

**Kansas Academy of Science
Winter Board Meeting
Minutes for Saturday, January 26, 2013
Johnson County Community College**

Members in attendance: Richard Schroder Randy Miller
 Duane Hinton Erin Morris
 Brian Maricle Amy Strong
 Leland Russell Elmer Finck
 Hank Guarisco Shaun Schmidt
 Sam Leung Charmaine Henry
 Don Whittimore Pieter Berendsen
 Lynnette Sievert

Guests: Mark LaBarge Lori Slavin
 Mary Liz Jameson

1. Meeting called to order at 1:10 pm, President Brian Maricle
2. Welcome of new Board members
 - A. New Board members welcomed: Elmer Finck and Pieter Berendsen as Council members, and Mike Everhart (not present) as Vice President
3. Reviewed minutes from 6/29/2012
 - A. Approved
4. Reviewed minutes from 10/20/2012
 - A. Change wording to indicate the \$300 request for KJAS was for meeting support for students, not simply for supporting travel for one student
 - B. Several misspellings were noted in the minutes
 - C. Approved as amended
5. Treasurer's report: Shaun Schmidt
 - A. We have two CDs that will mature in February
 - i. Interest rates currently very low
 - ii. We will try to put into a money market account to allow flexibility, and put back into CDs when interest rates increase
 - iii. If this isn't possible, we will put into 1 yr CDs
 - iv. Approved
 - B. KAS lost our tax-exempt status
 - i. We must pay corporate taxes
 - ii. Shaun Schmidt will try to retain the professionals necessary to re-establish our tax-exempt status (potentially a new accountant needed)
 - iii. We will continue to file with IRS every year
 - iv. Approved
 - C. Proposed budget for 2013
 - i. NAAS budget probably ongoing
 - ii. Possibility of increasing prize money for students?
 - a. Tabled for next time
 - iii. Approved

6. Secretary's report: Sam Leung
 - A. 142 members now, 216 members in October 2012
 - i. Potentially many of these people will renew their membership at Annual Meeting
 - ii. Membership numbers declining
 - B. Secretary's report approved
7. Junior Kansas Academy of Science: Amy Strong
 - A. AJAS meeting in February, 4 students will be attending
 - B. State meeting in May, Districts coming up too
 - C. Judges might be needed
8. *Transactions* report
 - A. Randy Miller resigned as editor
 - B. Options were discussed for a potential new editor:
 - i. Loretta Dorn from FHSU (Chemistry) expressed interest
 - ii. Potentially we hire it out to Allen Press
 - iii. Potentially hire a free-lance person
 - C. Mike Everhart agreed to be interim editor for no more than one year; between now and the April Board meeting, we will find out if Loretta Dorn will be able to take over, and we will also find out what sorts of costs would be involved with hiring Allen Press or a free-lance person to be copy editor. It was noted we should try to avoid having page charges again, which might be a consequence of hiring others to do copy editing.
 - D. Approved
9. Historian's Report – not present

Old Business

10. Officer's Manual
 - A. No report
11. Student Research grants
 - A. Deadline approaching – Feb. 1
 - B. So far, letters for 4 applications, and one application in
 - C. The possibility was discussed of having a second deadline for student grants, possibly to use leftover money from the first deadline, or else to allocate a second pot of money to support more student research. This could allow more flexibility for student research to start in the fall.
 - D. We will revisit this idea in April when we know our financial status, and we will know if there is leftover money from the first student research grants.

New Business

12. Newsletter: Hank Guarisco
 - A. Newsletter due out in February
 - B. It will advertise the 2013 Annual Meeting, it will also advertise the upcoming Ecohydrology symposium at the 2014 Annual Meeting
13. 2013 Annual Meeting: Mark LaBarge and Lori Slavin
 - A. Johnson County Community College
 - B. Online registration will be available around Feb. 7 (through JCCC page)

- C. Early registration will close March 12
 - i. KAS member: \$50, non-member: \$80, student presenter: \$25, student non-presenter: \$40
 - ii. A one-year membership comes with meeting registration for non-members
 - iii. Last year's student grant recipients get free registration
- D. Abstract deadline also March 12
- E. Keynote speaker: Dr. Tim Crews, from Land Institute
 - i. He will give two talks, one Friday evening (open to public), and one Saturday following lunch
 - ii. Honorarium and travel expenses should be covered through a grant
- F. Field trips will include a geology field trip Friday afternoon, and an on-campus sustainability tour
- G. Draft meeting schedule discussed
- 14. 2014 Annual Meeting
 - A. Emporia State University
 - B. Potential joint meeting with the Central States Entomological Society: Mary Liz Jameson
 - i. We are in favor of the idea
 - ii. Moved to explore the possibility of a joint meeting
 - iii. Approved
 - C. Proposed symposium on Ecohydrology at 2014 meeting: Don Whitemore
 - i. Broad topics that could relate would be included
 - ii. From various places: presentations on climate issues, water, and research
 - iii. Approved
 - iv. Perhaps even devote a special issue of TKAS for this symposium
 - v. We are supportive of the idea
- 15. Fall 2013 field trip
 - A. Some ideas discussed: Cheyenne Bottoms, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, and Smoky Valley Ranch
 - B. Biodefense Center in Manhattan probably not ready for visitors yet
- 16. Other new business
 - A. Award plaque for Jim Aber for his many years of service to KAS
 - B. Approved
- 17. Spring Board meeting
 - A. During the KAS Banquet
 - B. Friday, April 5, 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned, 4:01 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brian R. Maricle, KAS President