

KAS Board Meeting 8 Feb 2008

President Trump called the board meeting to order at 6:30PM The following is a list of items discussed:

1) Treasurer Larry Skelton could not attend, but sent a synopsis of the financial status of the KAS. The board unanimously approved his report.

2) Eric suggested opening a bank account for the 2008 Annual Meeting in Emporia, printing of abstracts will be cheaper this year. The ESU Union charges \$3.50 per paid registration. Talks and posters will be in the Science Hall and other events in the Union. The board agreed.

3) The board accepted webmaster Sam Leung's report on number of KAS website visits since 2000.

4) Bulletin editor Hank Guarisco gave a report on the cost of the most recent issue, indicating that 2/3 are for postage and that printing cost next year should go down by buying copies when on sale for 2cents. Sam Leung suggested pdfs of the bulletin go out to members who have email. Hank took this under advisement.

5) Eric suggested we nominate Brent Thomas, faculty member at ESU, as advisory council for KS Dept of Wildlife&Parks rep from the KAS. the board unanimously nominated him to this position.

6) Transactions editor Mike Everhart did not attend but asked Eric to bring up some issues: a) Mike wants to update the program "pagemaker" to "N-Design" to use to produce the transactions. The board agreed KAS will cover the cost, which is \$199. b) Make proposed having the KAS website in one location at a cost of \$15 per month. After some discussion, the board agreed KAS would cover the cost. c) Mike received a request from a small publisher who wants to print the transactions. No detailed information was presented, the item was tabled for now. d) Another web information seller (EPSSCO) wants to sell the transactions on the web for a fee, similar to the arrangement we have with BIOONE. Since we are happy with what we have and had bad experiences with a different seller, the board decided to reject the request.

7) Eric suggested the next board meeting be held at 10AM Friday March 28th, the first day of the annual meeting. The board approved this decision.

8) The 2009 annual meeting will be held at Washburn. Shaun will gather information about the actual dates so they can be printed in the 2008 abstract brochure. Several possibilities for the location of the 2010 meeting were discussed with no firm decision being made.

9) Larry Skelton requested (through Eric) to have the board continue membership in the National Academy of Science and he has recently paid \$94.40 for the dues for the past two years. The board agreed.

10) Eric indicated we should fill several vacant offices. We don't have a VP. Since past-president Chris Bennett did not appoint a nominating committee, the board is the "de facto" nominating committee this year. Both Shaun and Hank will continue to serve on the board. That leaves 2 board vacancies. We have two potential candidates. All nominations to the board will be voted on at the next board meeting.

11) The board discussed paying \$100, \$75, and \$50 to the first, second and third place winners of the student presentations that will be judged at the annual meeting. Richard volunteered to be a judge.

12) Sam received a request from a high school student who wants to compete. Eric suggested we honor the limits that have been set up for competitions, ie. college or grad level students. Shaun thought we should make an exception in this case.

13) Last year, we funded all three of the student grant proposals that were submitted. Shaun will get the certificates produced and Eric will hand them out at the annual meeting.

14) In order to increase membership, Shaun's secretary is compiling an email list of all teachers in Kansas, so we can recruit them.

15)The board meeting was adjourned around 8:00PM

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