

Kansas Academy of Science

Summer Board Meeting

June 23, 2017

The Meeting was called to order by President Lynnette Sievert at 1:00 PM following lunch at the Aber's Lake Kahola cabin.

Those present were Lynnette Sievert, Duane Hinton, David McKenzie, Mark LaBarge, Mike Everhart, W. Brett Whitenack, Jill Fisher and Jim Aber.

The spring meeting minutes were approved.

The treasurer's report was discussed and approved.

The membership report was discussed and approved.

There was some discussion about the declining numbers of membership and how this was occurring in a number of other national organizations. We set up an Outreach subcommittee of Mike, Jill and Sam to look at ways to increase membership. We talked about sending out some of the KAS flyers to each of the institutions throughout the state to increase membership.

Mike Everhart reported that the spring issue of the Transactions was out and that there were several papers in the que for the fall issue

We voted not to join EBSCO since we could see little if any benefit to the KAS not already available through JSTOR and BioOne.

Jill reported that KJAS had 2 middle school presentations nominated for the national meeting. We also discussed the impact of the Kansas State Science and Engineering Fair (KSSEF) is having of KJAS. The board had a proposal to "award the top 10% (up to 25) of the student presenters at the KSSEF/KJAS state competition a complementary one year membership in the Kansas Junior Academy of Science which would include a one year subscription to the Transaction of the Kansas Academy of Science. Additional years would be at the advertised rate." From Shaun. The proposal was discussed and voted to approve by online vote.

It was announced that the next newsletter should be out in August.

We had a brief discussion of the 2017 annual meeting, but we are still waiting for a final accounting for this meeting. We discussed the 2018 annual meeting to be held April 6&7 at Washburn University. We will be celebrating the 150th (Sesquicentennial) Annual Meeting of the Kansas Academy of Science at the site of the first meeting of the Kansas Academy of Science, Washburn University (then Lincoln College). There will be two keynote speakers, Dr.

Scott Hawley from Stowers Institute for Medical Research on Friday evening, and Dr. Rebecca Schmidt-Jeffris from Clemson University on Saturday afternoon. In addition, to our Friday keynote speaker and banquet on Friday evening we will have a brief session discussing the history of science in Kansas. The Saturday session will include Oral and Poster presentations, with special sessions on entomology and behavior along with the 19th Annual KAS Paleontology Symposium.

Meeting adjourned.

Duane Hinton, Vice President