

Kansas Academy of Science
Board of Directors Meeting – June 25, 2016
Discovery Center at Baker Wetlands

Attendees: Shaun Schmidt, Hank Garusco, Kim Simons, Duane Hinton, Erin Morris, Mark LaBarge, Pam Everhart, Jill Fisher, Lynnette Sievert

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m.

Minutes of the April 1, 2016 meeting were approved.

Treasurer Shaun Schmidt informed the board that Pittsburg State University never gave us a meeting bill for the 2015 annual meeting. The credit union that KAS uses is now called Azura. The Transactions of the Kansas Academy of Science brought in more than estimated and we're ahead of where we thought we'd be at this time. The report was accepted.

Secretary Sam Leung told the board that having the registration as part of the meeting boosted our membership numbers. He suggested that we needed to continue this practice. Kansas Junior Academy of Science members may be individuals or school groups. The report was accepted.

Annual Meeting Report - KAS received two checks from McPherson College. One was for memberships and the other for the annual meeting profit. The meeting for 2017 will be at Fort Hays State University, in 2018 it will be at Washburn, and in 2019 it will be held at Johnson County Community College.

Editor Pam Everhart informed the board that there are 10 articles ready for the next issue. Some longer papers have been submitted for review. The Transactions is receiving manuscripts from people outside of Kansas. Allen Press has problems calculating the bills for KAS.

The editors recommended that KAS have a more attractive salary for the next editors. Pam and Mike Everhart spend about 20 hr/week on the Transactions during busy weeks. Other weeks are closer to 10 hr/week. It is not necessary to have a pair of editors, but it is nice. Board members had some reservations about increasing the salary because of concerns of not having enough money for other endeavors such as KJAS. A gradual increase in salary over several years might prove a reasonable way to boost the salary. Regardless, KAS has to have a new contract by the October meeting. To this end, an ad hoc committee consisting of Duane Hinton (chair), Shaun Schmidt and Lynnette Sievert was formed. We need to have a financial plan in place to recruit new editors. The committee was given authority to negotiate a plan to incrementally

increase the salary to \$3000/issue. This needs to be in place by October 1 for discussion by the rest of the board. This motion was approved.

Kansas Junior Academy of Science Director reported that the state meeting was May 6th. About 20 students competed and Samantha Farb won the contest. Winning students will go to the national conference in Boston. There are fewer students participating than in the past. The report was accepted.

The Newsletter Editor, Hank Garusco, reported that the newsletter is paid for until 2018, although we need stamps. The newsletter will be available as an e-copy or hardcopy. There will be an opt-in to receive a print copy in the next two hardcopies of the newsletter. It will go on next year's dues form too. The report was approved.

New Business: The Fall Field trip will be either October 22nd or 29th. The board meeting will be held via Zoom. The undergraduate grant deadline needs to be updated on the website.

The meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynnette Sievert
President-elect
Kansas Academy of Science