

FLORIDA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING

Florida Institute of Technology

Melbourne, Florida

January 21, 2006

Present: President John Trefry, President-Elect Dan Odell, Past President Cherie Geiger, Journal Business Manager Richard Turner, FJAS Coordinator Pat Zalo, Councilor at Large Sanjay Sesodia, FAS Delegate to NAAS/By Laws and Charter Chair Leslie Lieberman, Florida Endowment for the Sciences Trustee Don Lovejoy, Program Chair/Section Chair Coordinator Jeremy Montague, Section Chairs (CoChairs) John Windsor (Atmospheric & Oceanographic Sciences), Helena Giannini and David Karlen (Biological Sciences), Al Hall (Engineering Sciences), Kathleen Carvelho-Knighton (Environmental & Chemical Sciences), Hamid Rassoul and Ramon Lopez (Physics & Space Sciences), Executive Director Ed Haddad and Office Manager Julie Regier.

1. Meeting called to order at 11:00 a.m. by President Trefry who welcomed everyone to the FIT campus and to the meeting.
2. Apologies were sent by Jacci White, Dean and Barbara Martin, Maribeth Durst, Barry and Georgina Wharton and Betty Hayes.
3. After some discussion, the minutes of the September 17, 2005 were approved as distributed, with typographical errors corrected. The minutes will be emailed to all council members after the meeting and all reports will be held in the executive office for anyone to read.

4. Reports

a) **Executive Director** - The membership for 2006 is now at 155 members and subscribers. (This number does not include the FJAS members and sponsors.) FAS is a bit ahead of the numbers for this time last year. Placing a renewal form in the *Florida Scientist* has helped get renewals in sooner. Current initiatives include increasing revenues and funding, expanding membership, by laws modifications, updating the FAS operations manual, and doing more FAS outreach, which includes the sponsorship program. The report was approved as distributed.

b.) **President** – We have nine solicitations for sponsorships and have received five checks. We need more corporate collaboration. Hubbs Research gives \$5000 annually and we may be able to leverage this money. Our annual meeting sites are set for 2007 and 2008. The Orlando Science Center *Scope* will have an article with relevance to Florida in each issue, with pictures and academy news. Our members will help in writing the article. John and Ed and Dan met with the administrators of the Orlando Science Center and are moving ahead with mutually acceptable projects, one of which is Ask A Scientist using experts in various scientific fields.

- c.) **Treasurer** – Since Georgina was not present, her report was submitted and accepted.
- d.) **Journal Editors** – “Though the editors were unable to attend, they submitted their report in advance. They asked that the issue of placing the *Florida Scientist* on the Internet be revisited and provided documentation of why two years might be considered, why we should attempt to digitize past issues, how much trouble it might be in comparison with the experience of other journals, and provided an answer to why they have continued to express the need to be granted parity with *Journal of Aquatic Plant Management* on the Web of Science,”
- e.) **Journal Business Manager** – A bulk mailing needs to be made at the Melbourne post office to keep our account. Barry, John T, and Richard are on the committee to look into electronic publication of the *Scientist*. The costs for Allen Press to publish electronically will be forthcoming.
- f.) **Section Chair Coordinator and Section Chairs** – Jeremy reports that almost all submittals for sessions are up in number over last year. Three sections have not reported yet. We are 10% higher without the special sessions. Geology/Hydrology Section needs a chair. Urban and Regional Planning has no submissions yet. Anthropology which had no submissions last year has three this year.
- Web site abstracts are being put on the web. The advance program will be up in 10 days on the web site. Snail mail will be sent from the FAS office. The section chairs will notify authors of times of presentations, but not room locations, at this time.
- g.) **FJAS** – Pat says she needs more judges. The sessions will be Saturday only, and she needs at least 2 judges in each room. She has ten and needs eighteen more, especially in biological and physical sciences. John and Hamid will look for grad student volunteers. Helena is bringing three judges.
- h.) **Awards Committee** – The reports of the judges will be due as soon as possible, with a one week deadline. Hamid said he wants us to be able to give more awards next year.
- i.) **Charter and Bylaws Committee** – The committee report was accepted. The changes suggested will be sent to all members and will be voted on at the annual meeting. (Cherie Geiger enters the meeting at 12:20 p.m.)
- j.) **Endowment Committee** - Don Lovejoy presented the report. The goal is to have a one million dollar endowment and thus generate \$10,000 a year for the academy.
- k.) **Medalist Committee** – Cherie, Barry, Al and Maribeth are on the committee. They had six nominations. They have chosen Dr. James O’Brien, Professor of Meteorology and Oceanography, and Director of the Center for Ocean-Atmospheric Prediction Studies at Florida State University. The committee will notify Dr. O’Brien of his selection and invite him and a guest to attend the banquet.

l.) **Nominating Committee** – Barry Wharton is an elected member of the Council at Large. His term is expiring this year. The nominating committee will have a candidate at the annual meeting. Pat Dooris is an appointed member of the council at Large and her term is also expiring. A new member will be appointed at the next meeting.

m.) **FAS Delegate to NAAS/AAAS** - AAAS is meeting next month. A Councilor at Large position is open, as is the secretary's position. The candidates need to be a member of AAAS. Pat Zalo said she did not receive material for the AAAS award this year.

5. Old Business

a) There was no old business

6. New Business

a) 2006 Annual Meeting Plans and Status

There is no need to have a registration for the Indian River Lagoon Symposium as there is no charge for the event. We will have some student volunteers get the names and other information from attendees.

It was decided to have the box lunches available where the posters are displayed.

c) Sites for 2007 and 2008 meetings

The annual meeting will be held at USF St. Petersburg in 2007 and in Jacksonville in 2008, as a joint meeting with the Georgia Academy of Sciences.

d) Current Initiatives.

John asked that the council be more pro-active in soliciting participation in the Corporate Sponsorship Program. Hamid has four sponsors who want to be anonymous. Ed will send packages to Hamid for his use.

e) 2006 Membership Drive

At the end of 2005, FAS had 397 members, plus 112 subscriptions. As of this date, there are 155 members. The goal for 2006 is 500 members. We will put out brochures in the Orlando Science Center and at the Indian River Lagoon Symposium. Ed will print 100 brochures.

f) By law changes

There was a discussion of the proposed changes to the by laws, which are to be presented at the annual meeting. The FAS office will mail out the changes to all current members, according to our current by laws.

g) Next Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held at FIT on March 9 and will be in the same room as this council meeting. Notices will be sent out to all council members.

Leslie Lieberman wants a separate meeting for strategic planning for the future of FAS.

h). Tour of FIT facilities for the annual meeting
John Trefry showed the group the various venues for our registration, posters, and rooms for the various interest groups' presentations.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by John Trefry before our tour.

Sign in sheet attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Regier
Office Manager

Copies of the reports are available in the FAS office in Orlando.