

Kansas Academy of Science
Board Meeting
Zoom meeting
October 18, 2018

Present: David McKenzie, Brian Maricle, Mark LaBarge, Duane Hinton, Jill Fisher, Brett Whitenack, Shaun Schmidt, and Lynette Sievert

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

Minutes from the spring council meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: Shaun Schmidt:

- We have lots of money. We are still waiting on the bill for publishing this fall's TKAS, so another ~\$5000 will come out soon, but we are in good shape.
- We received another bill of ~\$100 from Washburn for the annual meeting 6 months after the meeting. The account had been closed, so this will probably end up being nothing.
- We actually made \$136 on the bulletin. Hank bought stamps from us when we stopped sending bulletins by mail.
- We are still working on our tax exempt status. Things look favorable, but we are waiting on an accountant. We should be able to get back those taxes from the years when our tax exempt status was gone.
- The report was approved.

Secretary's report: Sam Leung was not present, but numbers were sent earlier in the day:

- The number of members is down a bit from previous years. We discussed possible ways to increase memberships.
- Posting flyers at schools is an option, but has had limited success. What else can we do?
- Memberships can be included with non-member meeting registrations (this has happened during some past years, but not this year).
- We can perhaps focus on getting students who come to the meeting to renew.
- We might also target high school science teachers. We can maybe use (or make) a connection with the Kansas Association of Teachers of Science. We might also make a new membership category, some kind of Institutional Membership for schools, where teachers are a part of it. Maybe we can also start to include ideas in newsletters to provide high school science teachers with activities or lessons. Or we can potentially have a workshop at the annual meeting for high school science teachers, perhaps at a reduced rate. Attendance at such would count toward professional development for licensure. To make a new membership category, we might need to amend the bylaws. (An amendment

would need to go out by mail or email to members a month before the annual meeting.)
We should look into this and discuss at the January council meeting.

- Report approved.

Transactions report: Mike and Pam Everhart were not present. Mike had emailed the editor's report by email earlier that day:

Editor's Report....

As reported earlier, the Fall issue of the KAS Transactions has been sent to Allen Press, and will be mailed early next week.

This issue is just under 200 pages... and with the larger Spring issue, volume 121 is the largest published since 1970.... almost 50 years!

We're already working on 5 papers for the Spring 2019 issue.

Regards,

Mike and Pam Everhart
Managing Editors, Transactions
Kansas Academy of Science

Contracts for the journal editors will expire at the end of 2019. Do we know if Mike has someone in mind to replace him? Does anyone else have any ideas? We need to start looking for someone now. We will ask Mike and discuss more at the January council meeting.

KJAS report: Jill Fisher:

Kansas State Science and Engineering Fair was held recently. Seven KJAS students received awards. The American Junior Academy of Science meeting will be in February. At least 3 of these awardees will be going.

New Business

Mark LaBarge: Johnson County Community College will host the next annual meeting March 29-30, 2019. They are in good shape, as they already have rooms reserved and are working on a possible field trip. This will be a joint meeting with KES (Kansas Entomological Society). A year's membership will be included with the registration fee for non-members. Member registration fees will be about \$45. Student registration will be less. We will have the spring Council meeting on Friday evening, March 29, at 8:30 pm. The winter Council meeting will likely be at JCCC as well.

The deadline for undergraduate student research grants was extended to 10/31/2018. We are waiting for applications, but we know of a few that will be coming.

We are planning our Fall Field Trip at Quivira National Wildlife Refuge in mid-November, probably November 10 or 17. This is peak season for sandhill cranes to be there in their fall migration. There will be no cost. Possibly a refuge official could be there to tell us about it. A Doodle poll will go out to members soon to figure out which day would be better.

Our winter Council meeting will be held at JCCC on a Saturday in late January or early February.

Meeting adjourned 4:45 PM

Submitted by,

Brian Maricle, 2018 Vice President