Greetings fellow ISAAPT members!

There are several new items and reminders I wish to share with you in this month’s president’s message:

☆ **Bill Hogan Wins Prestigious AAPT Honor**

The American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT) announced during May that ISAAPT’s own William P. Hogan is the recipient of the 2010 AAPT Excellence in Undergraduate Physics Teaching Award. Hogan is Professor of Physics at Joliet Junior College, Joliet, IL. This award is in recognition of contributions to undergraduate physics teaching and awardees are chosen for their extraordinary accomplishments in communicating the excitement of physics to their students.

This award will be presented to Hogan during the AAPT Summer Meeting in Portland, Oregon, where he will also present a paper. When informed of his selection for this award, Hogan said, “I’m honored to be chosen. I’m not sure I deserve this award but I love teaching introductory physics and feel very fortunate to make my living doing something I enjoy.”

Hogan has been active in physics teaching organizations throughout his career as a teacher. He is a member of both the Illinois Section and the Chicago Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT)

He was instrumental in the success of TYC21 (an NSF sponsored project to build networks among two-year college physics teachers) in Illinois. Hogan has represented Illinois at the national meetings of TYC21 and spoken at national meetings about the success of the network of Illinois teachers. He has previously served a term as a member of the AAPT Committee on Physics in Two-Year Colleges and is currently serving another term, this time as chair of the committee. Hogan was Editor for the AAPT Guidelines for Two-Year College Physics Programs (2001) and is currently serving as editor of a revision.

One of his former students, expressing his experience with Hogan said, “Dr. Hogan has the empathy, the vocabulary, and the skills to express criticism and critique in ways that create an open and nurturing environment in which students of all levels can appreciate physics. He is not only interested in helping students learn physics but also takes interest in his students as human beings and helps them beyond the classroom.”

Congratulations, Bill, on this well deserved award!

☆ **Fall 2010 Section Meeting at Sherrard High School**

The fall Section meeting will be held at Sherrard High School in Sherrard, IL, just south of the Quad Cities. The dates for this event were recently set as October 8-9, 2010. Sherrard is located about 15 miles southwest of the intersection of I-74 and I-80, and is conveniently reached from either interstate highway. Christopher LaRoche will serve as conference host.

The conference theme has not yet been set, but you’ll know about it first right here in an upcoming monthly president’s message.

☆ **August LPSA Zone Leaders Meeting at ISU**

A workshop for zone leaders for the new Local Physical Science Alliances (LPSAs) will be held on the campus of Illinois State University during the first week of August. The date will be chosen from Tuesday the 3rd, Wednesday the 4th, or Thursday the 5th depending upon
availability of participants. Zone leaders from ISAAPT, the Illinois State Science Teachers Association (ISTA), the Illinois Association of Chemistry Teachers (IACT), and possibly the Technology Educators Association of Illinois (TEAI) will gather.

The workshop will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. approximately and will focus on how best to conduct four LPSA zone meetings over the coming school year. These zone meetings – to be held in 12 population centers in Illinois outside of the Chicago metropolitan area – will involve only secondary/college/university teachers during the first year of the initiative. It is expected that elementary and middle school teachers will join the cadre the following year. The August workshop is being funded with up to $5,000 in monetary support provided by the ISTA. Hosts of this event will be Carl Wenning and Ken Wester from the Physics Teacher Education program at Illinois State University.

Zone leaders are still needed for Joliet; additional zone leaders are needed for each of the 11 remaining zones. If you are interested in taking on a leadership position for your zone, please contact Carl at wenning@phy.ilstu.edu.

☆ JUNE eNNOUNCER Available Online

Published monthly on or about the 1st of each month, eNNOUNCER is an online-only publication that provides a summary of recent activities and news across AAPT. Major sections include Action Items and Notable Dates; Member News; News from the National Office; Upcoming Conferences, Meetings, Symposiums and Events; Recommended Reading; and Science and Education News.

The June issue of the AAPT’s eNNOUNCER is now available online at the following URL: http://aapt.org/aboutaapt/ennouncer/june2010.cfm Check it out if interested.

