

FLORIDA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING
Orlando Science Center
Orlando, FL
September 17, 2005

Present: President John Trefry, President-Elect Dan Odell, Past-President Cherie Geiger, Secretary Elizabeth Hays, Treasurer Georgina Wharton, Journal Editors Barbara and Dean Martin, Journal Business Manager Richard Turner, FJAS Coordinator Pat Zalo, Councilor At Large Sanjay Sesodia, Councilor At Large Barry Wharton, FAS Delegate to NAAS/ByLaws Chair Leslie Lieberman, Section Chairs (Co-Chairs): John Windsor (Atmospheric and Oceanographic Sciences); David Karlen (Biological Sciences); Helena Giannini (Biological Sciences); Hamid Rassoul (Physics and Space Sciences); Jacci White (Computer and Math Sciences), Program Chair Jeremy Montague, FAS Webmaster Dan Odell, Executive Director Ed Haddad, Office Manager Julie Regier, Ramon Lopez, Kathy Carvalho-Knighton.

1. Meeting Call to order; Welcome and Introductions - Meeting called to order at 11:05 AM by President Trefry who welcomed everyone. Everyone introduced themselves.

2. Apologies for Absence –

3. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting – June 11, 2005 - (attachment A). Minutes approved as distributed.

4. Reports –

a.) Executive Director – Ed Haddad reported that the administrative processes and systems are in good shape and he wants to turn attention to outreach and improvement initiatives. They have generated a Check-list of Annual Meeting responsibilities and due dates, are working on the FAS Operations Manual, preparing the Corporate Sponsorship Program and working with President and President-Elect to develop and implement other FAS initiatives. There has been an 18% increase in membership since the last meeting. He reported that current initiatives are: 1) increasing revenue and funding, 2) expanding membership, 3) By-Laws modification, 4) FAS Operations Manual development, 5) FAS Outreach. Report approved as distributed (attachment B) and given.

b.) President – John Trefry reported on continued work with Ed and Julie and Dan Odell over the summer. He reported 40 new members, work in progress on a number of items. He is part of local arrangements committee for FIT meeting. Report (attachment C) approved as distributed and given.

c. Treasurer - Georgina Wharton reported that as of September 12, 2005, total assets were \$162,422.85 (attachment D). She also indicated a net loss for the year of \$7,865.38. Report approved as distributed and given.

d.) Journal Editors - The Martins reported that all issues are on schedule. Dean made a motion (attachment E1) that President Trefry appoint a committee to review the possibility of having the *Florida Scientist* available on line, and that the said committee be asked to consider the following questions and that a report be provided to the Council in 2006. Questions include: 1) What would the lag time be (one year, 18 months, etc), 2) Do we hold the rights to the PDF files for each articles, 3) Who would load/maintain the PDF files, 4) What is the estimated cost of such a program, 5) What are the anticipated disadvantages, and 6) What are the anticipated benefits. Motion approved. President Trefry appointed Richard Turner, Barry Wharton and John Windsor to the Committee. Richard Turner said there will be a conference on Open Access in October at FIT. There followed a discussion of logistics with Allen Press and of server space. The committee will answer questions by the next Council meeting. Leslie Lieberman mentioned that through AAAS, some of the state academies go together to get this type of project done. The report also requested additional manuscript submissions from Council members and again an attempt to get coverage in Institute for Scientific Information. President Trefry indicated that he would work on the latter issue. Report (attachment E2) approved as distributed and given.

e.) Journal Business Manager - Richard Turner reported (attachment F) concern regarding the processing of a recent invoice with Allen Press. There has recently been quite poor communication with them which raises concerns for the journal. Another issue of concern was the great increase in charges for overseas subscriptions. He also indicated that the Memorandum of agreement with Charlotte National Estuary Program to publish a special issue is still being worked on. Report was approved as distributed and given.

