

Kansas Academy of Sciences

Fall Board Meeting Minutes

November 18th, 2024

Members present:

Lynnette Sievert	Sam Leung	Mark LaBarge	Leland Russell
Qiyang Zhang	Kayla Eschliman	Erin Morris	Dustin Wilgers
Hank Guarisco	Patrick Mathews		

Approval of minutes of past meeting made via email

Treasurer's Report – none provided as Shaun Schmidt could not attend this meeting

Membership Report – numbers of members bounces back and forth as it usually does, but we are down from a recent high (pre-Covid). The report was accepted.

Annual Meeting – The meeting will be at Friends University in Wichita the weekend of April 4th-5th. Erin Morris offered to post a notice to Facebook. The schedule of the event was discussed and some discussion about how to handle the selection of awardees ensued.

Grants Report – Erin updated the K-12 application and funding went to a school in Lawrence, plus 2 undergraduate applications went out as well. Current deadline is October and there was some discussion about whether moving the deadline might increase applications, but no decision was made.

Transactions Report – Erica was not present, but Qiyang updated instead. The next issue is moving forward and there was a quick discussion on AI-powered submissions and how to deal with that.

Newsletter Update – Hank mentioned that there were some technical difficulties in getting the next newsletter arranged and those issues were being addressed.

Election Slate – We expect to see 2 new nominees for VP, including a math professor from Pitt State and a professor from Emporia State. We also might have 2 nominees for 2 at-large positions on the board. Ballots are being prepared and will be sent out in December.