

Minutes : KAS Fall Board Meeting
February 26th, 2026

Approval of Summer Meeting Minutes (approved)

Reports

Treasurer's Report – from Shaun (Approved)

Secretary's Report – ready for increase from meeting (Approved)

Research Grants Report

- approved new grant amounts: 5 graduate to \$2000, 3 undergrad to \$1500, 3 K-12 to \$1000
- discussed K-12 outreach because no applicants, Erin plans to move the application to a Google form to simplify the process

2026 Meeting – Update from Erin

- Abstract submission will stay open for another week
- KU registration system is OK, but not great
- KAS will pay for volunteer Tshirts and other conference items
- Patrick has list of KS college science contacts to share
- Patrick bought a stash of easels and boards, clickers to share to the host school every year

Transactions Editor's Report – Qiyang Zhang

- New Author instructions (number of reviewers for example, consistency, clarifications). Motion to approve updated author instructions (Approved)
- AI at JSTOR : Zhang gave a good overview of what we are asked to approve as part of the new contracts. Discussion centered around the fact that our journal is already open access, so saying NO would have little actual impact. Put off a vote to think on it more.

KJAS Director's Report – Jill Fisher

- No budget request, no science fair this year for KJAS
- request from high school teacher to bring students to KAS with posters, but we don't want to make it a regular thing.

Newsletter Editor's Report – Hank G is working on the next issue

Annual Meeting Committee – Erin and Patrick connect post-meeting

New Business: Endowment Committee

- Endowment Plan change to bylaws – Motion to publish them in the newsletter so we can get approval from all members (Approved)
- Endowment Committee formation
- Endowment Policy Document – discussed, essentially decided to lie over so new board officers can read over it
- Discussed paying for Quickbooks for an annual, discounted rate through TechSoup. (Approved)

Old Business: None