

## Minutes

### **Kansas Academy of Science Winter Meeting Board Meeting by Zoom: April 8, 2021**

In attendance: Brian Maricle, Stewart Gardner, Mark LaBarge, Keri Maricle, Erin Morris, Jill Fisher, Pam Everhart, Mike Everhart, Sam Leung, Shaun Schmidt, Lani Witters, Hank Guarisco, Shawn Schmidt, Benjamin Reed, David McKenzie, Kim Simons, and Dustin Wilgers

Called to order at 4:05 pm.

Approval of minutes from the Winter 2020 meeting, approved.

#### Reports

##### **Treasurer's Report:**

Shaun Schmidt reports the CD's are earning 2.5 % interest. KAS was required to prepay a \$500 tax as a business for next year. KAS will be reimbursed that amount after our status is changed to a not-for-profit status.

##### **Secretary's Report:**

Sam Leung reports that membership as of April 8, 2021 is 169. This increase is mostly from students that have joined during the annual meeting registration. The Secretary's Report was approved.

##### **Committee Reports:**

**Junior Kansas Academy of Science/Science Fair** - Jill Fisher reports that the submission deadline for the Science Fair was April 7, 2021. Students will produce a scientific paper and a 3.5 min YouTube video. Those who wish to volunteer as judges should contact Jill. There will be no cost for this virtual event.

**Transactions** – Editors, Mike and Pam Everhart report that the Spring issue is mostly completed and will be sent to Allen Press soon.

Pam suggested that we conduct a BioOne webinar to build an author base for the TKAS.

The ongoing question of best methods of increasing KAS membership was discussed with the possibility of using online platforms like Tweeter, Snapchat, Podcast, Facebook, and Instagram to help promote this organization. To support these platforms, it was suggested that a Board member be appointed as the Web Director.

**Newsletter** – Hank Guarisco, *KAS Bulletin* Editor reports that the August issue is in progress. Hank provided a report that included a brief summary of two articles that are completed. A request for additional ideas for this issue was made.

## **Grants Coordinator Reports:**

**Research Grants to K-12 Science Teachers** – Erin Morris (Undergraduate Research Grant Coordinator) reports that \$3000 was added for this proposal. See the Treasurer's report.

## Old Business

**Research Grants to K-12 Science Teachers** – This discussion continued as Erin Morris submitted a copy of the KAS Educator Grant Program to the Board. She emphasized those areas highlighted to include the dollar amount awarded, the number of grants awarded, the type of Kansas schools eligible, the type of science that qualifies, and specific application requirements. A copy of the Grant Application Document was also examined and discussed. It was agreed that a signature by the Principle would be required, the applications will be due by the end of September, and that the check will be written to the school.

### **Future annual meetings:**

**2021 Annual Meeting – Virtual Meeting Update** - Dustin Wilgers reports that 65 individuals are registered for the April 10<sup>th</sup> annual meeting. He also announced that technology checks will occur before the meeting starts and the all-member KAS Business meeting is at 12:00pm.

Cash awards for the student competition will consist of a total of \$1200 with two educational levels (Graduate and Undergraduate), two presentation categories (oral and poster), and three awards for place (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place).

The meeting organizational committee consists of Dustin Wilgers, Keri and Brian Maricle, David McKenzie, and Kim Simons.

**Future Meeting Sites** – no updated information.

**Print vs Digital format status of the *Transactions*** – The digital delivery test as discussed during the last meeting will occur from the 20 -25<sup>th</sup> of April.

**KAS Officer Recruitment for upcoming elections** - Please send member names of those interested in serving as an officer to Immediate Past President Brian Maricle.

## New Business

**Membership Management** – It was suggested that the registration process be changed so that membership dues could be paid via PayPal electronic service. To accommodate the fees associated with using this service, a raise in membership dues was suggested. An increase of dues to \$40.00 for regular membership (up from \$35.00) and the same

increase for most other membership categories was discussed. It was also suggested that student membership would be raised to only \$20.00 (up from \$17.50).

This proposal would be announced and discussed during the general business meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

A vote will occur during the Summer Board meeting.

**Transaction Editor Contracts** – It was announced that the contract for the Transactions co-editors, Mike and Pam Everhart will be expired after the Spring issue is completed. The newly proposed Editor, Erica Martin is scheduled to start this position in May of this year. It was suggested that a contingency contract be drafted to keep Mike and Pam as the Editors until the Fall issue of the Transactions is complete. A motion was made to have board members write this contingency contract. The Past-President, current President, and the Treasurer volunteered.

**Strategic Planning** – This topic will be revisited during the summer meeting.

Adjourn at 5:36 pm