

Minutes of KAS Council meeting held on December 9, 2005.
Science Building, Emporia State University, Emporia, KS

Kansas Academy of Science (KAS) president, Mike Everhart, called the KAS executive council meeting to order at 4:30pm. KAS board members present included: Pieter Berendsen, Mike Everhart, Johanna Foster, Hank Guarisco, Amy Strong, and James Taylor. Kristie Bixby, co-organizer with Mike for the 2006 annual KAS meeting, was also present.

Minutes

Pieter Berendsen moved, and James Taylor seconded, to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2005 meeting. Minutes were approved as read, and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Brenda Oppert told Mike Everhart that she will forward the latest Treasurer's information to Mike. Johanna Foster, recording secretary, said that she will contact Brenda for an update, and will forward the information as an addendum to these minutes. (See attachment A). Some discussion followed for consideration of either creating another endowment account, or add to the existing one, but no action was taken.

Secretary's Report

Pieter Berendsen reported that as of December 9, 2005 there were a total of 245 members. There are also 116 members who are either likely to pay their dues, or are past due and will be dropped.

The active category breakdown included:

Members	Number
Emeritus(non-dues paying)	10
Emeritus(dues paying)	25
Family	16
Life	16
Regular	148
Student	13
Sustaining	<u>17</u>
Total	245

There are 31 libraries that currently receive our transactions, but he has 81 total that are historically affiliated. There are 12 schools, and 2 individuals active in KJAS. Sometime during the past, there were 102 schools in KJAS, so the number is now much smaller.

Webmaster Report

Sam Leung sent the following statistics on use of our website for the council's review. During October 2005 there were 352 hits, and in November there were 532 hits.

Old Business

Student Grants

The fall newsletter publication was later than usual, so it was suggested that the deadline for applications be moved to Jan. 31. James Taylor moved, Hank Guarisco seconded, and the motion was unanimously passed.

2006 Annual Meeting as Wichita State University

Kristie Bixby stated that the registration forms were mailed, and she explained that participants could register via mail, or on-line. On-line registration also allows for on-line payment; a welcome feature for many registrants. People who register on-line will receive an on-line receipt. Kristie also discussed the various hotel accommodations, and items to see while in Wichita in addition to our Friday night guest speaker .

Rooms for presentations and posters will, for the most part, be located in the student center. Discussion followed concerning availability of poster boards, and other details related to presentations. Many of these details would become apparent after the council meets at WSU for the March 3 meeting.

Newsletter editor

Larry Skelton had told Mike Everhart that he was ready to retire as our newsletter editor, and would like to be replaced. Hank Guarisco volunteered to become our new newsletter editor, and the next newsletter publication will be his first one. Thanks Hank!

KJAS

Amy Strong reported that she is working with Pratt Community College to recruit local students who have had a connection with KJAS.

Amy and two KAS-sponsored KJAS students will be attending the 2006 AAAS meeting in St. Louis, MO in February 2006. Because of the high scientific quality of these students' research, Amy suggested that in the future the annual KAS meeting have a special session dedicated to student research. Currently, the regular sessions allow for college-level students to participate, but nothing exists for students at lower grade levels. Discussion ensued, and it was decided to add this issue to the next council meeting's agenda, and discussed for inclusion in the 2007 meeting.

New board members

Mike Everhart introduced Hank Guarisco as the KAS new council-member-at-large, and who is also now our new newsletter editor.

Other Old Business

Mike Everhart asked for input on any other old business, and Johanna Foster reminded the board for the need to get our official statement on Evolution to our website. This was especially important considering the increased activity of Intelligent Design people.

Mike Everhart reminded the council that he had asked us to consider dropping page charges for publication in the KAS Transactions; and he stated that many other journals that are similar in size to KAST have no page charges. We are making money with BioOne, and soon from JSTOR, so perhaps those affiliations will cover at least part of our page charge sums. Pieter reminded the council that our current "good fortune" in our treasury was a very recent event, so we should consider the long-term impacts of dropping page charges. Mike said that we should still consider this, and he tabled the proposal for a later meeting.

New Business

James Taylor was thanked for his slate of officers who were listed in our last newsletter.

Johanna Foster had been asked to represent the KAS as a speaker at the annual AAAS meeting this coming February; and so she asked the council for financial support. It was moved by Mike Everhart and seconded by Hank Guarisco to pay for her expenses. Johanna abstained from voting, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Pieter Berendsen suggested that the KAS create a specific policy related to travel to professional meetings, instead of vote on each request as a unique situation.

Mike Everhart reported that the new cover design for future KAS Transactions will be white. Also, the Transactions publications software needed updating in order to handle new graphics designs, table layouts, etc. He thinks that it would be better to update the software instead of start over with a brand new product. No action was taken on this.

Johanna Foster introduced an idea that perhaps it is time to consider hiring a business manager who would handle treasurer and secretarial duties. This would streamline communication that currently exists between these two people, and improve handling of subscriptions and checks. Also, the business manager would be part of the coordinating team for each annual meeting. Everyone present was asked to consider this idea and be prepared to discuss at the March 3 meeting.

Finally, the question was asked as to where should the 2007 annual meeting be held? Everyone was asked to consider possible locations.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectively submitted, Johanna Foster, President-elect.

Attachment A: Treasurer's report as of December 9, 2005.

Treasurers Report, July 1-November 30, 2005

Beginning checking balance	28441.57
Ending checking balance	33539.06

Beginning savings balance	8968.99
Ending savings balance	8998.14

Beginning CD (endowment) balance	15314.53
Ending CD balance	15468.55

Expenses:

Checks disbursed (1)	94.4 NAAS dues
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Receipts:

Dividend total	236.06	Includes checking, savings, and CD
Deposits to checking	5139.00	Includes dues, page charges, libraries and bound volumes, and BioOne
Dues	225	Estimated, as I have this listed only as part of the deposit (KJAS, \$25)
Pages charges	1610	Also estimated
Libraries and bound volumes	3040	
BioOne	264	

Allocated funds:

Dehner	15	The balance in the Dehner fund is -254.50
Endowment	40	The total of contributions to the Endowment is \$225, still in checking

Submitted February 3, 2006
Brenda Oppert