

Kansas Academy of Science
Virtual Board Meeting

November 20, 2015

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

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

The minutes of June 19, 2015 were approved.

Treasurer Shaun Schmidt informed the board that KAS is doing well. Income is \$27,000 for this year, up from last year. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Secretary Sam Leung told the board that KAS has lost members for the past four years. The secretary's report was accepted.

Dustin Wilgers gave the report on the 2016 annual meeting at McPherson College. The registration form is almost done. There are three possible field trips for the meeting. After discussion it was decided to offer all three. The 2016 meeting will be a joint meeting between KAS and the Kansas Entomological Society. Effort will be made to advertise the meeting so that more people are aware of it. This worked well for the fall field meeting. Dustin reviewed the lodging options and the food that will be available during the annual meeting. The speaker on Friday night will be Devin Schrader talking about meteorites. Jonathan Pruitt will speak on Saturday about social systems. This year groups will be able register.

Pam Everhart gave the managing editors' report. There will be a winter issue this year. This will be the first winter issue since 1983. Three issues will be put out in 2016. Allen Press still has issues with their billing, which has been going on for three years now. They don't know how the bill is calculated. The Everharts are still trying to resolve this issue. Papers originally published by KAS are being sold by the Gale group on Amazon.com. We had an agreement with them up until 2004. Since then they keep selling papers and they haven't given us payment for them. Pam urged people not to purchase these articles. The spring issue of the Transactions has eight papers now. The Everharts are in the last year of their contract in 2016. The editors' report was accepted.

There was no report from KJAS.

There was no report from the newsletter editor.

The fall field trip went well. There were 12 attendees in four cars.

Old Business included one item.

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

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. The Everharts are interested in another three year term.

2) The budget for 2016 is the same as for 2015. We will have more issues of the Transactions in 2016, but this may actually increase our income.

3) The 2018 Annual Meeting is scheduled to be held at Washburn University.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynnette Sievert
Vice President
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