



TENNESSEE SECTION OF AAPT

2024 Annual Activity Report

TAAPT 2024 Meeting

The annual meeting of the Tennessee section of the Association of American Physics Teachers (TAAPT) is the primary annual activity of the organization. The 2024 meeting was held at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU), Murfreesboro, on March 29–30. The event began on Friday evening, March 29th, with registration at 5:30 pm, followed by dinner at 6:00 pm, and a presentation by the keynote speaker, Dr. Hanna Terletska (MTSU), on “The Exciting World of Quantum Science.”

The meeting resumed on Saturday, March 30, with breakfast and registration at 8:00 am. Contributed talks and a student poster session were held from 8:45 am to 11:45 am, followed by business meeting from 11:45 am to 12:00 pm, lunch from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm, and a Quantum Science Workshop led by Dr. Hanna Terletska from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

Eighteen faculty and 20 students attended the meeting. There was a strong showing from students at Middle Tennessee State University. The quality of student posters was admirable: 1st place award to Ethan Weiche (MTSU), 2nd place shared between Monika Fouad (MTSU) and Ariel Nicastro (MTSU), and 3rd place to Landon Boone (University of Tennessee at Chattanooga).



Business Meeting



The following matters were discussed during the meeting:

- A. Officers:** Dr. Jason Alexander from the University of Tennessee at Martin is the president and meeting chair for 2024-2025. Dr. Tatiana Allen from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga has arranged to host the 2026 meeting at her home institution. Dr. Spencer Buckner stepped down from his role as the section representative. We thank him for his service to the organization for the past 15 years (from 2010 to 2024)! Dr. Eugenii Donev from Austin Peay State University was elected section representative for 2024-2025. Dr. Pei Xiong-Skiba from Austin Peay State University was elected as the secretary/treasurer for 2024-2025.
- B. 2025 TAAPT Meeting:** It will be held at University of Tennessee at Martin. The meeting time will be announced later.
- C. Tax Exemption:** The organization has been granted federal tax exemption by IRS under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3).
- D. Digital Payment:** Dr. Pei Xiong-Skiba reported that digital payment via PayPal has been established, allowing all members, including non-meeting attendees, to pay their annual dues online. Financially, it appears that the organization is on track to balance its budget for the near future by raising annual membership to \$20.

Finally, we would like to thank Dr. Nat Smith and Dr. Ron Henderson, and the department of Physics of at Middle Tennessee State University for hosting this meeting and giving a tour of their newly renovated physics department.