

Kansas Academy of Science

Council Meeting

January 28, 2012

Present: Richard Schroeder (RS), Randy Miller (RM), Lynette Sievert (LS), Elmer Finck (EF), Hank Guarisco (HG), Erin Morris (EM), Eric Trump (ET), Brian Maricle (BM), Leland Russell (LR), Don Whittemore (DM), Shaun Schmidt (SS), Sam Leung (SL), Duane Hinton (DH), Amy Strong (AS), James Aber (JA).

President Duane Hinton called the meeting to order at 12:25 PM.

The minutes of the October 22, 2011 meeting were read and approved.

SS presented the Treasurer's Report. KAS has a CD with Meritrust which matures today. It was moved and seconded to transfer the CD to the Education Credit Union with a new term of six months or one year. Motion carried.

There was some discussion of the *Transactions* expense. Color is a major factor in the cost. RM will discuss the cost with Allen Press. SS has sent an inquiry to the CPA regarding tax exempt status but has not yet received a reply. There was discussion about having an audit conducted. A professional audit would cost about \$5000. Alternatives would be to have non-signatory board members review the finances or to contact faculty or students in the Washburn University business school. SS presented a proposed 2012 budget. It was moved and seconded to change the annual meeting projected income to \$5000 and the Student Research Grant expense to \$9000. This left an overall budget deficit of \$2000. Motion carried.

SL presented the Secretary's Report. There were 133 paid members as of January 26, 2012. There was some discussion of outreach. HG brought up the idea of providing \$30 to support a weekend activity by the Kaw Council on May 4-6 in Lawrence. The weekend will include camping, nature walks, and other science activities for the general public. It was moved and seconded that KAS provide \$30 to support this activity. Motion carried.

Amy Strong reported on the Kansas Junior Academy of Science. Three students will be presenting at the AJAS Meeting. The KJAS will have their annual meeting on May 3 at WSU. Judges are needed for the afternoon. SS inquired about whether the Topeka Science Fair could work with KJAS.

RM reported on the *Transactions*. The spring issue has 5 manuscripts so far. The deadline for submission is at the end of March. RM reported that new software had been acquired. DH received an inquiry from Keith Chapes about whether data from a K-INBRE (Kansas IDeA Network for Biomedical Research Excellence) survey would be appropriate for publication in TKAS. It was the consensus of the board that this is appropriate.

There was a discussion regarding the use of EBSCO document archival service. EBSCO is not as science-specific as BIO-ONE or JSTOR. RM will gather more information. It was moved and seconded to honor the previous TKAS editors, Mike Everhart and Roy Beckmeyer with plaques at the 2012 Annual Meeting.

Dan Merriam was not present to provide the historian's report, but it was noted that there will be an article in the fall issue of TKAS about the founders of KAS.

Under Old Business, revisions to the By-Laws were discussed. EF will provide a detailed account of the proposed changes.

Under New Business, it was announced that the deadline for student research grants was February 13. HG asked for suggestions for Newsletter articles. LR reported that the 2012 Annual Meeting website will be up in the next few days and that a call for abstracts will be going out. The Board will meet at 5 PM Friday, March 30. Some ideas for a Fall Field trip were discussed, including a trip to the salt mines in Hutchinson. It was moved and seconded to increase the regular member dues for next year from \$25 to \$30. Motion carried. There will be inquiries made regarding the site for the 2013 annual meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:32 PM

Eric L. Trump

Vice President