

**Minutes**  
**Kansas Academy of Science**  
**Spring Board Meeting, McPherson College**  
**April 14, 2023, 9:00 pm**

In Attendance: Mark LaBarge, Sam Leung, Hank Guarisco, Brett Whitenack, Amanda Yamasaki, Lani Witters, Leland Russell, Shaun Schmidt, Stewart Gardner, Erin Morris, Lynnette Sievert, Joanna Gress

Call to Order at 9:02 pm

Approval of the agenda: approved

Approval of the winter meeting minutes: approved

Reports

Treasurer's Report – Shaun Schmidt submitted the Treasurers report showing that as of April 9, KAS has a total \$127,516.00 in liabilities and equity (see report). It was noted that \$5000 remains in the teacher grant category. A motion was made to approve the 2023 budget. Approved.

Secretary's Report – Sam Leung submitted a membership report. As of April 12, the total membership in all categories is 205 (see report).

Committee Reports

Junior Kansas Academy of Science – No report. Jill was not present but will be contacted to see if funding is needed for any events.

*Transactions* – Erika is not present. Mark reports for Erika that the Spring edition of TKAS will be sent to the press on April 18<sup>th</sup>. She will therefore need the abstracts sent to her immediately after the meeting. So far, Sheridan Kansas seems to be working without problems – just the name change.

Newsletter – Hank reports that the KAS Bulletin will come out in August. This issue will include the names of the recent grant award winners as well as an article about identifying birds as a way to maintain a healthy mind.

Grants Coordinator Reports – Erin reports that we should publish the grant award winners in the newsletter as well as advertise the research grant application deadline. Erin is the undergraduate grant coordinator and Seid is the graduate grant coordinator.

Old Business

2024 Annual Meeting at ESU – update from Joanna Gress. Joanna reports that the date is set at April 5-6. Rooms are reserved. The Friday evening banquet will be held at the new aquatic center (PAROC) and Saturday's activities in the Union.

2022 Internal Audit of the KAS Treasury - due to the Board by Aug 1, 2023

The Treasurer has provided the President Elect with the bank account documents.

TKAS discussion as related to the Cengage issues we are having. Stewart will continue working on this by writing a cease-and-desist letter. This may stop the unauthorized use of our material and the unwanted menial royalty checks.

Social Media Editor position – Erin led a discussion of this position to include expectations and potential salary. It was suggested that we budget \$250/month for an expectation of about 10 hours of work per week. We may do this on a three-month trial basis with an option of increasing to \$500/month. We may also advertise this position in the next KAS Bulletin using a QR code.

### New Business

#### 2023 Annual Meeting at McPherson College

Discussion of student award categories and dollar amounts. The award categories and award amount will remain the same as last year with \$200, \$150, \$100 (1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place) across the undergraduate and graduate levels for both oral and poster categories.

Mark will conduct an all-member business meeting towards the end of the luncheon on Saturday. This 20-minute meeting will include:

- Announcement of the 2024 meeting hosted by Emporia State University, April 5-6, 2024. Joanna Gress is the meeting organizer.
- The recent Graduate and Undergraduate Award winners and their advisors will be identified to the group.
- Call for nominations for positions coming open in 2026. The election will be this fall and will use online ballots with a few paper ballots as requested. We will investigate changing the Bylaws next year to reflect the online ballot format.
- Erin will announce that the Board of Council is looking to hire a Social Media Editor and what this involves.

Summer Board meeting tentative date (s). A link to the When Is Good site will be sent out again to poll for the time and date that works for most.

Fall field trip for all KAS members. It was suggested that a trip to Little Jerusalem Badlands State Park be planned. Board members should think about the specifics like where and when.

Adjourn at 10:16 pm