

Greetings fellow physics teachers,

On Saturday, May 8, 2010 several of us got together and had a fun and productive planning meeting. We need your input on a few items.

Gene Fuchs Award:

In the spring of 1995, the St. Louis Area Physics Teachers established the Gene Fuchs Excellence in Physics Teaching Award. This annual award for excellence in physics teaching not only honors the recipient, but serves as a memorial to our friend and fellow physics teacher, Gene Fuchs, who was terminally ill at the time. Paul Hewitt, of Conceptual Physics fame, designed the graphic which appears on the award plaque. Gene Fuchs was the first recipient of the award in 1995. Since then we have honored Fred Zurheide, 1996; Bill McConnell, 1997; Valerie Michael, 1998; Rex Rice, 1999; Larry Stacey, 2000; Debbie Rice, 2001; Bill Brinkhorst, 2005-2006; Gene Allard, 2006-2007; Dave Bross, 2007-2008; and Frank Cange, 2008-2009. As Valerie Michael said in 1998 when she received the award, "This award means a lot because it comes from you, the members of the Saint Louis Area Physics Teachers."

Several people have been nominated so far. I will be accepting additional nominations until Monday, May 17th and then it will go out for a vote. Please nominate worthy recipients.

President-elect:

We are currently taking nominations for president-elect. The president-elect will learn how to be president during the school year of 2010-2011 and then take over as president for the following school year. The first official obligation of the president-elect is to plan and run the May planning meeting in 2011. Please send me your nominations by Monday, May 17th.

On Monday, May 17th I will send out an email asking for your votes for the Gene Fuchs Award recipient and the president-elect.

Mike Johns has graciously volunteered to continue to maintain the website and Gene Bender will continue serving as our treasurer.

Next year we have exciting events planned including the annual Six Flags trip, two workshops funded by an AAPT grant, a meeting in which we will follow the electricity grid, a video analysis workshop, a music make'n'take, a workshop on waves, and a thermodynamics workshop. I will send more details on the meetings at the end of the summer.

Good luck wrapping up the year and don't forget to send me your nominations for the Gene Fuchs Award and president-elect.

Have a great day!
-Jen

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