

## Minutes

### **Kansas Academy of Science Summer Board Meeting by Zoom: July 30, 2021**

In attendance: Brian Maricle, Stewart Gardner, Mark LaBarge, Keri Maricle, Erin Morris, Pam Everhart, Mike Everhart, Sam Leung, Lani Witters, Hank Guarisco, Kim Simons, Erika Martin, and Dustin Wilgers

Called to order at 3:05 pm.

Approval of the agenda, approved.

Approval of minutes from the Spring 2021 meeting, approved.

#### Reports

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

Shaun Schmidt is not present but has sent the Treasurer's report to the board prior to this meeting. Board members are instructed to contact Shawn with any questions.

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

Sam Leung reports that the current membership is 186 and is a gain since April of this year. Sam has suggested that we use the Member Planets online company to pay member dues for the next year. He is in the process of checking on the details and will report next meeting. KAS will transition to this optional method of member dues for 2022. The Secretary's Report was approved.

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

**Junior Kansas Academy of Science/Science Fair** – no report

**Transactions** – Editor Erika Martin reports that four papers have been submitted for the Fall issue. Two have been reviewed and accepted and two will be finished with the review process by next week. Two to three more papers are reported to be on the way.

Pam Everhart reports that the Fall issue print date is Oct 15<sup>th</sup> with delivery during the first week of November. Pam also reports that the page charges from Allen Press will be increasing with the exact amount not known at this time.

The topic of a paper archive for the *Transactions* was brought up and discussed by Board members. The question of the importance of a paper archive collection was asked with some commenting that hard copies could act as a backup to the digital format. We were also reminded that the J Store has a complete digital set of all issues and some school libraries retain paper copies.

The discussion of the print/digital format for the journal continued. It was reported that a recent test of the digital format of the journal using a digital drop box occurred. One board member reported that the journal was successfully downloaded.

**Newsletter** – Hank Guarisco, *KAS Bulletin* Editor reports that the next issue will focus on the worldwide loss of biodiversity. This issue will also include KAS by Laws changes in the description of the Grants Coordinator position.

### **Grants Coordinator Reports:**

Seid Adem, Graduate Research Grant Coordinator, was not present but sent the following report prior to the meeting.

There were two PhD and seven Master's students applying for KAS graduate student research grant, 2021. Four students, two from each program were awarded the grant. Those four students were notified via e-mail and then checks were mailed to each student.

### Old Business

**Research Grants to K-12 Science Teachers, an update** – Erin Morris, Undergraduate Research Grant Coordinator reports that she made a post on Facebook announcing the available grants and that the deadline for application is September 30<sup>th</sup>.

As of this meeting, there are six total applications for this grant, three from grades K -8 and three from high school grades.

**2021 Annual Meeting** – A brief discussion with feedback occurred with no major issues reported. Several members reported that the meeting went well and was “all good”.

**KAS Officer Recruitment for upcoming elections, an update** – The Immediate Past President, Brian Maricle reports that he has the names of two individuals interested in serving as a KAS officer.

**Increase in Annual Dues** – A discussion of an increase in annual membership dues occurred. It was suggested that an increase of \$5.00 be made for all membership categories except for students. Student members will have an increase of \$2.50 per year. Board members were reminded that annual dues are covered under Article 1 of the By Laws with dues “set annually by the council”.

This increase was voted on and passed by the Board and set to take effect next year.

### New Business

**2022 Annual Meeting Site** – Sterling College is considering hosting the next meeting in April of 2022. A final decision will be announced soon.

**Strategic Planning** – Dustin suggested the development of a series of informal talks meant to share scientific knowledge with the public while promoting the KAS.

Jill suggested that Kansas Science Communication Initiative (KSCI) through Kansas State University be investigated to promote science in Kansas and possibly host future annual meetings.

Adjourn at 4:13 pm