

Minutes of the KAS Council meeting, April 7, 2006.
Wichita State University, Wichita, KS

President, Johanna Foster, called the KAS executive council meeting at the 138th Annual Meeting of the Kansas Academy of Science to order at 10:10 PM

KAS board members present included: Pieter Berendsen, Mike Everhart, Johanna Foster and Eric Trump.

OLD BUSINESS

The minutes of the March 3 meeting were discussed. Minutes were approved as read. Trump moved, and Everhart seconded to approve and passed unanimously.

The treasurer (Oppert) was unable to attend but forwarded the Treasurer's Report for April, 2006. President Foster read the Treasurer's report for year-end 2005 and year-to-date, 2006:

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
Checking	\$34,057	\$39,399
Savings	\$ 9,003	\$ 9,019
CD	\$15,546	\$15,546

The \$5000 increase in the Checking account was due largely to a royalty check received from BioOne. Motion made to approve the report; seconded and approved.

Discussion continued from the March meeting regarding the management of the accounts and where funds designated for awards were being allocated. Motion was made by Everhart to authorize the Treasurer to set up a separate savings account for the Dehner fund in the amount of \$5000, and to transfer funds from that account to the checking account as needed. Motion seconded by Berendsen and approved.

Berendsen provided the Secretaries Report: Membership to date for 2006 is about 230 members, and is about the same as last years. Motion to approve by Foster, seconded by Everhart.

The Website Report (Leung) was provided. The number of "hits" is slightly lower than the number last year at this time, but is still averaging about 650 per month for the year. The 2005 meeting was held in March and was a major reason for the larger numbers early last year. Motion to approve and seconded.

The board discussed the placement of the KAS position statement on teaching evolution in public schools (authored by Greg Liggett) on the website and voted to publish the statement in the Fall issue of the Transactions of the KAS. Foster motion, Berendsen second.

A brief discussion was held regarding the 2006 meeting (in progress).

Options were discussed regarding the location of the 2007 meeting. Everhart reported that a preliminary agreement had been reached with Kansas Wesleyan (Salina) for the 2007 annual meeting.

New Business:

The board discussed the option of hiring a business manager to oversee the routine administrative operation of the KAS. Foster provided a written draft of a proposal. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting (June 23).

Foster discussed the recent royalty payment received from BioOne for the electronic publication of the Transactions of the Kansas Academy of Science on the Internet and suggested that we could reduce the page charges to authors. After some discussion of the various issues involved, Everhart made a motion to waive page charges on the first 10 pages (currently \$25 per page). Trump seconded, motion approved (Berendsen abstained).

Discussion was held regarding amendments to the KAS By-Laws and the question was raised regarding where the official copy was located.

Berendsen suggested adding new wording to clarify Article II of Section 4 (Emeritus status). Motion by Everhart, second by Foster. Motion approved.

The president announced that she would be leaving for a new position in Iowa in July and that Greg Smith, a board member was also leaving. Discussion was held regarding replacements and the subject was tabled for discussion at the summer meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned about 12:30 PM,

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Everhart, KAS Past-president.