

Minutes of the Kansas Academy of Science Board Meeting of February 13, 2004

The Board of the Kansas Academy of Science met at 5:20 PM at the Science Building at Emporia State University. Meeting was called to order by KAS President James Taylor.

Board members present: James Aber, Pieter Berendsen, Mike Everhart, Joanna Foster, Sam Leung, David Saunders, Amy Strong, and James Taylor.

The minutes of the October 3, 2003 were read by President-elect Mike Everhart and approved.

James Taylor requested additional information on the KAS Distinguished Speakers list.

Taylor read the Treasurer's Report prepared by Brenda Oppert:

Checking:	\$35,811
Savings	8,869
Total	\$44,680

Along with her report, KAS Treasurer Brenda Oppert (not in attendance) suggested that some KAS funds be moved in to the Endowment fund. The KAS annual operating budget was discussed and James Aber indicated that the current cost of the Transactions was about half that of previous years. David Saunders made a motion to place \$15,000 in a 6 month CD. Seconded by Everhart. Motion was passed.

Pieter Berendsen (Secretary) explained how the various incomes of the KAS were managed (membership fees, income from sale of the Transactions and donations, etc) and indicated that he had received \$310 for the Dana Award and \$215 for the Endowment Fund (maintained as separate accounts).

Pieter Berendsen reported that there are 208 members to date in 2004; the KAS had a total of 256 members in 2003.

James Taylor provided a letter that was being sent to junior college instructors, inviting them to join the KAS. The letter was discussed and commended by the board. Taylor requested reimbursement for Xeroxing and postage (about \$56.00). Motion was made and approved to approve the payment.

Amy Strong (Junior Academy of Science Director) reviewed her plans for increasing participation in KJAS. She indicated that she was making use of new technology (i.e. Internet) to get more science information out to rural areas of the State. She also reported on KJAS activities and noted that the Junior Academy paid up to \$1000 to send a student to the American Junior Academy of Science meeting. She then asked if the KAS would be will to sponsor a student to the AJAS meeting. A discussion was held but the question was not resolved. Consideration was tabled until the next Board meeting.

Sam Leung (KAS Webmaster) noted that the Washburn internet server was being changed out and that a report regarding the number of hits on the KAS website was not available.

James Aber (KAST Co-editor) reported that billings for page charges will almost pay the cost of printing the current issue of the Transactions. He indicated that it would be published the first week of April. The co-editors were commended by the board for their work on the Transactions.

A question was raised regarding who can publish in the Transactions. David Saunders (KAST Co-editor) responded that technically at least one of the authors must be a member of the KAS, but suggested that the KAS charge a \$50 fee for non-member publications, part of which would go toward their membership. Motion carried. The publication of the names of associate editors who are not members of the KAS was discussed. Johanna Foster made a motion to remove the names of non-member associate editors from the publication. Motion carried.

James Taylor read a note from Larry Skelton (Past KAS President) indicated that Wichita State University was willing to consider providing the site for the annual KAS meeting in 2006, but not in 2005. He also indicated that Kansas State University is still a possibility as a 2005 meeting site, and said he would ask Brenda Oppert for a report at the next Board meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the participation of the KAS in the American Academy for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). It was decided to place the question of funding a membership in AAAS on the agenda of the next meeting. It was noted that Galen Neufeld was the present KAS representative to the AAAS and that he pays for his own membership in the AAAS.

The subject of KAS funding for grants and scholarships was also briefly discussing and it was decided to postpone further discussion until the April board meeting.

Johanna Foster (Member at large) reported on the planning for the 2004 joint annual meeting with the Missouri Academy of Sciences. At the time, she had 10 registrations but was expecting many more as the February 22 deadline approached.

Meeting adjourned about 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Everhart
Vice-President / Recording Secretary