

FLORIDA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING
Orland Science Center, Founders Room
Orlando, Fl
June 19, 2004

Present: President Cherie Geiger, Past President Barry Wharton, President Elect John Trefry, Secretary Elizabeth Hays, Treasurer Georgina Wharton, Journal Editors Barbara and Dean Martin, Journal Business Manager and Councilor-At-Large Richard Turner, FJAS Coordinator Pat Zalo, Section Chairs Al Hall (Engineering), Kristen Spatz (Environmental Chemistry), Hamid Rassoul (Physics and Space Science), and Allen Smith (Medical Sciences), Program Chair Jeremy Montague. Ed Haddad (Consultant).

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 Robin Jordan, Don Lovejoy, Maribeth Durst, Dan Odell, Leslie Lieberman, Jacci White, Martin Adjei, Ralph Turingan, Pat Dooris, Sanjay Sesodia

3. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting - March 11, 2004 -(attachment A). Minutes approved as distributed and emailed.

4. Reports

a.) Executive Secretary - Kristen gave report (attachment B). Executive Secretary resigned in March. Kristen volunteered through May 1. President Geiger and Kristen are trying to reorganize the office. Ed Haddad was also brought in to help in the reorganization. FASis now known as having a presence at OSC. They found a problem with the contact list and Kristen has been playing catch up. At next meeting President Geiger indicated she will bring lap top and use it to generate receipts. Some members have paid but are not getting journal. Lack of documentation of dues payment is a problem that is being resolved. All members will get a renewal request for 2005. Membership year is calendar year. It was proposed that renewal request go out with last journal of each year. Dean Martin reminded Kristen of several complementary issues including Bio Abstracts, Chem Abstracts, etc. Kristen has a full listing of the complementary issues. Dean also passed around a life member list (attachment C) and asked each member to correct and update and return corrected list to Executive office. Ed Haddad was introduced and spoke about himself and what he plans for FAS. Ed is a retired nuclear engineer who currently works with elder groups and community outreach programs. He discussed some of his concerns that need to be addressed. FAS needs strategic planning, fostering more relationships with OSC, to look to volunteers for office management. After some discussion, it was decided that FAS should continue with Executive Director and Executive Secretary positions. It was suggested that the Executive Committee review credentials of applicants and Ed will continue as a volunteer for the near future. By the end of July, Executive Secretary (volunteers) and will address staffing further in July.

b.) Treasurer - Georgina Wharton reported that as of June 18, 2004, total assets were \$151,768.79 (attachment D1). For the 2004 year, net income was \$17,347.38 (attachment D2). Approved as distributed.

c.) Journal Editors - The Martins reported (attachment E) the

distribution of volume 67, spring issue, summer issue at Allen Press. Autumn issue manuscripts have been submitted. They are at work on Winter issue. Dean again brought up concern that journal not listed in Current Contents. Report approved as given.

d.) Journal Business Manager - Richard Turner highlighted report (attachment F). Summary of financial status of volume 66 from 2003 included in report. He has now invoiced for issue 1 of 67, will invoice issue 2 in two weeks. He needed to correct subscription information sheet. He recommended keeping \$60/page charge unchanged. Although last year he recommended raising foreign rate with Allen Global Economy savings, he will recommend dropping rate. He also reminded us that bulk mail account (in Kansas) depends on maintaining a bulk mailing at least once every two years from Melbourne. He suggests in future that Call for Abstracts be sent out of Melbourne. Approved as given.

At this time, President Geiger asked Council to move to New Business, item 1 - Discussion of 2005 Meeting. The Martins gave a brief overview of plans for the 2005 meeting at USF. They do need help with some of the aspects of the arrangements although a lot has already been done. Report (attachment G) approved as given.

e.) Section Chair Coordinator and Section Chairs - Jeremy Montague reviewed report (attachment H). He is concerned that there is no chair identified for Geology and Hydrology right now. He asked Barry Wharton if he could take on Urban Planning. Barry agreed to consider it. There was discussion of special outreach session of Jet Propulsion Lab Cassini project. May need some funding. Report approved as given.

f.) FJAS - Pat Zalo's report (attachment I) was received and highlighted the accomplishment of FJAS members. She asked the Academy to endorse eligible FJAS members who will pay their own way to the American Junior Academy of Science trip to Washington. Motion passed for FAS endorsement. Pat also asked us to help to recruit students. Report approved as given.

g.) Awards Committee - Betty Hays presented Sanjay Sesodia's written report (attachment J). In regards to getting names from section chairs, Jeremy Montague volunteered to work with Sanjay to put together a list of what section chairs need to do in regards to awards. President Geiger needs to appoint one of the appointed Councilors-At-Large to help Sanjay on getting lists of awardees. It was requested that Sanjay follow up to make sure that Mike Robinson has received his check for the Behrens Award. Regarding lack of full names, President Geiger suggested that, if all that is written on presentation form are initials, then initials will be placed on certificates. Report approved as written and added to.

h.) Charter and By-Laws Committee - no report. Secretary Hays again reminded Council that at January meeting the issue of the 4-year limit on student membership was referred to the By-Laws Committee. This committee needs to address this issue expeditiously. President Geiger needs to address this issue with Leslie Lieberman.

i.) Endowment Committee - Dean Martin gave report (attachment K) that included transfer of account to Wachovia. The holdings in high tech stocks are being adjusted. They are working towards 60% stock and 40% bonds. Report approved as given.

j.) Medalist Committee - Barry Wharton reported that the 2005 medalist nomination solicitation is in process. Suggestions from members are greatly

appreciated.

k.) Nominating Committee - Barry Wharton/Betty Hays reported that we need nominations for President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and Councilor-At-Large to be elected. Sanjay Sesodia's term is up in 2005. Betty Hays and Georgina Wharton expressed interest in serving another term. Dave Karlen and Garry Maddox were suggested as possible candidates for President-Elect. At this time, need to find out if Sanjay is willing to serve another term. Richard Turner's appointed term will be up in 2005. (Pat Dooris was appointed Councilor-At-Large for 2004-2006. Ralph Turingen was elected for 2004-2006 term.) Report approved as given.

l.) President - President Geiger reported on her work to coordinate with OSC people particularly Dr. Tonner. She said she would send electronically a letter she received from Dr. Tonner. She feels she has developed a positive relationship. President Geiger has been asked to serve on Presidential Advisory Board for the Center. OSC will get copy of expertise list and OSC will act as a conduit/intermediary. An individual from UF has expressed interest in Newsletter. President Geiger will follow up on this. In future, Council will provide lunch for those who reserve lunch at two meetings a year we meet at OSC. Report approved as given.

5. Old Business - none

6. New Business

a.) Barry Wharton spoke of need to develop an action item list, which he is doing that will be sent out within a month. Barry went over tentative list.

b.) John Trefry mentioned that John Windsor has \$25,000 grant to help with 2006 meeting which will be at FIT. He also expressed need to get sites for 2007 and 2008 meetings ASAP.

7. Adjournment: at 3:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Hays
Secretary

Note: Copies of attachments are available from Executive Secretary.