

## **Minutes of the PIRA Committee Meeting Sunday, July 27, 2014. AAPT Summer Meeting, Minneapolis, MN**

Meeting was called to order by President Keith Warren at 6:30 p.m.

### Treasurer's Report

- David Sturm gave the Treasurer's report on behalf of Jerry Zani, who could not attend.
- There were 72 members with dues paid for 2014 at the time of the business meeting. A balance of around \$7000 was in the PIRA account. We also own a significant stock of *Dick and Rae* and *Demo a Day* demo books to be sold in the Resource Room. These were purchased last year with treasury funds.

### Old Business

- Minutes of the 2013 business meeting were approved.
- Discussion of Bauder Fund. The fund is in transition, so not sure about the rules on how the money can be used. In particular, it was not known if funds can be used for the apparatus competition. A PIRA representative to the Bauder Fund meeting was requested, in hopes of getting a definite answer to this question. Applicants can request up to \$1000 for outreach-related projects.

### New Business

- Reports were made on PIRA-related workshops.
- The PIRA session was scheduled for Tuesday afternoon.
- Vice-President Steve Narf reported on the Resource Room. Many items were donated for the equipment raffle by Sci Source, Ward's Science, and Pasco.
- Dave Maiullo reported the Apparatus competition had 6 entries. The awards were to be announced at the Demo Show.
- Dale Stille reported on the Demonstration Bibliography. Two new references were added.
- The theme of the 2015 PIRA session will be biomechanics in the classroom. VP Steve Narf had one invited talk lined up. Discussion of other possible invited speakers followed.
- Themes for other Apparatus Committee-sponsored sessions were discussed. Two possibilities mentioned were high-speed and IR cameras in the classroom and Tesla coils.
- A new PIRA-sponsored national award for service to institution and community, the Faraday Award, was proposed. Recipients would not need to be PIRA or AAPT members. Persons in the PIRA presidential cycle would comprise the committee. Decision to move forward with this potential use of PIRA funds to a vote during the officer elections.
- Mary Creason fund. Proposal to use part of this fund to help the Vice-President with travel to summer or winter meetings. This support could broaden the pool of candidates. The fund currently brings in about \$1000 a year.
- The PIRA "Ring of Honor" Hall of Fame was started a few years ago. The first two inductees were Phil Johnson and Andy Graham, two of the founding PIRA members in honor of PIRA's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Plan to add names about every 5 years to honor long-time contributors to PIRA.

- Discussion on recruitment of new members. Keith Warren suggests targeting large institutions and ones local to national meetings. The Secretary and Treasurer will work on updating the active member list and find lapsed members.

#### Elections

- The motion to sponsor the new Faraday award passed.
- The motion to use Creason fund money to support VP travel passed.
- David Sturm was elected to serve as Treasurer.
- Stephen Irons was elected Vice-President.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 for a group photo.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Hickman Klassen, PIRA Secretary