

KAS Council Meeting Minutes - April 11, 2003

The meeting was called to order about 10 AM by KAS President Larry Skelton at the Sperry home (Paradocs House) in Pittsburg, Kansas.

Board members present: Jim Aber, Larry Skelton, Jim Triplet, Mike Everhart, James Taylor, David Saunders, Stan Roth, Brenda Oppert and Joanna Foster.

Joe Arruda provided the latest figures on registrations for the 2003 Annual Meeting of the KAS: As of 4/10/2003, there were 91 registrants (53 student, 38 other); 82 luncheon tickets had been purchased and 61 banquet tickets had been purchased. There were a total of 42 student and 22 other abstracts submitted. Joe mentioned that the last KAS meeting at PSU was held in 1995.

Annual Meeting Field Trip: Jim Triplet reported on the two field trips planned for the 2003 Annual Meeting: 1) Visit to Superfund sites and Coal Mining reclamation projects, and the Nature Center in Shermerhorn Park; 2) Biology Department Nature Area and Monahan Nature Center.

Jim also shared some of the history of the "Paradoc's House" and Dr. Sperry.

Treasurer's Report: Larry Skelton read the Treasurer's report for 02/28/2003.

Income	\$21322
Expense	\$21560
Net	\$ -237

There was no tax statement filed for 2002 (tax exempt status). The transactions were the major (87%) expense. Income to date in 2003 = \$2140. Janice Barton is no longer treasurer and Brenda Oppert is serving in her place. Larry Skelton indicated that he would check with the State of Kansas regarding any State funds that may be available.

Membership: Pieter Berendsen's report was that "membership is going well"

Student Awards: Individual awards for student presenters were discussed and amounts decided upon. Brenda Oppert made the motion to approve; seconded by Mike Everhart.

The Transactions: James Aber reported on the costs of the latest volume of the Transactions. Total cost (Allen Press) = \$3700 (About one-half of previous volume costs)
Receipts for page charges = \$2500; net cost to be about \$1200
Volume is available online through BioOne subscription.

Aber said that manuscripts were accepted through February. The finished copy was submitted to Allen Press on March 1. It was printed and shipped March 28, 2003. The new format has two columns. Still having some challenges converting figures and tables to PageMaker. Jim Aber and David Saunders were commended by the board for their work on improving the look and reducing the cost of the Transactions.

Junior Academy of Science: Scott Kardell is leaving the Junior Academy of a new job at the

Palomar Observatory in California. Amy Strong took over his duties as of March 1, 2003. The Junior Academy meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2003, in Wichita. Scott's letter of resignation was read by Larry Skelton. The Board wishes him well.

Fall Field Trip: The fall field trip is scheduled for September 20 at Z-Bar Ranch. The trip for 2004 may be going to Cheyenne County.

New Business: A request was presented from the Idaho Academy of Science for a reciprocal agreement to exchange copies of our respective publications. Discussion was held in regard to who would maintain the copies of out-of-state publications and the matter was referred for further consideration.

2004 Annual Meeting: The annual meeting of the KAS is being planned as a joint meeting with the Missouri Academy of Science. It will be held April 16-17, 2004, at Rockhurst College, Kansas City, Missouri. MAS contact is Mary Hopkins.

The meetings of 2005 and 2006 were briefly discussed, with the suggestion that the 2005 meeting be a joint meeting with other Kansas scientific organizations. No dates or places were decided.

KAS Website Report: Sam Leung's KAS website report was received and discussed. New pages included a membership application in PDF format, an improved Distinguished Lectures page, a Fall Field Trip Page (current and past trips back to 1988) and the revised listing of KAS officers. The number of visits to the site appears to be increasing since 2000 when records were first kept.

Summer KAS Board Meeting: The date for the summer KAS Board Meeting was set as June 27, 2003, at Lake Kahola, near Emporia.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM. Lunch was served.

Respectfully submitted

Mike Everhart
Vice-President / Recording Secretary