

**Kansas Academy of Science  
Summer Board Meeting  
Minutes for Friday, June 3, 2011  
Lake Kahola**

**Members in attendance:**     Richard Schroder (RS)             Randy Miller (RM)  
   Jim Aber (JA)                     Mike Everhart (ME)  
   Duane Hinton (DH)             Sam Leung (SL)  
   Brian Maricle (BM)             Amy Strong (AS)  
   Leland Russell (LR)             Elmer Finck (EF)  
   Shaun Schmidt (SS)

1. Meeting called to order, 1:10 pm
2. Welcome to Visitors
  - A. Dan Merriam, under consideration for a position of KAS Historian
    - i. Other possible people to consider: Jim Aber and Larry Skelton
  - B. The Historian would summarize aspects of the Academy: people, events, presidential addresses
    - i. To be included in the *Transactions* and/or the newsletter
    - ii. Membership trends, changes in *Transactions* articles (subject matter) over time
  - C. The Historian would not be a member of the Council, no voting privileges, no pay
  - D. Some example works were presented by Dr. Merriam
  - E. Should the Historian be appointed by President or elected?
    - i. Appointed
3. Reviewed minutes from 4/9/2011
  - A. Update to include JA in attendance at 1/29/2011 meeting
  - B. Motion to approve minutes
    - i. Motion by SS, second by DH
    - ii. Motion carried; all approved, none opposed
4. Treasurer's report: Shaun Schmidt
  - A. Current KAS balance sheet reviewed
    - i. In process of moving money to ECU (Educational Credit Union), which has branch in Topeka
    - ii. There are still CDs in Meritrust that do not mature until 2012 and 2013
  - B. Proposed budget
    - i. Income, expenses detailed
    - ii. Correction: budget for student research grant should be \$9000, not \$4500
      - a. But only \$6500 this year, based on applicants
    - iii. Printing costs up for the *Transactions* this year due to more color pages in spring issue
    - iv. What do we do with the ~\$52,000 currently in savings?
      - a. Let it grow?
      - b. Grow the endowment?
      - c. Do we want to put the money some place that will grow faster than a CD? (e.g., bonds)

- v. Can we increase income to increase the size of our savings?
  - a. Consider increasing membership dues?
  - b. Membership dues are low
  - c. But we should not increase dues for Junior Academy
  - d. Probably better to increase membership rather than increase dues
- vi. Goal to set up a third CD, with one maturing every year
  - a. Will also transfer money from Meritrust checking account (except for the minimum) into an interest-bearing account
- vii. Motion to accept proposed budget by BM, second by RM
  - a. Motion carried; all approved, none opposed
- C. None of the previous treasurer's books were audited
  - i. Probably should be audited from now on
- D. Authorized signatures
  - i. SS and SL
  - ii. Only one must sign check, but either can sign
- 5. Committee report: Junior Kansas Academy of Science (Amy Strong)
  - A. JKAS annual meeting was a success
    - i. Numbers were up, and expected to keep increasing
      - a. Including one student via distance learning
  - B. AJAS meeting in Vancouver
    - i. Requested \$3000 to help cover travel for students
    - ii. Motion to increase KAS funding to JKAS from \$2000 to \$3000 by JA, second by RM
      - a. Concern expressed about taking money from growing the endowment
      - b. Most of our income now comes from Bio-One and J-Stor
        - i. Potentially additional income will be able to come from an arrangement with Allen Press
    - iii. Motion carried; none opposed, one abstained
  - C. Talk about increasing activity in JKAS
    - i. Maybe get volunteers to help mentor students; get exciting topics (e.g., robotics, bioblitz) to help draw in students
    - ii. Also good to encourage students to write up and/or present work
    - iii. Should look into "Children in Nature" program by KDWP, to try to get kids outside
    - iv. Perhaps send student presentation winners from KAS meeting to a national venue like Sigma Xi or AAAS
- 6. Membership report: Sam Leung
  - A. 145 paid members in KAS
    - i. Does not include memberships paid at meeting
    - ii. 300 total members on list, which includes past memberships
  - B. Pieter Berendsen still has materials that will need storing
    - i. Old issues of TKAS; has been storing ~30 copies of each issue
    - ii. Potentially give out old issues at upcoming KAS meetings?
    - iii. Potentially use some of these issues to advertise KAS

