

Minutes of the Kansas Academy of Science Council Meeting

September 28, 2001

Present at the meeting were Calvin Cink, Rex Buchanan, Dan Merriam, Brenda Oppert, Laurie Robbins, Pieter Berendsen, and James Triplett.

The Secretary's report on membership was submitted. Currently there are 241 paid members.

The Treasurer's report was submitted.

Reports were also submitted by Pat Adams for the next Annual Meeting April 12 and 13, 2002 in Hays, Kansas; Scott Kardel for KJAS; Sam Leung for the KAS Website; and Larry Skelton for the Bulletin.

A member requested that one of the biographies for candidates be changed. However, the biographies were not included in the mailed ballot. It was agreed to ask Sam Leung whether voting could be implemented through the KAS website.

Dan Merriam said that the number of submissions to the Transactions has been steady. He said that Jim Eber and Dave Saunders will take over the editorship of the Transactions in 2002. However, there remains concerns about the loss of income if the Transactions becomes published entirely in an electronic format so that only members can access. A discussion of electronic publishing ensued with the following comments/concerns:

- Is there a cost offset?
- How will issues be archived?
- What is the legality of publishing electronic papers that are followed by paper copy?
- Will the switch to electronic publishing result in loss of membership?
- If we choose not to switch to electronic publishing, what are the alternatives to finding future editors?

It was suggested that the page charges for the Transactions be raised to \$25/page. It was also decided that the attendance of Dan, Jim and Dave is needed at the next Council meeting so that decisions can be made by the Council on the future of the Transactions.

Brenda Oppert is accumulating responses to the Strategic Planning Committee's Survey and will work with the committee to formulate an action plan for consideration by the Council.

The Fall Field Trip is scheduled for September 29th at Benedictine Bottoms, to be lead by Dr. Dan Bowen of Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas.

A continuing discussion of the endowment funds raised the issues of:

- What is the income from endowments?
- How should the income be spent?

- Are there specification on how the money may be spent?

Rex Buchanan is working on the 2002 Distinguished Lecturer's Series.

It was decided to hold the winter Council meeting in Emporia Kansas on January 25, 2002, so that the major portion of the meeting can be devoted to issues concerning the future of the Transactions.