

## **KANSAS ACADEMY OF SCIENCE BOARD MEETING**

Friday, June 27, 2014; Aber cabin, Lake Kahola, 1:00 PM

Attendees: Pam Everhart, Shaun Schmidt, Don Whittemore, Eric Trump, Sam Leung, Mike Everhart, Elmer Finck

The board wishes to thank Jim and Susie Aber for hosting the meeting at their lakeside cabin. They not only furnished a great place to meet, but also a nice lunch with a wonderful cake. We do appreciate all their efforts on our behalf.

The board also wishes to thank Emporia State University for hosting the KAS annual meeting. We appreciate all the work that went into seeing that the meeting ran smoothly, from registration to ending ceremony. It was a job well done.

### **Reports**

1. April minutes: Brian Maricle's name was misspelled, as was Don Whittemore's. Minutes were approved subject to those changes.
2. Treasurer's report: 98% of this year's budgeted income has now come in. We are still expecting a little more royalty income this year. Report approved
3. Secretary's report: Membership is down from previous years. There were no new members from the annual meeting. However, adding membership in KAS was not a box on this year's meeting registration, and that may be why. Report approved
4. Annual meeting: Around 160 people attended the meeting, and there were 99 abstracts submitted. We made about \$3000 more than expected because of people who attended but had not pre-registered, and so paid late fees.
5. Transactions report: Currently there are 8 papers out for review, 2 hold-overs from the Fall issue that have not come back from being re-worked by authors, and 2 that came back from authors too late to be included in the Fall issue. I am expecting 4 more, but haven't seen them yet.
6. Nominations report: Amy Strong, KJAS coordinator, has left her job at Fairmont College, WSU, and moved to Virginia. We do not know if the person who takes her job will also be the new KJAS coordinator. Mike will check with WSU to find out who the new person is and will make contact with that person. Pam Everhart had suggested Bill Welch as a board member, but Brian Maricle had already filled the nominations spots for this year. He will be considered next year. The nominations stand as Brian suggested.

### **New Business**

1. The Entomological Society was offered some of the excess money from the KAS annual meeting, but declined. They would like us to give an honorarium to the Keynote speaker. We have decided to

send him \$350. Shaun Schmidt will contact Dr. Schrock of the Entomological society for the speaker's contact information.

2. Suggested dates for next year's annual meeting are March 27-28. Pittsburg State does not have any dates open in April. Board agreed to suggested dates. The January, 2015, board meeting will take place at Pittsburg State.

3. McPherson College has volunteered to host the 2016 annual meeting. Dustin Wilgers is the contact person there.

4. Baker College is a possibility for the 2017 annual meeting, but nothing is set for that one yet.

5. The Fall Field Trip is planned for the Konza Prairie [October 11]. Eric will check to see that they will be accepting visitors because they have had structural and road problems due to the wet weather. They may be closed. The Red Hills in Barber County was suggested for the trip in 2015.

6. Status of the Transactions: When the cost of the last issue was raised with Allen Press, they said KAS had been overcharged \$2200, which brought the cost of the issue down to \$7700. This is still \$1200 more than the last issue of last year. Mike Everhart will talk with Nick Dormer of Allen Press, who is our group's contact, to find out what the exact costs are for color, page cost, etc., so we can see where to cut costs. Shaun Schmidt will send Mike copies of past Allen Press bills. Changing to a totally digital format was suggested but not discussed. Discussion continued to next meeting.

7. Conflict of interest: It has been suggested that KAS needs a conflict of interest statement as part of its not-for-profit status. There are some questions as to what conflict-of-interest would be in the case of the KAS, and how to monitor those situations. Washburn Law Clinic students are willing to help KAS draft a policy that will fit our needs. Shaun Schmidt and Don Wittemore will meet with them.

8. During the discussion of the conflict-of-interest, it was noted that officers do not have any records, past notes, etc. from earlier boards. Mike Everhart suggested that the president keep a notebook of minutes, actions, and other helpful information that is passed on to the next president. Group agreed there should be something but suggested it be digital and the whole board get a copy. Mike agreed to work on this project.

9. Erin Morris will be in England teaching for the Fall semester, so needs someone to be in charge of the grant applications for undergraduates. There was some discussion involving the internet, but no resolution with anyone being appointed to be the supervisor of the grants.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM

Pam Everhart  
Recorder