

Minutes of the Kansas Academy of Science Winter Board Meeting

February 27, 2025

Present:

Lynnette Sievert, Patrick Mathews, Vibhor Agarwal, Leland Russell, Dustin Wilgers, Mark LaBarge, Hank Guarisco, Erika Martin, Shaun Schmidt, Jill Fisher, Qiyang Zhang, Lani Witters

The meeting was conducted on Zoom.

Meeting minutes from the prior meeting were considered and approved.

Shaun provided an emailed treasurer's report in late January or early February. Shaun mentioned his preference to move some funds out of maturing CD's into an investment portfolio through Steeple Investments. He suggested that we need a written plan to guide our investment strategy. The report was accepted and approved.

Sam was not present to give the Secretary Report – but a document was emailed to the board members prior to the meeting and that document was accepted and approved.

Erin Morris was not present and a Research Grants report was not discussed for this meeting.

Patrick gave an overview of the upcoming Annual Meeting being held on the campus of Friends University in Wichita on April 4th and 5th. A few questions were asked and answered about logistics and Patrick suggested that an Annual Meeting Committee be formed to assist future event planners. A formal proposal for such a committee will be made at the annual meeting.

Erika gave the Transactions Editor's Report. We have 14 submissions for spring, which is up from recent years at this time, and it will be a large issue. It will include the Annual Meeting presentations abstracts. Reach out if you have things that you want to submit, such as a book review, an *in memoria*, etc

Jill gave a report on the Kansas Junior Academy of Science with plans to award students at the Kansas State Science and Engineering Fair. Determination of winners made on-site with 3 to 5 awards given including sponsorship to the national fair (via the National Junior Academy of Science).

In the Newsletter Update, Hank said the newsletter is just now going out after an editor meeting shortly after this meeting. It will contain a focus on Biodiversity, as well as the passing of Randy Miller from Baker University, some book and article reviews, etc.

In **New Business** – Patrick will present a proposal to start an Annual Meeting Committee in April.