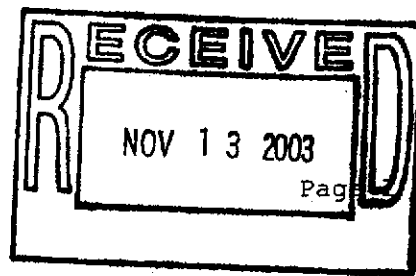


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THE CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA SECTION OF THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICS TEACHERS

Article I - Name. The name of this organization shall be: **The Central Pennsylvania Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers.**

Article II - Authorization. The Section shall be organized under the provisions of the Constitution and By Laws of the American Association of Physics Teachers and shall accordingly be subject to the Control of that Association.

Article III - Object. The objectives of the Section shall be:

- (1) the advancement of the teaching of physics in the colleges and universities of Central Pennsylvania and environs,
- (2) the promotion of a professional spirit and acquaintanceship among the members of the Section, and
- (3) the encouragement of instruction in physics in the secondary schools of the region served by the Section.

Article IV - Membership. Any teacher of physics residing or working in the central portion of Pennsylvania and its environs shall be eligible for membership in the Section. Other persons may be elected into membership if their election, in the judgment of the Executive Committee, will promote the objectives of the Section. The status of active membership shall be determined by the Executive Committee. Active members who have attained the age of sixty years, and who have retired from regular, gainful occupation may be admitted as emeritus members.

Article V - Officers.

- (1) The officers of the Section shall be a President, a
- (2) Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a representative to the council of the American Association of Physics Teachers.
- (3) The duties of the President, Vice President and Secretary shall be those normally assigned to the respective offices. The Treasurer will have the normal duties assigned to the Treasurer and shall also act as Membership Chair. The Vice-President shall be ex-officio the chairman of the program committee of the Section.
- (4) The officers shall normally be elected at the annual Spring meeting of the Section. If for any reason the annual meeting shall not be held in the Spring, the officers shall be elected by a mail ballot conducted by the executive committee.
- (5) The President, Vice-President, and Secretary shall hold office for one year. The Treasurer and representative to the council shall hold office for two years. All officers retire at the close of the annual Spring meeting. The Vice-President shall automatically become a candidate for the office of President, and the Secretary shall automatically become a candidate for the office of Vice-President. If the sectional representative is unable to attend such meetings as are necessary, then another representative shall be elected, for a similar term.
- (6) If for any reason any of these offices shall fall vacant, the succession of officers shall occur at once, and the vacant position of Secretary shall temporarily be filled by the remaining members of the Executive Committee until an election can be held at the next meeting of the Section.

Article VI - Executive Committee.

- (1) The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Section, the Retiring Past President, and the following voting members: The Treasurer, the Committee on Physics in the Two-Year Colleges Representative, and the Committee on Physics in Pre-College Education Representative. The Retiring Past President shall serve for *one year*. The Treasurer, CPTYC Representative, and the CPPE Representative shall serve for two years. All members of the Committee shall normally be elected at the annual Spring Meeting of the Section. Nominations for positions may include: a) self-nominations from interested persons, b) nominations from the Executive Committee, and c) nominations from the floor.
- (2) The Executive Committee shall arrange for all of the programs of the Section. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the conduct of all business of the Section specifically reserved for action by the entire Section.

Article VII - Meetings.

- (1) The fiscal year of this Section shall run from June first to the following June first.
- (2) One meeting each year, normally in Spring, shall be known as the annual meeting.

- (3) The times and places for the Section meetings shall be, arranged by the Executive Committee.

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Article VIII - Dues. Each member of the Section shall pay annual dues. These dues become due and payable at the beginning of the fiscal year. The Executive Committee shall set the annual dues for the next fiscal year. Any increase in the annual dues shall not exceed \$1.00/year².

Article IX - Nonprofit Organization.

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, this Section 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 Section shall continue forever unless a two-thirds majority of the members voting in a mail ballot conducted in such a manner as the Executive Committee may prescribe shall vote to dissolve the Section. A proposal to dissolve the Section may be submitted for vote by the Executive Committee at any time. In the event that the Section is dissolved, the Executive Committee after paying or making provision for payment of all liabilities of the Section, shall dispose of all assets of the Section exclusively for the purposes of the Section to the American Association of Physics Teachers, Inc., or, if this is not possible, 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 provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law. However, 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 X - Amendments. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of those voting at any meeting of the Section. Amendments may also be made by a two-thirds majority of those voting in a mail ballot conducted by the Executive Committee.

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