

Kansas Academy of Science  
Board Meeting  
Lake Kahola  
June 19, 2015

Present: Peter Berendsen, Mike Everhart, Pam Everhart, Mark LaBarge, Sam Leung, Shaun Schmidt, Lynnette Sievert, Eric Trump

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

The minutes of March 27, 2015 were approved.

Treasurer Shaun Schmidt informed the board that KAS is tax exempt according to the bill the legislature passed. KAS funds will be up a bit this year compared to last year. Our money market account is making as much interest as a CD right now. There was a problem with distributing checks to student award winners and one of the students did not receive a check. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Secretary Sam Leung told the board that KAS has 156 members, which is down from previous years. The meeting form does not have a box to check to renew membership. The KU library is currently taking 116 copies of the TKAS. The secretary's report was accepted.

Pam Everhart gave the editors' report. There are eight manuscript in review now including two students who presented at past KAS meetings and have submitted manuscripts. Starting in 2010 Allen Press has been overcharging us for TKAS and then later revising their bill. For instance, KAS was told that the new cost would be \$3500, but later we were charged \$8000 and even later it was revised. Allen Press has new equipment for printing journals that lowers the cost of printing, but our bill consistently is incorrect. The TKAS managing editors met with Allen Press to find out the exact cost per page. The new machine tells Allen Press how much to charge. The editors' report was accepted.

Jill Fisher sent the KJAS report. The junior academy is doing well. KAS gives the junior academy \$3000 to send six students to the National junior academy meeting each year.

The newsletter editor's report was tabled.

KAS currently needs a new person to serve as director for the committee that reviews student grant applications.

Old Business included several items.

- 1) The board has not received a report from the meeting committee at PSU. We

do not know if the meeting made money or if KAS owes anything for the meeting.

2) Eric Trump has nominations for board members, but no nominees for Vice President.

3) Elmer Finck is stepping down as the KAS representative to the Kansas Nongame Wildlife Advisory Council. We need a replacement to serve in this position.

New Business included several items.

1) The Transaction Managing Editor is a 3-year term. Eventually it needs to be converted to a part-time job. There was discussion of how we should deal with the next time there is a turnover in managing editor.

2) The Fall KAS Field trip is tentatively scheduled for October 24, 2015 at the Gyp Hills Scenic Drive in Barber County.

3) The 2016 Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 1 and 2 at McPherson College and will be hosted by Dustin Wilgers.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynnette Sievert  
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Kansas Academy of Science