

PTRA Oversight Committee Meeting Agenda
Monday January 11, 2016 5:30-7:00 PM
Strand 4, Hyatt Regency, New Orleans, LA

Committee Members:

Pat Callahan – PA retired (term ends 2018), Committee Chair

Robert Morse – Washington, DC retired (2017)

Larry Cook – Bismarck HS, ND (2017)

Ed Price – California State University-San Marcos (2018)

Kelly O'Shea – Elisabeth Irwin School, New York, NY (2019)

Earl Blodgett – University of Wisconsin – River Falls (2019)

Tom O'Kuma – Lee College, TX (2019)

Ex-Officio members:

PTRA Director: Karen Jo Matsler (2019)

AAPT Executive Office: Beth Cunningham, Robert Hilborn and Rebecca Vieyra

1. Greetings, Acknowledgements and Introductions
2. PTRA Director's Report – Karen Jo Matsler
3. Info from Executive Office
 - a. Financial reports
 - I. See PTRA Oct 15 Continuation Fund
 - b. K-12 Program Manager – Rebecca Vieyra
 - c. Funds for APEX assessments in 2013 (\$5,000), 2014 (\$15,000) and 2015 (\$500) were to be transferred to PTRA Continuation Fund
4. Any NEW information concerning current programs with PTRA involvement
 - a. Alabama (APEX Grant)--Jim and Jane Nelson
 - I. See APEX Summary Report Fall 2015
 - b. West Georgia—Bob Powell, Ann Robinson, Sharon Kirby, Bill Reitz, David Todd
 - c. Idaho State—Steve Shropshire, Jan Mader, Duane Merrill, Lars Johnson
 - d. Oklahoma—Steven Maier, Christine Audo, Evelyn Restivo
 - e. Fee for Service workshops
 - I. Fall 2015 workshops
 - a. Central PA Section—Pat Callahan, Dave McCachren

- b. New York (Northeast Regional AAPT meeting) – Steve Henning, George Amann
 - c. Texas – Janie Head, Evelyn Restivo, Kenric Davies – no fee charged, awareness info for Perimeter and upcoming summer grant
 - d. North Dakota – Larry Cook
 - II. Spring/Summer 2016 Workshops
 - a. Wisconsin River Falls--Lowell McCann, Earl Blodgett, Elaine Gwinn
 - b. Texas – Michael Strange
 - c. Central PA Section – Pat Callahan, Dave McCachren
 - d. Texas- Tom O’Kuma, Karen Matsler
 - e. Texas – Kenric Davies
 - III. Others
5. PTRA involvement in grant funded projects
 - a. NASA Heliophysics Grant
 - I. See Heliophysics budget and exec summary
 - b. Meggers Grant
 - I. See Meggers Project Award
 6. 2016 PTRA Budget
 - a. See PTRA Budget 2016
 - b. See Request for PTRA Resources funds
 - c. See PTRA Sales 2014-15
 7. AAPT Executive Board Actions related to PTRA activities from October 2015
 - a. The Finance Committee moves that (1) AAPT increase the price of select PTRA books by at least \$5/book and transfer \$5/book to the PTRA Continuation Fund and (2) that PTRA look for other ways to sell and distribute PTRA materials. This transfer of funds to the PTRA Continuation Fund will be sunset in 5 years and the \$5 per book contribution will not be retroactive. Approved unanimously.
 - b. The Finance Committee moves that the PTRA budget be approved with the elimination of the \$16,000 from books sold in the past 4 years and the \$20,000 support from the AAPT operating budget. Furthermore, the Finance Committee proposes using up to \$100,000 from the PTRA Continuation Fund in the Short Term Reserves to cover budget shortfalls. Motion approved unanimously.
 - c. Add the K-12 Program Manager as *ex-officio* member of the PTRA Oversight Committee in order to improve communication and collaboration between the National Office and the PTRA program. Approved unanimously.
 8. Electronic access to PTRA materials for leaders.
 9. Other new business or items of interest.