

I would like to thank those of you who have volunteered to serve on the PTRA subcommittees that were organized back in March! As you have seen from Karen Jo's recent email concerning the PTRA Leadership Institute in Cincinnati we have scheduled time on Friday evening for the committees to meet and time on Saturday for each committee to report to the entire group what you have accomplished and/or plan to do as we move forward. Since many are on two committees, we will divide the meeting time into two sessions with 3 committees meeting in the earlier time slot and 2 in the later slot. I believe I have assigned them to minimize any conflicts with committee members. **If you have not volunteered for a committee, please let me know where you would like to serve.**

Friday First slot: 7:00 – 8:00 PM at Embassy Suites (Committee may elect to meet earlier for dinner)

AAPT Connections and Communications Committee – Bill Reitz – chair

Funding Opportunities Committee – Steve Henning – chair

Workshop Procedures/Documentation Committee – Tommi Holsenbeck – chair

Friday Second slot: 8:15 – 9:15 PM at Embassy Suites

Outreach committee – Ann Robinson – chair

Recruitment committee – Jan Mader – chair

In addition to any business that you feel needs to be addressed by your committee we would like each committee to focus on pressing questions that the Oversight Committee may need to address in short order.

Outreach:

Some workshops have not made any contributions to the PTRA Continuation Fund. According to policy passed by the AAPT board, if they do not contribute to the fund it is not a PTRA workshop and should not be advertised as such. How or do we support workshops that may not be able to contribute to the fund?

Since the major use of the Continuation Fund continues to be the Summer Leadership Institute, what or who should we support to attend Leadership Institute and how much monetary support should be given?

Funding:

How do you propose the PTRA program becoming self-supporting? (Note: The AAPT Board of Directors decided that the PTRA program will be sunset if not self supporting by 2022) Is there any support if PTRA were to go out on our own, without AAPT rules and restrictions, to focus on just helping teachers? PTRA has been asked to become involved in development of Digikits and resources for AAPT, is the committee supportive of those efforts and how would it be monitored, developed, etc.? What type of revenue do you see coming from online resources? Since the major use of the Continuation Fund continues to be the Summer Leadership Institute, what or who should we support to attend Leadership Institute and how much monetary support should be given?

AAPT Connections and Communications:

What information, concerning PTRA, should be included in the monthly AAPT eNNOUNCER? Are there other venues that would be better to reach teachers? Should PTRA submit to the eNNOUNCER each month? PTRA has been asked to become involved in the development of Digikits and online resources for AAPT, are these a good form of communication? How can

PTRA efforts and members be more visible to the AAPT community? Are there resources such as TPT that we could utilize better?

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Recruitment:

In the past, PTRAs has focused on recruitment of pre-college/master high school teachers to serve as leaders. Some PTRAs have since moved into higher education and continue to serve as PTRAs. In the future, should we allow college faculty to become PTRAs to help broaden our base? Would this give us more leverage in getting more colleges and universities to host future workshops? What should be the criteria to become a PTRAs? What should be the expectation to maintain PTRAs status? Should there be a fee associated with being a PTRAs?

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Workshop Procedures and Documentation:

Does there need to be a change in the requirements for a workshop to be considered a “PTRAs Workshop”? (note this would need board approval) Some workshops have not made any contributions to the PTRAs Continuation Fund. According to policy passed by the AAPT board, if they do not contribute to the fund it is not a PTRAs workshop and should not be advertised as such. How or do we support workshops that may not be able to contribute to the fund?

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Patrick Callahan
AAPT/PTRAs Oversight Committee Chair

Below is information originally shared concerning charge and membership of each committee:

AAPT Connections and Communications – This committee would be responsible for making sure that PTRAs sessions are included at all Summer and Winter AAPT meetings. They would also be tasked with including PTRAs participation in other events such as NSTA meetings and special events like the Solar Eclipse Festival planned as part of the AAPT summer meeting in Cincinnati. This committee would also be responsible to keep PTRAs “in the news”, this would include keeping the AAPT/PTRAs website up to date, making sure that PTRAs has information included in monthly editions of the AAPT eNNOUNCER, keeping PTRAs active on Social Media, etc.

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Funding – This committee would actively seek avenues to provide funding for PTRAs activities. These would include Leadership Training (typically held in the summer), workshops in various locations around the country, development of new and/or new editions of Resource materials, etc. The committee would also be asked to relay information about local grant funds to active PTRAs workshop leaders and encourage them to apply for such funds, e.g. promote the use of AAPT Section grants to provide workshops at the section level and to apply for AAPT Bauder Funds.

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Outreach workshops – This committee would be asked to seek partnerships with other institutions (TYCs, colleges, universities, local science centers, etc.) to establish ongoing extended (one week+) fee for service workshops. They will also be asked to encourage workshop leaders to establish local connections and offer assistance by providing proposal templates

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Workshop procedures and documentation – This committee would be responsible for making sure that all PTRAs workshop leaders are aware of proper PTRAs workshop procedures and how to accurately report the information to the director in order to gather data on workshops and their effectiveness. This may require revisions in documentation.

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Recruitment- This committee would be responsible for developing plans for recruitment of new PTRAs leaders. Note that the AAPT Board of Directors has agreed to provide \$1000 scholarships for ten new leaders for this summer and we have two who are applying for those monies.

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