☆ AAPT Associate Memberships Again Available for NEW Members

Due to the success of the 2009 membership drive, the AAPT has once again approved an associate membership for 2010. The target audience is section members who have never joined AAPT and lapsed former members whose membership lapsed before December 31, 2006. Details about the associate membership can be found at the following URL:

http://www.aapt.org/Membership/upload/090817-Associate-Membership.pdf

Remember, the Illinois Section of the AAPT receives 25% of your national membership dues if you file for the new AAPT associate membership. The benefits of associate membership are plentiful:

• Full-text access to 42 electronic articles from The Physics Teacher and/or the American Journal of Physics each year.
• Full access to Physics Today print and online.
• Receive the Association’s electronic newsletter – the eNNOUNCER.
• Enjoy AAPT Physics Store product discounts.
• Opportunities to participate in online communities and share information and ideas with colleagues.

Please download the required associate membership form from the following URL:

http://www.aapt.org/Membership/upload/2010-Associate-Application.pdf and be certain to indicate your local section affiliation as “Illinois”. Note that additional options for Physics
Education Research and Computing in Science and Engineering are also available.

☆ ISAAPT Workshops at ISTA Meeting During November

ISAAPT leaders Tom Foster (past president), Carl Wenning (president), and Dave Sykes (secretary-treasurer) have agreed to host a number of physics workshops for in-service teachers at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield during the November ISTA meeting. Also agreeing to assist most recently is John Martin from University of Illinois – Springfield.

The topics, numbers, and durations of the workshops have yet to be determined, but rest assured that these educators will offer practical hands-on, minds-on workshops. Those who are interested in participating must be members of the ISTA, and need to respond to the Call for Presenters (see http://www.ista-il.org/conference-call-for-presenters.htm) no later than June 20th. Carl has already agreed to lead a 50-minute Friday presentation dealing with LPSAs (see above) and a 2-hour, 50-minute workshop Using Problem-Based Learning to Teacher 21st Century Skills.

The ISTA conference, the association’s 43rd such annual event, will take place November 4-6, 2010, at the Springfield Crowne Plaza Hotel. For a full rundown on events, visit the association’s annual meeting web site at: http://www.ista-il.org/conference.htm#Conf2010.

☆ Request from Chicago ACS to ISAAPT Membership

The following note was received on April 30th from Charles E. Cannon, Chicago Local Section-American Chemical Society who is serving as an Illinois State Fair Volunteer:

The Illinois Sections of the American Chemical Society (ACS) sponsor a science tent at the Illinois State Fair. This will be our seventh year at the fair. Last year, over 12,000 people visited our tent. We have hands-on activities for kids, demonstrations, a computer quiz, packets and CDs for teachers, and literature for students, parents and the general public. Last year we handed out over 360 educational packets to pre-K thru high school teachers. The Illinois State Fair is scheduled this year from August 13th through the 22nd.

We were hoping the Illinois Section of AAPT will be interested in supporting the project by donating CDs, posters and any type of educational literature you think would be appropriate. This material is enjoyed by parents and teachers. Many of the adults visiting the tent take them back to their schools to be incorporated into their educational programs.

We are in the process of collecting science literature at this point and would appreciate any educational material the Illinois Section of AAPT donates for our teacher packets and on our tables that would be helpful for elementary, middle school and high school teachers and students. Several boxes of educational materials would be greatly appreciated since so many people visit our tent. All material can be sent to our Springfield contact: Dr. Harsh Bapat, 4421 Harvard Drive, Springfield, IL 62712. This is his home, so please let me know (Charles Cannon, ccannon@colum.edu) what is shipping and when.

Thank you for your help on this project. I look forward to hearing from you soon.
I have been in contact with Mr. Cannon as I do have a number of things left over from a conference for amateur astronomers held in Bloomington recently. I plan to donate these items. If you do have suitable science materials for free distribution, I hope that you’ll do the same.

Now that summer vacation has arrived, I hope that all of you have a peaceful, relaxing, and fun-filled summer.

If you have anything to contribute to next month’s president’s message, don’t hesitate to contact me.

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