

KANSAS ACADEMY OF SCIENCE
VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING
27 January 2016

Present: Seid Adem, Mike Everhart, Pamela Everhart, Jill Fisher, Mark LaBarge, Sam Leung, David McKenzie, Erin Morris, Shaun Schmidt, Dustin Wilgers

The meeting was called to order at 1530 hours.

The minutes from the last meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer report from Shaun: KAS has money, but we don't yet know the expense/profits from last year's meeting. We made some interest on investments. TKAS expenses look right, but we could spend more on research grants because we didn't allocate all possible funds. We need to spend \$2,700 to get us back in to good graces with the federal government for our NAAS membership back payment. Our 501C3 status is almost done. We will be filing taxes but we don't know if we'll get them back (we should because we are nonprofit). The Treasurer's report was unanimously approved (Mike motioned, Sam seconded). The 2016 budget was approved at the last meeting.

Secretary and webmaster report from Sam: Member numbers continue to decline, but that will likely go up after the 2016 meeting. Renewal reminders went out later than usual this time and that may be a factor in the decline. Report approved (Shaun moved, Mike seconded).

Transactions report by Mike and Pam: TKAS is doing well, money is adequate, the number of pages printed is up. We had 10-12 papers for the winter issue and 14 papers for the spring issue. Our contract with BioOne is based on the # pages in their system and how many downloads they get, and we are on the good side of that curve. Our pending agreement with Allen Press looks good, but they won't get us the right billing paperwork so that we can see exactly how we are doing financially. Pam is not comfortable with the Allen Press agreement because they say they will increase the price 3% every year, but won't give us the base price. It was mutually agreed that we should reevaluate our agreement once we get the bill. This is an ongoing problem that keeps us from accurate cost planning and needs to be addressed with Allen Press.

On 19 October 2015 we agreed by electronic vote to pay an extra \$1,000 to Allen Press for the winter copy of the TKAS.

The current contract with our editors (Mike and Pam) expires on 31 October 2016. The current contract is for 3 years. We need to discuss future contracts and possible restructuring at the spring meeting (add to agenda).

Jim Abers (ESU) suggested that we do a history of science symposium for the 150th meeting at Washburn.

Junior Academy report from Jill: 1st district meeting will be at the end of March. Only 3 members currently, but member numbers will go up after the meeting. Eight students are going to AJS, NAAS, AAAS meeting in Washington, DC and the students will present at these meetings.

Newsletter report: We might consider getting more copies of the newsletter going out electronically instead of via USPS. Add a discussion about this to the spring meeting agenda and include Hank in discussion. The newsletter should advertise the KAS meeting, but advertising should be outside the

newsletter too. Dustin sent an email to all KS department chairs about the upcoming meeting. Presidents should be included in the future. Facebook should also be used (and was used this year).

Meeting Report from Dustin: Online registration is up and running. We may have extra money from registrations (maybe around \$1,000). We will need to discuss how to split any extra money between KAS and KES (add to agenda). Pam suggests that we could add it to the speaker fee. Mike suggests we could split it proportionally. McPherson is paying \$500 for speaker fees because the meteorite talk will be open to the public. McPherson is also adding a little to the budget and is providing transportation. We should discuss formalizing when the official Welcome to the meeting occurs and who gives the Welcome. Heretofore, we have used a mix of times/people with mixed results. Erin volunteered to give the welcome this year if desired. Mike will need abstracts in publishable form from the meeting shortly after the meeting. We need to discuss whether entomology people will generate papers for TKAS or will they publish in their own journal (JKES). This discussion will have to involve KES, but they are welcome to publish in TKAS. Last year a KAS meeting presenter got published in the Journal of Paleontology.

Erin proposed a Business meeting during lunch on Saturday of the KAS/KES meeting and a Board meeting Friday night after the speaker.

New Business

Grants discussion from Erin: Only 3 applications were received for the undergraduate grant and 3 were awarded for \$1,000 each. Proposals are now due in October.

Erin asked about an email she received: A student wanted to apply for a grant but no one in her department at K State is a KAS member. Does the student need to be member or does their mentor have to be member? All agreed that the student should certainly be member of KAS, but their mentor does not have to be a member.

Seid received 3 graduate grant applications, but still needs letters of recommendation.

Pam received a paper from a high school student (14 years old and joined Junior Academy). The second author is a PhD at Fort Hayes. In the past the Transactions has published Junior Academy authors as Junior Academy papers. How should we handle peer review for a high school kid? Should we have a policy for high school level authors? Do we make exception for authors with more advanced coauthors? One thought is that no high schooler should be first author in the regular Transactions, but the one willing reviewer says it shouldn't matter. Other comments are that peer review does not mean peer of the author, but peer of the field and that it should not matter if it's good science. The problem is that it's hard to find peers that will review this particular paper either because of a paucity of specialist or unwillingness because of not wanting to review a high school kid's paper. General consensus is that if it is good science, it will make it through our standard peer review process. Mike noted that our working policy (not official) is that Junior Academy papers be designated as such.

Other note: We like Zoom for meetings and should use it in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 1430 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
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