

FLORIDA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING
University of Central Florida
Engineering Building 1 and 2
January 10, 2004

Present: President Cherie Geiger, Past President Barry Wharton, Secretary Elizabeth Hays, Treasurer Georgina Wharton, Journal Editors Barbara and Dean Martin, Journal Business Manager Richard Turner, Councilor At Large Sanjay Sesodia, JFAS Coordinator Pat Zalo, Section Chairs Al Hall (Engineering Sciences Section Chair/Physics and Space Science Co chair), David Karlen (Biological Sciences Section Co chair), Kristen Spotz (Environmental Chemistry and Chemical Sciences Section Chair), Jack Stout (Committee on Rare and Endangered Plants & Animals Section Chair), John Windsor (Atmospheric and Ocean Science Section Chair) and Allen Smith (Medical Sciences), Assistant Executive Director Rebecca Amonett, Dan Odell (FAS Webmaster), Don Lovejoy (Endowment Committee), Fran Ragsdale (University of Central Florida)

1. Meeting Call to order; Welcome and Introductions - Meeting called to order at 1:08pm by President Geiger who welcomed everyone. Everyone introduced themselves.

2. Apologies for Absence - received from Mary Beth Durst, Rita Karpie, John Trefry, Leslie Lieberman, Linda Taylor, Jeremy Montague

3. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting - September 13, 2003 - (attachment A). Minutes corrected as follows: 1) third line of heading should read Orlando Science Center; 2) Under present Kristen Spotz insert (Environmental Chemistry and Chemical Sciences Section Chair); 3) Under 3 correct Barry Turner to Richard Turner; 4) Under Reports a - line 7, correct spelling of issues. Minutes approved as corrected.

4. Reports

a.) Executive Secretary - Rebecca Amonett highlighted items in her report (attachment B). Discussion ensued on printing costs for FJAS posters and FAS brochure. Rebecca gave notice that she would be resigning her position effective in March following the annual meeting. Report approved as given.

b.) Treasurer - Georgina Wharton reported that as of December 31, 2003, total assets were \$196,824.11. For the 2003 year, net income was - \$12,077.07 (attachment C). Approved as distributed.

c.) Journal Editors - postponed to later in meeting. The Martins highlighted a number of firsts in their report (attachment E) which included a power point presentation on how to be an editor and that, for the first time, an individual published in all four issues of the journal. Report approved as given.

d.) Journal Business Manager - Richard Turner highlighted report (attachment D). He mentioned that there may be a need to increase the cost to the University of Florida exchange.

e.) Section Chair Coordinator and Section Chairs - In Program Chair Jeremy Montague's absence, Sanjay Sesodia gave the report (attachment F).

He emphasized the AV policy and requested the following from the report be incorporated into formal minutes as follows: Aa 2 X 2 projector is a special need that has to be requested by the presenter. This was approved. It was also emphasized that copies of the minutes of section meetings should be sent to executive office for archiving. Report approved as given.

f.) FJAS - Pat Zalo's report (attachment G) was received, highlighted and approved.

g.) Awards Committee - Sanjay Sesodia reminded all section chairs to get the numbers of papers from their sections that are up for student awards to him. Report accepted as given. He will try to have results of section awards available for announcing at banquet.

h.) Charter and By-Laws Committee - no report

i.) Endowment Committee - Don Lovejoy gave report (attachment H). His report indicated acceptance of gifts of all sorts are welcome to increase endowment. There was discussion as to input to the committee on how to adjust the portfolio which has been somewhat imbalanced. Committee will look into some changes and more diversification in the future.

j.) Medalist Committee - Barry Wharton gave report (attachment I1) and announced the 2004 medalist will be Dr. Jerald T. Milanich. Included in report was copy of Medalist Nomination Form (attachment I2) for Dr. Milanich.

k.) Nominating Committee - One Councilor-At-Large seat is open. Barry Wharton and Elizabeth Hays are welcoming nominations be sent to either of them before March Council meeting. Report approved as given.

l.) President - President Geiger presented a packet of materials (attachment J) for the Council to review as part of her report. These include the refreshment costs for 2003 annual meeting of \$1109, rooms available with floor plan for Friday in Engineering building for 2004 meeting, room availability for Saturday medical sciences section and JFAS meetings, arrangements at Holiday Inn for 2004 banquet along with breakdown of 2003 charges for the student union (\$3940). She also spoke about her efforts to reach out and establish better communication with the Orlando Science Center and FAS is willing to provide "expert speakers". Barry Wharton and Dan Odell will work on developing the solicitation from FAS members for listing as expert speakers.

5. Other Business

a.) Issue of a 4-year limit on student membership was raised - Since there is nothing in By-Laws, we may want to change the form. Issue should be sent for review by By-Laws committee.

6. New Business

- a.) Date of Next Council Meeting - 7-9pm, March 11 at Holiday Inn
- b.) Discussion of 2004 Annual Meeting - Fran Ragsdale presented letter (attachment K) to be used to solicit exhibitors/sponsors for the annual meeting. FAS needs to raise sponsorship funds to support refreshments. She requested members to send to Kristen Spatz via email, names of contacts for sponsoring food. She indicated FAS needs to rent tables for atrium, another cost. Posters will be in atrium, they are working to use walls, will continue to work on plan. There was discussion about canceling Thursday night registration and they should contact Jeremy Montague if there is to be a change in the advance program. Dr. Cathy Cobb will give the plenary address on Friday and will be sponsored by Sigma Xi. Fran also spoke about letter (attachment L) to Dr. Lieberman from AAAS requesting FAS participation in new AAAS initiative called Partnership for Science Literacy.
- c.) Executive Secretary replacement - discussion ensued and two issues were raised, that of the Executive Director and that of the Executive Secretary. The Council approved asking the Endowment Fund to generate \$10,000 and to withdraw this amount for the cost of the Executive Secretary for the next year.
- d.) Concern was raised about the \$12,000 shortfall in the budget for this past year. It was suggested that the Executive Committee look at a plan and report back to the March Council meeting.
- e.) The issue of a lack of section chair coordinator and need to maintain that position was referred to the Executive Committee.

7. Adjournment: at 3:37pm

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Hays
Secretary

Note: Copies of attachments are available from Executive Secretary.

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