- a. Send out sample issues with a letter (e.g., mission statement) in a recruiting process
  - b. Perhaps shorten mission statement into a more tractable version for this
- 7. *Transactions* report: Mike Everhart
  - A. We are getting good income from Bio-One and J-Stor
    - i. Approx. \$7000 and \$6000, respectively
    - ii. Increasing every year
    - iii. Potentially more distribution (and more income) through Allen Press
  - B. TKAS is becoming more digital
    - i. We want to make sure a paper version is still available (for now)
    - ii. There is more demand for electronic versions; fewer libraries want paper copies
    - iii. We might eventually phase out the paper version
    - iv. For now, it is financially best to continue with our current arrangement
- 8. Bylaws revision: Elmer Finck
  - A. No update
  - B. Will include a description of the Historian position

#### Old Business

- 9. Officer's Manual: Randy Miller
  - A. No update
- 10. Liability insurance
  - A. For KAS meetings? For field trips?
    - i. Use waiver for field trips?
  - B. This is covered by KBOR for Regents schools
    - i. What about field trips? Is this covered by state at State Parks?
      - a. Probably no liability at State Parks
- 11. Fall field trip
  - A. Possibly a canoe trip on Kaw River
  - B. More likely: Cross Timbers State Park near Toronto
    - i. Cannot do it Sept 19-24
    - ii. Probably best in late Sept or early Oct
    - iii. In the past, we have put out a guide book to help people understand plants, animals, and geology of a field trip site
    - iv. Perhaps pair this trip with fall Board meeting
    - v. Invite public? Use in recruiting members to KAS?
      - a. Advertise?
    - vi. Possible dates: Oct 22, Nov 5
- 12. 2012 Annual Meeting
  - A. Wichita State University
    - i. Possible dates: April 20-21, or March 30-31
    - ii. Preferences and conflicts discussed
  - B. We should get something in an upcoming newsletter
    - i. Also advertise with AAAS, NAAS, and in fall TKAS
  - C. January Board meeting will be in Wichita

13. 2012 Election Roster

- A. 2012 Election Roster is needed in fall newsletter
  - i. Need results in before January Board meeting
- B. Positions needed: two council members, vice president, and we vote on secretary and treasurer every year

New Business

14. Position of KAS Historian

- A. Appointed by President
- B. Non-voting, non-paid Board member
- C. Motion to appoint Dan Merriam to Historian
  - i. Motion by DH, second by SS
  - ii. Motion carried, none oppose or abstain
- D. Perhaps include description in by-laws
  - i. Perhaps also include a description of webmaster in by-laws

15. Appointment of Resident Agent

- A. We need a physical address to associate with a person
- B. Currently ME in terms of Bio-One and J-Stor
- C. RS appointed SL (secretary) as Resident Agent

16. Editors of the *Transactions*

- A. RM offered to be a co-editor
- B. Charmaine Henry (Baker Univ.) also offered to be co-editor
- C. Appointed by RS
- D. Start officially in Volume 115 (2012)
- E. Announce in upcoming newsletter and in fall issue of TKAS
- F. We might need to purchase software (InDesign) from Adobe based on registration issues

17. KAS Student Research Awards, 2011

- A. 10 applications at M.S. level, 2 awards given (\$1500 each)
- B. 2 applications at B.S. level, 2 awards given (\$1000 each)
- C. 1 application at Ph.D. level, 1 award given (\$1500)
  - i. Motion to approve by EF, second by SS
  - ii. Motion carried, none oppose or abstain

18. Librarian at Wichita State University would like programs from past KAS meetings

- A. Mainly wants the program, not the abstracts
  - i. Will put into repository, and will be available in open access
  - ii. We will put link from KAS website to this
  - iii. Might also put links to field trip guide books

19. Summer Board Meeting

- A. Will try to coordinate with fall field trip

Meeting adjourned, 3:38 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brian R. Maricle, KAS Vice President