f.) Section Chair Coordinator and Section Chairs – Program Chair Montague in his submitted report (attachment G) indicated that the final edit of Call for Abstracts had been emailed to all session chairs and FAS officers on September 15. He reported a number of changes in section chairs/co-chairs. The Call for Abstracts discussion was postponed until under new business. Report approved as submitted.

g.) FJAS – Pat Zalo reported (attachment H) that five students have applied for Junior Academy of Science trip to St. Louis and AAAS membership. She suggested moving to electronic submission of papers with hard copy backups for the day of judging. Another issue was publication of top two students from the Florida Science Talent Search have their paper titles and abstracts published in the *Florida Scientist*. Further discussion ensued on electronic submissions. Report approved as distributed and given.

h.) Awards Committee – Councilor-at-Large Sesodia spoke about his concern regarding the Behrens award. He also indicated with University of Central Florida Sigma Xi award which may not have been included in last years listing of awards. Discussion ensued of the problem at the end of a session of getting the results immediately. The problem is inadequate numbers of judges. He indicated that some information was not received last year until at least a month after the last meeting. Report approved as given.

i.) Charter and By-Laws Committee – Leslie Lieberman indicated that some changes will be forth coming. Will also be addressed under new business. Report approved as given.

j.) Endowment Committee - Dean Martin gave report (attachment I) from Committee which indicated assets as of September 10th at \$131,237.79. Report approved as distributed and given.

k.) Medalist Committee – Cherie Geiger indicated that committee is proceeding with its job. Approved as given.

l.) Nominating Committee – Barry Wharton that elected Councilor will be up for March meeting. Report approved as given.

m.) FAS Delegate to NAAS/AAAS – Leslie Lieberman spoke about February meeting in St. Louis and that she is chairing past presidents committee which is focusing on future scientists and a public science literacy initiative. She suggested NAS as a source of speakers for plenary sessions. The strategic planning initiative with Lyn Elfner is on hold for the moment. Spoke on increasing visibility in the state. She mentioned OSC firsts program on their web site. May want FAS president-elect or other officers attend future meetings. Report approved as given.

Break at 12:20 PM for lunch. Meeting resumed at 1:07 PM

5. Old Business – none

6. New Business

a.) 2006 Annual Meeting. President Trefry asked members to send any program changes to Jeremy Montague. They moved deadline for abstract submission to December 16th. They will send email call for papers. There was a question about the elimination of the one day registration. Suggested a special rate for one day affairs. Leslie spoke about a Brevard County special continuing education program for teachers for Friday of meeting.

b.) FAS events/schedule – members to check the list.

c.) 2007/2008 sites for Annual Meeting. Previous suggestions have proven non-viable. John Trefry will contact Georgia Academy President regarding possibility of joint 2007 or 2008 meeting. Some other possibilities were discussed.

d.) Presentation of revised section chair Responsibilities – Ed Haddad requested comments regarding draft of proposal. The revised version will be out in about two weeks.

e.) Current FAS Initiatives – after an overview, President Trefry spoke about the Corporate Sponsorship Program (attachment J1) which was followed by discussion. Barry Wharton agreed to print the letters and would need names and addresses of who the letter is to go to (sample letter attachment J2). Want perks listed in brochure (attachment J3). Each person needs to find 2-3 small businesses to approach. Second initiative discussed was Council of Experts – need to advertise and apprise experts of what is expected of them. There were some suggestions as to how the program will work. Past President Geiger, Hamid Rassoul and Ramon Lopez will worked on fleshing out the details of the program. Third initiative is By-Law changes which will be worked on with help of Leslie Lieberman, Ed Haddad, Sanjay Sesodia and Dan Odell. Members need to review the web site and make suggested changes for January meeting.

f.) **Date/location of next Council meeting** – Next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 21st at 11 AM at FIT in Melbourne.

7. Adjournment: at 2:30 PM

Sign in sheet attached (attachment K)

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Hays, Secretary

Note: Copies of attachments are available from the FAS office.