

FLORIDA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING

Florida Institute of Technology

Melbourne, FL

March 9, 2006

Present: President John Trefry, President Elect Dan Odell, Secretary Elizabeth Hays, Treasurer Georgina Wharton, Journal Editors Barbara and Dean Martin, Journal Business Manager Richard Turner, Councilor At Large Sanjay Sesodia, Councilor At Large Barry Wharton. Section Chairs(Co-Chairs): David Karlen (Biological Sciences); Helena Giannini (Biological Sciences); Al Hall (Engineering Sciences); Kathleen Carvalho-Knighton (Environmental Chemistry and Chemical Sciences); Program Chair Jeremy Montague, Executive Director Ed Haddad, Office Manager Julie Regier.

Absent: Past President Cherie Geiger, FJAS Coordinator Pat Zalo, FAS Delegate to NAAS/ByLaws Chair Leslie Lieberman, other section chairs

- 1. Meeting Call to order; Welcome and Introductions** - Meeting called to order at 7:06pm by President Trefry who welcomed everyone. Everyone introduced themselves.
- 2. Apologies for Absence** – Jack Stout, Jacci White, Pat Zalo, Pat Dooris, Don Lovejoy, Leslie Lieberman and Cherie Geiger sent apologies for absence.
- 3. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting – January 21, 2006** - (attachment A). Minutes approved as emailed and distributed.
- 4. Reports –**
 - a.) Executive Director** – Ed Haddad reported that there are now seven corporate sponsors but no corporate members. In his report (attachment B1/B2), he indicated continued work to interface with Orlando Science Center and exploration of grant sources of funding. At end of 2005, there were 397 members/subscribers and, as of January 12, 155 members/subscribers have renewed or joined. He has a number of initiatives underway and include: 1) increasing revenues and funding, 2) expanding membership, 3) By-Laws modifications, 4) FAS operations manual, 5) FAS outreach. Report approved as distributed and given.
 - b. Treasurer** - Georgina Wharton reported that as of March 8, 2006, total assets were \$168,736.04 (attachment C). She also indicated a current net profit of \$10,978.87 but expenses for annual meeting has not yet been received. Report approved as distributed and given.
 - c.) Journal Editors** - The Martins started their report with a pop quiz that was based on the minutes of previous meeting (attachment D) and which many of the attendees probably flunked (Grades were not recorded; no makeup quizzes will be given).
 - d.) Journal Business Manager** - Richard Turner reported (attachment E1) FAS is in second year of three-year contract with Allen Press, bulk mail accounts are in good shape, that Barry Wharton and he have been developing recommendations for electronic publication of the journal, and presented current status of journal invoicing. Regarding electronic publishing, many felt that this is a necessary way for FAS to go and should be a very high priority for funding request. It was indicated during discussion that Finance Committee needs to meet in near future. Two other issues were raised. One was in regards to ISI. We can now submit request using current issue. The other

issue regards the Committee for Future Editor Determination composed of Richard Turner, Dan Odell, John Trefry, Jeremy Montague and the Martins need to meet soon. Barry's annual report to be given at Annual business meeting was also attached to his report (attachment E2). Report was approved as distributed and given.

e.) Section Chair Coordinator and Section Chairs – Program Chair Montague in his submitted report (attachment F) compared 2004, 2005 and 2006 by section paper data. He presented total poster/orals graph for past ten years indicating that this year was the highest for the ten year period. Three section chairs were present at this meeting. Report was approved as submitted.

f.) FJAS – Pat Zalo written report (attachment G) was accepted and approved.

g.) Awards Committee – Councilor-at-Large Sesodia report (attachment H) indicated that all section chairs had been emailed the Awards forms and there were two submissions for Behrens award and these have been forwarded to Dr. Sandra Vargo at Florida Institute of Oceanography. Report accepted as given and distributed.

h.) Charter and By-Laws Committee – Leslie Lieberman's report (attachment I) was received. By-Law changes will be voted on at tomorrow's annual meeting. Report approved as received and distributed.

i.) Endowment Committee - Dean Martin gave report (attachment J) from Committee which indicated total assets as of December 31st, 2005 as \$121,871. In report, members were encouraged to consider the endowment for charitable donations. Donation option sheet is available on FAS web site. Report approved as distributed and given.

j.) Medalist Committee – It was reported that James O'Brian, FSU State climatologist will be this year's medalist. Report approved as given.

k.) Nominating Committee – Barry Wharton and Betty Hays indicated that there will be election of Councilor-At-Large for term of 2006-2008 at tomorrow's meeting. Report approved as given.

l. Delegate to NAAS/AAAS – Leslie Lieberman's report (attachment K) was received and approved as distributed.

m.) President – none given at this time

5. Old Business – none

6. New Business

a.) 2006 Annual Meeting. President Trefry reviewed plans for tomorrow and various concerns for individual sections. Business meeting will be in Olin 130 at 12:30pm and Plenary session will be in Gleeson.

b.) Grant Application Process – Services of Ms. Sandy Thomas, a professional grant writer, to help develop a plan for grant funding were discussed. Executive Director Haddad has a basic outline. A grant development committee was proposed. If By-Laws change tomorrow, then President can appoint a Development Committee.

c.) 2007/2008 sites for Annual Meeting. 2007 meeting will be March 12-17th at USF at St. Pete. Jacksonville and joint Georgia meeting is being looked at for 2008.

d.) Date/location of next Council meeting – Next meeting is scheduled for 11am, Saturday, June 10th at OSC.

7. Adjournment: at 8:39pm

Sign in sheet attached (attachment L)
Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Hays
Secretary

Note: Copies of attachments are available from Executive Secretary.

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