

# CONSTITUTION

## SOUTHERN ATLANTIC COAST SECTION OF AAPT

### **Article I. Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Southern Atlantic Coast Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers.

### **Article II. Objectives**

The objectives of this organization shall be to advance the teaching of physics, to further appreciation of the role of physics in our culture, and to enhance effective communication among those concerned with the teaching of physics at all levels.

### **Article III. Membership**

1. Membership shall be of two classes: regular and student.
2. Regular members shall be teachers of physics or physical science at the college, university, high school or junior high school level, and any other persons whose membership would, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, expressed by a vote, further the objectives of the section.
3. Student members shall be students enrolled in post-high school educational institutions, and who have completed two one-year college physics courses or the equivalent.

### **Article IV. Officers**

1. The officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Section Representative, Past President, and two Executive Committee members. These seven officers shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Section. At least one of these officers shall be from a four year college or university, one from a two year college and one from a high school or junior high school.
2. The terms of all offices shall be from the close of one annual business meeting to the close of the next. The Executive Committee may select a member of the Section to fill any

vacancy on the Executive Committee, except the office of President, that may occur during the year.

3. The duties of the President are those usually associated with a presidential office, including presiding at the Section's business meeting meetings, at the Executive Committee meetings, and appointing any additional committees needed by the Section.

4. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President when the latter is unable to fulfill them. This officer is responsible for the recruiting of members for the section. The Vice-President shall succeed to the office of President the following year. The outgoing President may not be elected to the office of Vice-President.

5. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the records of the Section, be responsible for communicating with Section members about the programs of the Section, collect annual dues from members, keep an up-to-date membership list, and disburse Section funds in payment of expenses necessary for the conduct of Section business, and present a treasurer's report at the annual meeting of the Section. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for an annual dues notice in the early fall. It is expected that the Secretary-Treasurer be willing to serve more than one consecutive term.

6. The Section Representative is a member of the Council of the American Association of Physics Teachers. The Section Representative is expected to attend AAPT council meetings or arrange for another member of the Section to represent the Section, if possible. The Section Representative will report council actions to the Section members at least annually.

7. The Executive Committee will appoint a program chair to be responsible for arrangements for the annual meeting.

8. All officers must be members of the Section, and the Section Representative must be a member of the American Association of Physics Teachers.

9. The Past-President shall aid and advise the President. This officer is also responsible for revising the <sup>3</sup>Manual of Procedures<sup>2</sup> and distributing copies to all new members of the Executive Committee.

## **Article V. Committees**

The President, with the consent or upon the request of the Executive Committee, may appoint such committees of one or more members as is desirable to further the program of the Section. Unless the Executive Committee's action stipulates otherwise, committee appointments expire at the end of the next annual meeting.

## **Article VI. Nomination and Election of Officers.**

1. The Secretary-Treasurer will distribute a call for nominations with the annual dues notice in the fall.

2. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee on or before October 15 of each year. No more than one of its members should be a member of the Executive Committee. The President is responsible for reminding the Nominating Committee members this Article and of Article IV, Section 1.

3. The President shall provide the Nominating Committee with the information obtained by the Secretary-Treasurer's call for nominations. Using this information, and other sources, the Nominating Committee shall present a list of at least one nominee for each office except President and Past President, and shall have obtained agreement from every nominee to serve if elected.

4. The nominating committee shall insure that its slate of nominees presents a balanced presentation of teachers from faculties of secondary schools, from faculties of technical institutes and two-year colleges, and from faculties of four year college and universities.

5. The Nominating Committee shall present its list of nominees to the Secretary-Treasurer for distribution to the membership.

6. The Secretary-Treasurer shall prepare a ballot and see that it is distributed to the membership along with the call for the annual meeting. The deadline for receipt of the ballots shall be set sufficiently in advance of the annual meeting to permit a proper tally and sufficiently after their receipt by the membership to permit proper consideration by the membership. Ballots received after that date shall be declared null and void. The ballot shall provide for write-in votes.

7. The Secretary-Treasurer shall count the ballots and mail a tabulation of the results of the

election and the ballots to the President.

8. The President shall determine the newly-elected officers and inform them of the results of the election before the annual meeting.

9. The President shall inform the membership of the results of the election at the subsequent annual business meeting and make the ballots available for inspection by the membership at that meeting.

10. The terms of office of the members of the Executive Committee and all committees they appoint expire at the end of the annual business meeting, except as specified in Article V.

## **Article VII. Amendments:**

This constitution and the By-Laws for the Section may be changed by amendment including addition, by approval of a two-thirds majority of the voting membership present at a business session, or by a two-thirds majority of those members voting in a mail ballot conducted by the Executive Committee.

## **BY-LAWS**

### **By-Laws 1. Geographical Boundaries.**

The geographical boundaries of the Section will be determined by the Executive Committee of the Section with the approval of the Council of the American Association of Physics Teachers. Any proposed changes in boundaries must be reported by the Executive Committee to the membership of the Section along with a deadline date for receipt of protests of the proposed changes.

### **By-Laws 2. Dues.**

The dues shall be set to cover only necessary expenses and long range commitments, and the amount shall be decided upon by vote of the Section at the annual meeting. In the absence of such vote, the dues shall remain at their current level.

### **By-Laws 3. Meetings.**

1. There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Section, one session of which shall constitute the annual business meeting.

2. Other meetings of the Section may be arranged by the Executive Committee.

3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall insure that notice of time and place of all Section meetings is sent to all those whose names are on the membership list.

**By-Laws 4. Membership in AAPT.**

There is no requirement that members of this Section be members of the American Association of Physics Teachers, except that the Section Representative must be a member of AAPT.

**By-Laws 5. Dissolution**

In the event of the dissolution of this Section, all moneys will revert to the parent organization.