signed by at least ten (10) members.
4. Proposed amendments must be provided to all the voting members at least two weeks before the Section meeting by email or letter.

BYLAWS

I. DUES

1. The annual dues shall be established by vote of the members present at the Spring Meeting.
2. Members twelve months in arrears may be dropped from membership according to procedures established by the Executive Board.

II. MEETINGS

1. The Executive Board shall have power to fix the times and places of meetings of the Section.
2. The Corresponding Secretary shall notify members of the times and places of meetings.

III. AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the members voting at a meeting provided the proposed amendment was included in the Corresponding Secretary's notice of the meeting, or in an email at least two weeks prior to the meeting, or by a two-thirds majority of those members voting in a mail ballot.