

Kansas Academy of Science
Board Meeting
WSU and Virtual settings
February 21, 2015

Present: Mike Everhart, Pam Everhart, Jill Fisher, Duane Hinton, Hank Guarisco, Mark LaBarge, Sam Leung, Shaun Schmidt, Lynnette Sievert, Eric Trump

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. This is the first attempt at an onsite/virtual meeting in many years.

There were no minutes to approve. These will be distributed later.

Sam Leung, Secretary, reported that the number of members this year is holding steady. We will not be able to collect membership dues at the Pittsburg State University meeting in March. Duane Hinton suggested that we put out a blank form at the registration desk. Sam will check on this.

The Transactions Editors' report was given by Pam and Mike Everhart. There is a large issue coming up that will contain 160 - 200 pages. The editors talked with Allen Press regarding the cost of production of the Transactions. There was uncertainty because last year KAS got two sets of bills for both issues. Allen Press was asked for clarification on billing and the editors learned that Allen Press is undergoing changes and last year our Transactions run was done on both the old and new machines and so we got two bills. There should be a 60% reduction in our bill because of the new machine. This means that royalties now should exceed cost. Until now they were roughly the same.

The quality of the Transactions will remain the same.

KU is getting 120 copies of the Transactions, which is costing KAS \$10/copy. Sam Leung will ask the KU library if they will pay \$10 per issue (not volume). This will double what we receive in reimbursement. KU has access to the Transactions through BioOne. The volumes that KU receives are for the exchange program so their access to BioOne won't help with this cost. The current price assessed to KU was negotiated a long time ago. Since we do not know what KU's library budget is for the journal, we might have to negotiate something so that eventually we come out even. No one at this meeting knows if KU still needs 120 copies. KAS needs to know something definitive before April 15, 2015 when the next issue comes out.

The Ecohydrology symposium held at the 2014 KAS meeting in Emporia will be published as a summer issue in 2015. If it is a special issue, it could be purchased as an extra item by KU library.

Jill Fisher gave the KJAS report. She just returned from the annual Junior Academy of Science meeting. There will be a May 1 meeting at Wichita State University. Jill described her department to the KAS board and told us what their duties entailed.

Hank Guarisco gave the Newsletter report. He is in the process of sending out 186 copies. Postage for this mailing is \$80.30. The newsletter will highlight the upcoming annual meeting at PSU.

Old Business included several items.

1) Shaun Schmidt has been working on the Conflict of Interest document with Washburn University legal assistance. The KAS Board reviewed the document and it seems to be in final form. There was a motion and 2nd to approve and ratify the document. The vote to do so was unanimous. There were questions regarding how to incorporate them into the current KAS documents. Do we change the by-laws to include them or post them separately? Shaun is going to check with the lawyers to see what should be done. If we have to amend the by-laws, it will need to go out to the entire membership of KAS.

2) Shaun expressed a hope that we are now once again a not-for-profit organization. There was a motion and 2nd to approve the end of year report. This passed unanimously. Shaun explained the budget for 2014 and 2015 to the Board. There was a discussion of the Allen Press costs for 2015. The Board discussed increasing dues to the members, but decided to wait on that since we just raised dues last year. There was a motion and 2nd on approving the 2015 budget. The motion passed.

3) The next Board meeting will be at Pittsburg State University. Duane will let us know updates on the progress of the annual meeting. Those who were able to tour the facility in January felt that it was a very nice venue for our meeting.

New Business included several items.

1) There is a Board vacancy. Brent Thomas will no longer be able to serve as the contact to the Natural Resources Council. This is an appointed position and will be filled.

2) Eric Trump will send out an e-mail to members seeking nominations for upcoming elections.

3) The next Board meeting will be held after the banquet.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.