**IAAPT Business Meeting**

**Oct. 26, 2019**

The October 26, 2019 meeting began at 9:02 am at Ames High School with some opening remarks given by President Erica Kilian.

The keynote speaker was Erick Agrimson from St Catherine University, St. Paul, MN on balloon instrumentation and research.

Asbstracts for the other 7 speakers can be seen on our website at iaapt.us.

The IAAPT Business meeting opened at 1:12pm and called to order by President Erica Kilian. Minutes from last meeting were read and unanimously approved. Ian Spangenberg gave the treasurers report. All accounts checking, savings, and CD have very good balances. The treasurers report was approved.

Old business discussion centered around scholarship opportunities with the topic from previous meeting of whether we want to do another scholarship grant and if so what form that should be. Buying equipment for meeting attendees, travel for speakers, and other options were visited. Nate Quarderer was going to look into getting a Physics Education Research educator to come and speak at the next meeting and see what the travel cost would be for that. Nate also talked about AAPT opportunities and grant money that are currently available. Sara wants to see about getting the word out to more people to get better meeting attendance. She wanted to look at other group associations like SPS, math groups, etc. to see if getting the word to those people would help boost attendance.

A motion was made by Fred Behroozi to have the chapter pay for the noon meal instead of each individual paying for his own as in past years. After discussion it was agreed that we would give this a one year trial period and see how it goes with the raising of dues to $10 to help fund this and other meeting costs. John Zwart seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Dale talked about the IAAPT website and the grant and scholarship information that is posted there. He also mentioned the new completely online MS in STEM from the University of Iowa Department of Science Education which is available to teachers and unlicensed professionals in the field.

New business. A lively discussion as to where to have next years meeting ensued. It was brought up that opportunities exist to have a joint meeting with either a Nebraska section or the Minnesota section. Nate said he would look into a joint meeting with Nebraska and with Minnesota. Should those joint meeting not be possible, David Slaven, our president for the year 2020 said the he would host the meeting at Morningside College in Sioux City. Motion made by Dale Stille and seconded by Sara Karbeling to pursue these options.

The only officer election needed for this year was that for the office of President Elect. After brief discussion Ian Spangenberg volunteered for the position. Dale Stille made a motion to elect Ian to this position and Sara Karbeling seconded. Ian Spangenberg was elected Pres. Elect by unanimous vote.

Our host Elizabeth Brenneman was recognized for all her generous work and support putting together the meeting site, AV equipment, and other amenities that made this meeting a success.

This concluded the meeting business.

Meeting adjourned at 1:53.