

Minutes
Kansas Academy of Science
Board Meeting: July 15, 2022

Called to order at 1:08PM

Attending: Joanna Gress, Stewart Gardner, Dustin Wilgers, Mark LaBarge, Lani Witters, Sam Leung, Hank Guarisco,

Approval of the agenda: Remove location information. Approved

Approval of the minutes of summer meeting. Approved

Reports

Treasurer's Report- No report

Secretary's Report- Sam Leung: Numbers seem to be back at Pre-pandemic numbers. How was the online system working? Not much going on, we'll see when people start renewing. Can we send a reminder email? Yes, about 30 days before the new year, an email will be sent. Report Approved

Committee Reports

Junior Kansas Academy of Science- No Report

Transactions- Erica sent the following report via email:

- currently 7 accepted manuscripts. All reviewed and sent to authors for revisions. 3 have already sent revisions and are in the proof process.
- looking like ~150 pages. Three submissions were over 45 pages in Word document!
- I sent emails to some department chairs, friends, and folks I know to see if I can shake out any more submissions.
- turn around time for the fall issue has been slower. I keep a spreadsheet and am working to get the turn-around time down a little better
- I have a book review for this issue
- please send any memorials, letters from the prez, updates, etc. If someone has materials like this they will submit in the near future please let me know.
- I'll be looking for a book review for the spring issue. if anyone is interested please contact me!
- ESU legal counsel *still* hasn't gotten back to me at all (recall weird checks sent to us, and going virtual). When ESU semester begins I'll just book myself a meeting for two hours instead of waiting for an email reply.
- still want to go virtual? If yes, can I please request that one or two board members "take the lead" and work with me? It would make things go much quicker if I could ask someone in charge of this venture questions.

Discussion: Virtual option is a good option, but should not replace the print edition. Dustin is willing to help (but only has the rest of the year left on the board). If someone chooses electronic journal, can they choose a hard copy in the future? In other groups, people choose every year

with their membership renewals. Why not both electronic and digital? Dustin will follow up with finding any other volunteers and moving forward.

Newsletter: It's going to be a big newsletter. Going to discuss Hackberry butterflies that were spectacular this year. K-State agricultural college historic perspective piece. The largest mushroom in Kansas, that was 3.5 ft in diameter and comes back every year on a rotting oak tree. Another article on rattlesnakes and trees. Summary of the KAS Spring Meeting. Question: who gets the ballot and nominations? It is sent separately by Sam. What is the deadline for the ballot information? Typically, it goes out late November with the renewal notices.

Grants Coordinator Reports- No report

Old Business

2022 Audit: Mark LaBarge is working through typing up his final report. Do we want to really call it an "audit" or a "financial review"? Mark will ask Shaun about that question. Lani is also helping with the audit.

Social Media position: No one has shown interest yet. There is a potential student starting their program this year but may be interested in the future. Lani Witters will follow up in the future. This position may be intimidating and a bit vague on our expectations. Perhaps a larger discussion of our expectations at the Fall meeting could help with recruiting someone in the future. We will discuss and identify our expectations/job description at the Fall meeting.

2023 Annual Meeting Sites and beyond

-2023 McPherson Dustin has all of the rooms and sites reserved. Working on a keynote speaker (potentially from the La Brea Tar Pits).

-2024 ESU

New Business

Bruce Atwater has resigned as Vice President (he is now at 3M in Minnesota). He believes that his new non-compete contract prevents him from continuing his service. His personal email is bruce.atwater17@gmail.com

"Article III Section 3. The Executive Council may declare an office vacant when the occupant resigns or fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Council. The Executive Council shall fill any vacancy occurring among the officers, except that of President, by an appointment for the unexpired term."

Bruce ran unopposed. Who do we appoint as the new Vice President? Dustin is already having trouble filling the ballot. What about Mike Everhart? He may not be interested. How about Pam? Dustin will email Mike and Pam and ask about their interest. Washburn has two semi-new faculty that may be interested. Leland Russell, from WSU, is a regular attendee at meetings. We'll move forward at the Fall meeting with any appointments.

Adjourn 3:10PM