Minutes of the Kansas Academy of Science Board Meeting of December 10, 2004

The Board of the Kansas Academy of Science met at 5:00 PM at Emporia State University. The meeting was called to order by President James Taylor at 5:20 PM.

Board members present: James Aber, Pieter Berensden, Mike Everhart, Johanna Foster, Brenda Oppert, David Saunders and James Taylor.

Brenda Oppert provided the latest treasurer's report:
Savings: $ 8,918.87
Checking $ 23,435.38
CD $ 15,179.75
Total $ 47,534.00

Pieter Berensden indicated that the 2005 dues notices would be mailed before the end of the year with the information regarding the 2005 Annual Meeting.

David Saunders reported that 8 applications (7 graduate, 1 undergraduate) had been submitted for KAS grants. The research subjects were divided into the following categories: biology (3), geology (3), geography (1) and soils (1). Board members volunteered to help review the grant applications. Saunders said he would send copies and indicated that the grants should rated on a scale of 1 to 7, with 1 being the best. Motion was made by Oppert (second by Everhart) to fund 4 graduate grants and 1 undergraduate grant. Motion passed (1 abstaining – Berensden)

The issue regarding free memberships for presenters at the 2004 meeting was discussed. Berensden suggested that the memberships be made effective in 2005 and indicated he would write a letter to each of the affected members. Motion approved.

Mike Everhart asked a question regarding the actual cost of a copy of the Transactions. It as noted that a previous issue (650 copies) had cost the KAS about $4000. Although an exact figure depends upon the individual issue, a cost of about $7.00 per copy was agreed upon as a reasonable estimate. Everhart suggested that extra copies could be used to advertise the KAS in schools and other institutions.

The question of publishing an Abstracts volume retroactively for the 2004 KAS Annual Meeting was discussed. This would be in addition to the publication made by the Missouri Academy of Sciences. Berensden indicated that he gets requests from libraries for the abstract volume. Saunders moved (seconded by Berensden) that we publish 200 copies of the 2004 abstracts volume (#23). (Greg Liggett had volunteered to compile the volume at the October Meeting). Johanna Foster is to forward the abstracts to Mike Everhart.

Johanna Foster reported on the plans and preparations for the 2005 Annual Meeting at the Johnson County Community College. The prices for the meals are: Dinner ($14), Lunch ($10), and noted that a pre-contract agreement needed to be signed. Field trips (Steam Ship Arabia, and a tour of local caves) have been arranged. Most transportation will probably be by private vehicle although Johanna is still working on arrangements for a van provided by the school. Registration

costs were set at $40 for members and $65 for non-members. The call for papers, registration forms and other information are just about ready to be mailed.

Mike Everhart reported that he and Larry Skelton met with Bill Bischoff and staff at Wichita State University on December 8 regarding arrangements for the 2006 Annual Meeting. The suggested date of April 6-7, 2006 was approved by KAS Board.

James Aber indicated that he had received a preliminary offer from BioOne to scan all volumes of the Transactions as part of their on-going effort to preserve scientific journals. The project would be at no cost to the KAS and the only issue appears to be obtaining a complete set of the Transactions. The board discussed the offer and recommended that Aber contact BioOne for more information.

The issue of bonding the treasurer was discussed again and Brenda Oppert indicated that she could make similar arrangements to those suggested by Mike Everhart with her insurance company. She said she would follow-up and provide a report to the board at the next meeting.

Pieter Berensden reported that the KAS membership was down by 9 in 2004 compared to 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Everhart,
President-Elect / Recording Secretary