

Minutes
Kansas Academy of Science
Summer Board Meeting

27 June 2025

In attendance: Lynnette Sievert, Sam Leung, Qiyang Zhang, Pattrick Matthews, Kayla Eschliman, Vibhor Agarwal, James Aber, Erin Morris, Hank Guarisco, Jill Fisher.

Called to order at 1 pm.

Approval of minutes from the April 2025 meeting, the \$500 correction for Research Grant was discussed. Minutes were approved.

Reports

Treasurer's Report:

Report not prepared, but appeared in shape

Secretary's Report:

Sam Leung submitted the KAS Membership Report which indicates the total KAS membership is 177 (as of June 27, 2025). A motion to accept the Secretary's Report was made and approved.

Research Grants: Erin Morris reports no new applicants to the research grants.

2026 Annual Meeting: Erin Morris provided information about Baker University hosting the annual meeting in 2026. This meeting will be held at two locations, Baker University (Friday activities) and the University of Kansas (Saturday activities).

***Transactions* Editors Report:**

Qiyang Zhang informed about the successful completion of spring issue and provided following information on the fall issue:

3 papers are accepted. For 3 papers, reviews is completed and they are sent to the authors for revision. 4 papers submitted in summer, under review

There is a council for contracts of the transaction editor. Shaun, Jim and Lynnette serve on the council.

Transaction report was approved

KJAS Director's Report: The budget for 2026 is \$0. The report was acknowledged.

Newsletter Editor's Report: Hank Guarisco, *KAS Bulletin* Editor, initiated a discussion on presenting at the Capitol at "WEALTH" day 2026 which is an acronym for Water-Energy-Air-Land-Transportation-Health. It was last held at the Kansas State Capitol in Feb 2025. This is a way for the KAS academy to educate and inform legislators and public as to our existence and the role in the dissemination of scientific information that we have. There was a motion for \$500 budget for banner and printing. The motion was approved.

New Business:

A small discussion on STARBASE, a federally supported DoD program that creates opportunities for school aged children engage in STEM topic was initiated but no motion was performed

Annual Meeting Committee

There was discussion on Annual Meeting Committee and its role in organizing KAS annual meeting. There was also discussion on models to successfully run KAS annual meeting 2027, including using private conference center vs university facilities.

Old Business:

None

Adjourn at 2:11 pm