Kansas Academy of Science  
Spring Board Meeting  
Minutes for Saturday, April 9, 2011  
Baker University

Members in attendance: Richard Schroder (RS) Randy Miller (RM)  
Jim Aber (JA) Matt Arterburn (MA)  
Duane Hinton (DH) Erin Morris (EM)  
Brian Maricle (BM) Amy Strong (AS)  
Leland Russell (LR) Elmer Finck (EF)  
Hank Guarisco (HG) Shaun Schmidt (SS)  
Sam Leung (SL)

1. Welcome of new Board members  
   A. New Board members: EM, BM, LR

2. Reviewed minutes from 1/29/2011  
   A. Update to include JA in attendance at 1/29/2011 meeting  
   B. Motion to approve minutes as amended  
      i. Motion by JA, second by DH  
      ii. No discussion  
      iii. Motion carried; all approved, none opposed

3. Treasurer’s report: Shaun Schmidt  
   A. Working on transitioning in new treasurer  
      i. Discussion followed regarding location of CDs and other funds; they might be transferred to Topeka  
      ii. Motion that SL become second signer for checks  
         a. Motion by EF, second by DH  
            i. Discussion followed regarding potential of having a third check signer  
            b. Motion carried; all approved, none opposed  
      iii. Also discussed possibility of setting up a local agency account for small purchases (e.g., stamps and mailing)  
         a. Motion by EF, second by JA  
         b. Motion carried; all approved, none opposed  
      iv. SS needs bonding

   B. There is no budget currently for KAS  
      i. Is there concern about this?  
      ii. Perhaps we could start by compiling expenses from the last few years

   C. What do we do with the ~$75,000 currently in bank?  
      i. Perhaps set up an endowment for student awards or grants  
      ii. Perhaps set up student travel stipends for meeting attendance  
      iii. Nonprofit status could be jeopardized if we earn too much money

   D. Permanent address for KAS will be switched to the Chemistry department at Washburn (instead of Mike Everhart’s home)  
      i. Department of Chemistry, Washburn University, 1700 SW College Avenue, Topeka, KS 66621
ii. Motion by SS, second by JA
iii. No discussion
iv. Motion carried; all approved, none opposed
v. Address will need to be updated with AAAS and with non-profit rep

E. Space for storage of records from former secretary
   i. At Washburn? Allen Press?

4. Committee report: Junior Kansas Academy of Science (Amy Strong)
   A. District registrations now happening for JKAS
      i. State meeting first weekend in May
      ii. Four students to national meeting this year (NAAS)
         a. Now limiting attendance for this to high school students, but not seniors
   B. Last year, JKAS received $2000 from KAS
      i. Potentially more this year?
      ii. Will depend on endowment status

5. Who will be the AAAS representative for KAS?
   A. SS? AS?
   B. Need to update information in NAAS directory
   C. Need to update material on web site for paying membership dues

6. Membership report: Sam Leung
   A. Will get materials from Pieter Berendsen in May
   B. Good promotional efforts for this year’s meeting
      i. 800 pieces of advertising for this meeting, to most scientists in Kansas
      ii. Good response from people who couldn’t make it to meeting
      iii. Keep promoting
   C. Thoughts on pursuing a joint meeting?
      i. Potentially this could be with specialty societies, or else with academies from other states.
      ii. Perhaps we could offer possible avenues of publication, since two issues of the Transactions do not get used
   D. Need to update web page regarding membership

7. Transactions report
   A. Journal exchange no longer occurring; digital format reduces need for this

Old Business
8. Business manager
   A. This was ruled to be a dead issue and was formally killed

9. Bylaws revision
   A. EF will send out draft soon, and we will talk about it at the summer meeting

10. Editors of the Transactions
    A. Current co-editors will be done after the fall issue
    B. New people are needed for this
    C. RM offered to be a co-editor
    D. Charmaine Henry (Baker Univ.) also offered to be co-editor
    E. New editors can be trained during the making of the fall issue
    F. Possibly appoint officially at the summer meeting
This is likely a 3-5 year commitment

11. Officer’s Manual
   A. No progress lately, RM has been busy with the meeting

New Business

12. 2012 Election
   A. Past President is chair of nominations; responsible for compiling list of nominees
   B. Vice President will be needed
   C. Two Board members will be needed
   D. Two Council members will be needed

13. Newsletter (Hank Guarisco)
   A. Nothing new to report
   B. Currently printed at Mailboxes, etc. for about 4¢ per copy
   C. It could be cheaper (ca. 2-3¢ per copy) if we pre-buy 10,000 copies (about 2.5
      year’s worth)
   D. Currently mailed first class. We could also check into bulk mailing via Washburn
      University

14. Liability Insurance
   A. Discussion regarding the need for liability insurance for events like the KAS
      meeting and activities
      i. Liability insurance needed for outside groups coming in
      ii. Since local students involved, maybe not necessary?
         a. This is covered by KBOR for Regents schools
      iii. Perhaps have people check an appropriate box for this on registration
           form?
   B. Necessary to get legal advice for organization

15. Journal Exchange Program
   A. Many copies of the Transactions (and other journals) purchased by KU and KSU,
      and then exchanged with other schools for other journals
   B. But they are no longer buying copies of the Transactions
   C. This is not a great loss, since J-STOR and BioOne are good sources of revenue for
      journal access

16. Fall Field Trip
   A. Intended for all membership (pending liability insurance)
   B. Probably contact our fish and game representative to help arrange field trip
   C. Potentially at Cross Timbers State Park near Toronto, KS
      i. At state park, liability insurance covered by KDWP
   D. Perhaps try to get people involved by having a bio blitz
      i. For example, the first “state” bio blitz will be in Topeka on April 16
      ii. Perhaps consider something similar for our fall meeting
         a. At other places in the state?
         b. Maybe good for a membership drive?
      iii. Can something tangible come out of this? (e.g., guide books)
   E. Also consider expanding into a “Science Blitz” that would involve other sciences
      i. Geology, chemistry, etc.
   F. Some dates were discussed, but no definite
17. 2012 Annual Meeting
   A. Original plan was for Benedictine College, but this fell through due to many
      renovations (but this is a possibility for 2013)
   B. Maybe Sterling College
      i. If this setting is too small, maybe try to do it in conjunction with
         Hutchinson Community College or Butler Community College
   C. Possibly Pittsburg State University
   D. We discussed the possibility of creating a planning document for the annual
      meeting
   E. If these options do not work, we could consider renting a conference center at a
      hotel or meet with the Missouri Academy of Science in the KC area

18. Student Awards
   A. Student presentation awards for 2011 meeting
      i. Motion that amounts be $100 for first place, $75 for second, and $50 for
         third (both students who tied for second place will get $75)
      ii. Motion by SS, second by JA
      iii. No discussion
      iv. Motion carried; all approved, none opposed
   B. Student research grants for 2011
      i. Will be announced soon
      ii. We are still waiting on two reviewers

19. Summer Board Meeting
   A. Will be at JA’s cabin, west of Emporia
   B. Friday, June 3, at noon

Meeting adjourned, 5:13 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brian R. Maricle, KAS Vice President