

**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
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 - 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

- i. 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

- i. End of September might be good
 - ii. Possibly align with Fish and Wildlife Week
 - iii. RS will get the ball rolling on this
- 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