

Section Officers' Exchange

Sunday, Jan 25, 2004 5:30 - 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by Steve Ioni. Delegates were asked to stand, introduce themselves, and identify their sections. A sign-in sheet was circulated. Nominations were made for secretary, and two representatives to the AAPT nominations committee.

World Year of Physics 2005

(Reference: AAPT Announcer, Winter)

The World Year of Physics coincides with the 100th anniversary of the publication of Albert Einstein's three papers: Brownian Motion, the Photoelectric Effect, and Special Relativity. A website has been set up at <http://www.physics2005.org/>. An article appears in the Physics Teacher, Jan 2004, 42, pp 18-23.

Each section was encouraged to plan special activities to promote public awareness of physics during the year.

The group broke into subgroups of four to brainstorm ideas that might be used. These were collected at the end of the session, and will be emailed to section reps later. Some of the ideas put forth were:

- * coordinate a measurement of the radius of the Earth using the Internet and schools in various locations
- * coordinate with math teachers since Einstein's birthday is the same as PI day, Mar 14
- * arrange for a sound bite/video/newspaper announcement on the anniversary of each of Einstein's three papers
- * create bumper stickers for school busses, physics teachers' cars