

2010 KAS Annual Board Meeting

April 10, 2010, 1 pm.

FHSU Sternberg Museum

Members present: Randy Miller, Elmer Finck, Duane Hinton, Richard Schroder, Shaun Schmidt, Hank Guarisco, Sam Leung, Roy Beckemeyer, Lynette Seivert and Amy Strong.

Copies of the fall, 2009 minutes were not available to approve.

Treasurer Larry Skelton was not present, but did submit a report of the KAS finances. The treasurer's report was discussed and approved. There was discussion about transferring some of the checking account balance into a CD, but no decision was made.

Roy Beckemeyer reported that the manuscript submissions for the transactions of the KAS were down, but that the spring issues was almost ready to send to the printer. There was a brief discussion of the cost of publishing and postage for the transactions, but it was determined that the royalties from BioOne and JSTOR more than offset these expenditures. There was a general agreement that we need to encourage more submissions. Randy proposed putting forth a third issue focusing on the student presentations of the annual meeting.

There was a motion to explore a student online journal to present original science. After some discussion, the motion was approved and Amy Strong volunteered to chair a committee to explore this possibility.

Secretary, Pieter Berendsen was not in attendance, but sent a report that the KAS membership was doing pretty good with nothing shocking to report.

There was a discussion of the student grants that were submitted and those that were funded. There was some discussion about opening the grant process to graduate students. Awardees were: Lenore R. Enfield, Sterling College, Derek Schneweis, KSU, Steve Roels, KU, Katherine M. Talbott, FHSU, Sarah Rages, FHSU, Mauricio Montero Astua, KSU, Joshua S. Perkin, KSU and Erika C. Martin, KSU. Elmer Finck agreed to continue as the Grant Committee chair.

The board discussed the possibility of hiring a business manager. A committee of Shaun Schmidt, Roy Beckemeyer and Elmer Finck was formed to explore this possibility.

KJAS coordinator, Amy Strong reported that a large part of the funding for the KJAS comes from Wichita State University, but with the cuts of state funding they could no longer support the KJAS. A motion was made for the KAS to increase their support of the KJAS by \$2,000 for the 2010-2011 school year. The motion passed.

There was further discussion about having the KJAS awardees present at next year's annual meeting.

The final item to be discussed was the need for a strategic plan for the KAS budget.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00.