June 16, 2017
North Central APS Division Business Meeting
Champaign, IL

The 2017 North Central Division of APS business meeting was called to order by President Darin Eastburn (Univ. Illinois) at 7:00 AM.

The minutes of the 2016 North Central Division APS business meeting were distributed prior to the meeting and read by the membership prior to the meeting. There were no corrections to the minutes, and thus the minutes were approved as distributed. The treasurer’s report was distributed and read by the attendees. There were no corrections to the minutes, and thus the report was approved as distributed.

Kiersten Wise provided an update on how past Secretary/Treasurer files have been archived. All paper files in the Secretary/Treasurer’s possession were digitally scanned and copies were sent to Cindy Scheller at APS for digital archiving. Cindy will post copies of past meeting minutes on the NC-APS website for easy access. Minutes are available from 1975-present. Going forward, the Secretary/Treasurer will ensure approved copies of the minutes are posted on the website. The paper copies of the NCAPS records were archived with Iowa State University Special Collections and University Archives in Ames, IA. Two past paper copies of the NC Division history were sent to Doug Jardine per his request.

Sally Miller (Ohio State Univ.) provided an overview on APS and their core initiatives, including involving more undergraduate students in APS activities and encouraging their attendance at meetings. Planning is underway for the joint APS-ICPP meeting to be held in Boston in 2018. Because this will be a joint meeting, APS will be unable to hold many of the committee meetings that normally occur in conjunction with the national meeting. Committee chairs will be contacting members to schedule meetings prior to the APS-ICPP meeting in 2018.

Ashok Chanda (Univ. of Minnesota) provided the Divisional Forum Representative report and discussed if the funding level provided to graduate student oral presentation winners to attend the national APS meeting was adequate. Winners currently receive $500 toward annual meeting travel, but meeting travel costs have increased substantially. Ashok will ask other divisions about their current funding level for sending oral presentation winners to the annual APS meeting.

Old Business: Darin Eastburn mentioned that for several years it has been difficult to garner nominations for service awards. Darin asked attendees to think proactively about those deserving of awards and to contact nominators early to ensure nominations arrive by the deadline. The lack of travel awards for post-doctoral associates was discussed. Currently the NC Division constitution does not have language that allows travel awards
to be used for post-doctoral associate travel awards. Bill Dolezal will speak with APS Foundation about the possibility of using Foundation funds to sponsor an award for post-doctoral associate travel to division meetings.

New business: Andrew Friskop (NDSU) announced that the 2018 NC Division meeting will be held in Fargo, ND. According to the current host rotation of institutions, Purdue University would be next to host in 2019, but Ontario may be interested in hosting in 2019, allowing Purdue to host in 2020. Representatives from each institution would be contacted to determine their interest in hosting the meeting in 2019 and 2020.

Febina Mathew (South Dakota State Univ.) was unanimously voted in as the Secretary/Treasurer for the 2018-2020 term.

All of the attendees thanked the University of Illinois for hosting an excellent meeting, and thanks were given to Darin Eastburn for service as President, and to Ashok Chanda for service as Divisional Forum Rep. Thanks were also given to Cindy Scheller and Kathy Guderjahn (APS Headquarters) for their help in meeting preparation.

Marty Draper (Kansas State Univ.) motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Doug Jardine seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by: Kiersten Wise, Secretary/Treasurer