

Kansas Academy of Science  
Board Meeting  
Lake Kahola  
June 29, 2012

Present: Brian Maricle, Eric Trump, Richard Schroeder, Duane Hinton, James Aber, Sam Leung, Shaun Schmidt, Leland Russell, Don Whittemore, Mark LaBarge (guest)

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM.

The treasurer's report was read and approved. The major points were that CDs are on a rotation so that one CD matures every year and that the expense for the *Transactions* still needs to be paid out.

Sam Leung, Secretary, reported that there were currently 206 members. Forty reminder notices have been sent out. July 1, according to the By-Laws, is the membership expiration date. The question was raised about whether to retain members who had not paid their dues. The board voted to approve the secretary's report.

There was no KJAS report.

There was much concern that the *Transactions* issue was now two months late. We must meet our deadlines! The galley proofs had been sent out, but there was reportedly some problems with the design software. All authors except one had responded. There was discussion about including information about deadlines in the By-Laws. It was suggested that the deadline for the spring issue would be the first week of May and that the first week of November would be the deadline for the fall issue. The board discussed the need to clarify author guidelines.

Dan Merriam was not present to give the historian's report, but a proof of a short note to be included in the *Transactions* was distributed. Another is being submitted for the fall.

There was no report on the Officers' Manual.

Elmer Finck sent an e-mail regarding Student Research grants.

There were four recipients. The guidelines list the application deadline as Feb. 12 and the award deadline as April 1. It was moved, seconded, and approved to change the application deadline to February 1 and to announce the awards at the annual meeting.

There was no report on the newsletter. The next issue needs to include a ballot of candidates.

Leland Russell reported on the 2012 annual meeting that was held at Wichita State University. The meeting went very well. The registration exceeded expectations. The plenary speaker presented two outstanding lectures that were well attended.

Guest Mark LaBarge reported on plans for the upcoming 2013 annual meeting to be held in Johnson County Community College. The meeting is scheduled for April 5-6, 2013. The dinner on April 5 will likely be held in the Commons room 155 and the talk by the keynote speaker, Wes Jackson of the Land Institute in Salina, would be in the Polsky theater. Saturday events will be held in the Carlson Center. Mark was concerned about the cost of room rental and would try to see if he could get the rate reduced. There were several ideas presented about possible field trips. The theme of the meeting will be on sustainability.

The 2014 meeting will be held at Emporia State University. Don Whittemore suggested that a symposium on hydroecology and climate change involving the heads of natural areas at the state universities in Kansas.

President Duane Hinton checked on having the Fall Field Trip at the Hutchinson Salt mine, probably in October in conjunction with a fall board meeting.

The winter meeting will be held at Johnson County Community College on January 26, 2013.

Meeting adjourned 2:08 PM

Submitted by,

Eric Trump