

Kansas Academy of Science Council Meeting
October 11, 2014
Konza Prairie, Manhattan, Kansas

In attendance: Eric Trump, Don Whittemore, Brian Maricle, Sam Leung, Shaun Schmidt, Mike Everhart, and Pam Everhart

Meeting called to order at 3:25 pm.

Minutes from the June 2014 meeting were approved without changes.

Treasurer's Report: We have money. Expenses this year were higher than normal because we paid for three printings of the *Transactions*. Remaining 2014 expenses include printing and binding of *Transactions*, and incoming money will come in from membership dues. The 2015 budget will be similar to the 2014 budget.

Our tax exempt status has been reinstated with the state of Kansas. It is good through 10/1/2020. We are still waiting to hear about our status with the Federal Government.

Secretary's Report: We are down about 10 members per year over the last few years. Membership renewal notices will be sent in early November. During annual meetings in future years, we should consider maintaining differential registration amounts for members versus non-members to encourage membership. Membership is currently \$30/year, but will increase to \$35/year starting in 2015.

Transactions Report: The journal is doing well. The Fall issue goes to press on 10/14/2014. It has 18 papers; it is the largest fall issue in at least 9 years. Mike and Pam have added a new feature, where people will send in pictures of organisms with a descriptive caption. It will be "everyday science," much like *National Geographic*. Hopefully this will help encourage participation.

This is the last year we will print extra copies of the journal. Starting next year, we will instead tell Allen Press at the end of the year how many copies to print and bind. KU still wants 120 copies of the journal. We might need to negotiate how much they pay for them.

No report on the Newsletter.

Student Grants: There is an upcoming deadline. Undergraduate grant proposals are due 10/17/2014.

We decided to pay Konza \$100 from the KAS account for our group outing.

We received a request from NAAS to support their meeting. Last year, we sent them \$1000, as we were trying to spend money to make sure we were in the red. It was decided to table this discussion until the January meeting.

KJAS/AAAS Representative: Amy Strong's replacement is Jill Fisher at Wichita State (Jill.Fisher@wichita.edu). We should invite her to attend meetings as an appointed member. Mike volunteered to meet with her. We still have money budgeted to give to KJAS this year.

Conflict of interest and other policies: These are documents needed by non-profit organizations. They came from the Washburn Law School.

- Conflict of interest policy
- Whistleblower policy
- Document retention and destruction policy

Does this need to go into bylaws? Perhaps we could also appoint an official records keeper as an officer to keep track of this. Discussion followed about possibilities.

Ideas were discussed for the 2015 Fall Field Trip. The Red Hills in Barber County (south-central Kansas) were discussed as a possibility. Jacob's Hill and the Big Basin are there, plus the Pratt fish hatchery and aquarium were mentioned.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Brian Maricle, 2014 Past-President
Minutes Recorder