

4/4/20 KAS Minutes

In attendance: Erika Martin, Stewart Gardner, Mark LaBarge, Adem Seid, Keri Maricle, Brian Mericle, Sam Leung, Kim Simons, Dustin Wilgers, Lani Witters, Duane Hinton, Jill Fisher, Pam Everhart, and Mike Everhart

Called to order 10AM

Approval of the minutes of winter meeting

### Reports

Treasurer's Report: No report ready

Secretary's Report: Sent out a report yesterday. Not much has changed, only 141 members and without the annual meeting, this number will probably not change.

Committee Reports:

Junior Kansas Academy of Science: Jill Fisher- Selecting JKAS members has happened in the past at the Kansas Science and Engineering Fair, but meeting was cancelled this year

*Transactions*: Erika- Lots of reviews sent out, still six people have not responded. Mike- Probably going to press in the middle of May. We still have many large papers, so the spring issue should still be pretty large. Out in print by the beginning of June. 3 papers out for revision, 3 more out for second reviews. If we want to publish the abstracts from the cancelled meeting, we need them in the next few weeks. Not many abstracts, due to the cancelling. Abstracts that were at a weather cancelled meeting were published in the past. Brian to contact Scott and Erin at Baker to have those sent to the Everharts.

Newsletter- Hank not in attendance

### Old Business

Student Research Grants- Seid- we had six applicants this year (3PhD and 3MS). Names of selected were sent to Shawn for checks to be sent.

2020 Annual Meeting – canceled -Any housekeeping issues or concerns? Does Baker want to host next year? If they don't want to, we'll contact the people at Newman.

### New Business

Printing delay for the *Transactions*- We have a timeline with our editors' contract. However, everyone is delayed at this time due to the worldwide issues. Suggested that we waive

the deadline for the moment (May 15<sup>th</sup> for the Spring issue). Moved to waive Spring's submission date and seconded. Motion passed. Hope that things are normal by the Fall.

2021 Annual Meeting – Newman University? We'll ask Baker to see if they want to host again. McPherson College also interested to fall in line after Newman.

Print/digital format for journal- If we switch to digital, can we keep sending hard copies to libraries? Will this mess up our Bio101 contract? Right now, there are digital options available through libraries (like ESU) now. We need to see what type of costs would be saved/incurred with this kind of change. With KES, they switched to keep their heads above water, financially. The option for subscribers to choose their preference is a good thing. Allen Press will be contacted to see associated costs.

Grants coordinators as appointed officers? Should we make the Grants coordinators into appointed officers? To do this, we would need a change to the bylaws. Do we want them to be considered as "appointed board members"? Voting members of the council have to be elected. Do they count as part of a quorum for holding a meeting? The board is already large and diverse, changing the by-laws of the Academy may not be very helpful. We value the opinions of everybody, but who has a vote does not seem as important as the discussions. We can still make the Grant coordinators as appointed officers without them getting voting rights. An objection from the Transactions editor to adding additional names to fit on the inside cover. The only additional privileges would seem to be recognition. Let's not change anything unless anyone has any strong feelings. It seems things are working just fine the way it has been for a long time. Brian will let Erin know the discussion and thank her for her contributions.

Looking ahead: Strategic planning- It is hard to say if we will be able to meet somewhere this summer in person. Any other ideas to think about? Erika talked to Clay, producer of FishNerds podcast, and discussed including free ads for KAS on the podcast. KAS is responsible for creating the ads, a 1-2minute blurb about who you are, what is KAS, etc. BioBlitz ideas, it seems to be a very easy thing to set up. Erika is still happy to host and work on whenever the board decides it is a good time. The current pandemic may be a unique opportunity for outreach. The Fossil Friday posting on the Facebook page has gotten a lot more exposure recently. We could expand the Facebook content across the various fields represented by the board members. We can coordinate content between the Podcast and Facebook. Everyone is encouraged to contribute to the KAS Facebook page. We could introduce our board members on the Facebook page. How many people are able to post to our Facebook page? It takes public comments, we can add administrators, you can send content to Mike Everhart. We would really like to see more diverse content added. If each of us could come up with a description of what we do and how it relates to the KAS, that could be a good way to get started advertising. Pass along pictures and content to Mike Everhart. There is not a lot of content added during the week, so there is plenty of opportunity to add.

Summer meeting (including strategic planning): Location? Date? – Can we get together and start implementation of some of these outreach ideas. It would be great to meet in person, if that is possible by that time. When do officers transition to the new positions? Based on calendar year,

January 1. How about we look at a late July or early August date to make sure we are past the current peak. It is still a bit early to discuss specific dates. Central location with a face-to-face meeting so that we can be more productive with ideas.

Meeting adjourned at 10:51AM