

Minutes for February 2002 Meeting of Tri-State OSA

- Meeting Date and Time: February 19, 2002, 6:30 p.m.
- Meeting Place: Fogelsville Hotel, Fogelsville, PA
- Attendees: Dao Phan, Jihua Du, Don Havas, Ernie Bergmann, Yuri Vandyshev, Bill Heffner, Ken Ghiron, and Margaret Ghiron.

Officer Activities:

Ken Ghiron has opened a bank account for Tri-State OSA at Patriot Bank and has established an EIN number. The Tri-State accounting will be done on QuickBooks.

Ken and Margaret Ghiron collected the \$5 membership fee from all 8 members in attendance at this meeting.

Dao Phan will handle scholarships, and Yuri Vandyshev will work on membership.

Science Fairs and Awards:

This was the subject of a considerable amount of discussion. The general consensus favored giving awards to high-school rather than college students. The Tri-State OSA currently has about \$500 to give away in scholarship funds, and it was felt that these awards would be more meaningful to high-school students.

At least 3 science fairs are due to be held in the near future: the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) Science Fair (2-23-02), the Lehigh Valley Science and Engineering Fair (3-15 - 3-16-02) and the Berks County Science Fair (3-26-02).

Because the PJAS fair was scheduled to occur just a few days after the February meeting, it was not sensible to make any awards at this time. Instead, a judge at this fair, Ernie Bergmann, would observe and make recommendations concerning future awards.

Don Havas agreed to contact Dr. Odey concerning the Lehigh Valley Science Fair, while Bill Heffner will judge at the Berks County Science Fair. Awards will be made at these fairs for projects that deal specifically with optics or applications of optics. In future, the awards for all 3 science fairs will be pre-announced so that students can focus their projects in these areas. Ken and Margaret Ghiron will contact Don and Bill to provide checks for the awards for the Lehigh and Berks science fairs.

Future talks:

The possible dates for the first talk are (1) May 14 or (2) April 30. Dave Coult of Agere Systems will be the first speaker, or Joe Hayden of Schott Glass Technologies if Dave cannot make it. It was decided that most of the talks would be held at Lehigh University

if scheduling permits, or possibly Lafayette College. Dmitry is the main contact at Lehigh.

Bill Heffner pointed out that the SME and IMAPS schedule similar events which might be of interest to Tri-State Members (and might conflict with planned talks). He suggested that Jihua may wish to add their activities to the Tri-State website. The IMAPS Keystone Chapter Symposium 2002 will be held at Northampton Community College on June 6, 2002.

Next meeting:

As several members will be out-of-town at the Optical Fiber Conference (OFC) on the third Tuesday of March, it was decided that the March meeting would be held at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday, March 26. Margaret Ghiron will book the next meeting at Hunan Springs on the northwest corner of the intersection of Route 222 and Brookside Road.