

Kansas Academy of Science
Board Meeting
Zoom meeting
February 13, 2018

Present: Brian Maricle, Mark LaBarge, Scott Kimball, David McKenzie, Pam Everhart, Mike Everhart, Dustin Wilgers, Lynette Sievert, Brett Whitenack, Jill Fisher

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM.

No minutes had been submitted from the last council meeting. Minutes will be circulated by email soon and approval will be by an email vote.

Treasurer's report: Shaun Schmidt was not present, so there was no treasurer's report.

Secretary's report: Sam Leung was not present, so there was no secretary's report.

Transactions report: The Spring 2018 issue will be a big one. There are a lot of papers plus the materials from the annual meeting. Pam also described interacting with Allen Press, getting suggestions for possible ways to increase interest in our organization and recruit new members. Much of what they suggested was related to maintaining an active online and social media presence. While this is a good idea, it demands a lot of time. Ideas were discussed, including advertising at high school science fairs at the state and regional levels. A later discussion posed the question about the benefits of belonging to KAS, which could be good to spell out when recruiting new members.

KJAS report: There are several upcoming meetings related to the KJAS. The American JAS meeting will be in Austin next week. A couple students from the Kansas City area are going. Other upcoming meetings include KSSEF, Science Olympiad, and KJAS.

Newsletter report: Hank Guarisco was not present, so there was no Newsletter report.

Annual meeting report: No one from Washburn was present for this, but Mike described a recent conversation with Sam about it. As of then, we had 8 registered for the meeting and 2 abstracts submitted. Abstract submission deadline is March 2 and early registration deadline is March 5.

Student research grants: Seid Adem was not present for a report. A question came up about what we should do if there were many proposals in a certain category of grant (undergraduate, master's, Ph.D.), but not enough applications in another area. From what has happened in the past, these sorts of things come to the council on a case-by-case basis.

An idea was presented to create a collection of documents, instructions, forms, etc. that relate to the annual meeting to pass to the host university each year. It seems as though the host is reinventing the wheel every year, and it would be helpful if some of these materials were compiled and kept in one place. Perhaps we can start doing this?

- Furthermore, we might look into possibilities for hosting abstract submission and meeting registration through the KAS site. If this was possible, we could reuse it each year and just have to update text.
- We might also look into the costs of using an outside entity for meeting registration, although this presents a challenge of getting registration money to the host university that needs it.
- Pam will check to see if Allen Press has something that would be useful for this.
- We might check with Sam to see if this would be compatible with the KAS web site.

Johnson County Community College will host the annual meeting in 2019.

The spring meeting will be held at Washburn University on Friday, April 6. A specific time and location will be determined.

Meeting adjourned 1:50 PM

Submitted by,

Brian Maricle, 2018 Vice President