

FLORIDA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING
University of South Florida
Tampa, Fl
January 8, 2005

Present: President: Cherie Geiger; Past President: Barry Wharton; President-Elect: John Trefry; Secretary: Elizabeth Hays; Treasurer: Georgina Wharton; Journal Editors: Barbara and Dean Martin; At-Large Councilor: Sanjay Sesodia; FJAS Coordinator: Pat Zalo; Section Chairs: Al Hall (Engineering) and Allen Smith (Medical Sciences); Program Chair: Jeremy Montague; FAS Webmaster: Dan Odell; Executive Director: Ed Haddad; Office Manager: Julie Regier; Kym Rouse Campbell, Kathy Carvalho-Knighton, Gilbert C. Sigura.

1. **Meeting Call to order; Welcome and Introductions** - Meeting called to order at 12:12pm by President Geiger who welcomed everyone. Everyone introduced themselves. Agenda approved with addition of item d to New Business entitled Participation of Councilors-At-Large requested by Secretary Hays.
2. **Apologies for Absence** - received from Leslie Lieberman, Pat Dooris, John Winsett, Don Lovejoy, Richard Turner
3. **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting - October 9, 2004** -(attachment A). Minutes approved as distributed and emailed.
4. **Reports** - report e was taken first
 - a.) Executive Director - Ed Haddad highlighted written report (attachment B1). Julie Regier was hired as office manager which will help in staffing of office. Office clean up and reorganization has occurred. They are working to update email addresses of members. He has met with President Geiger, Leslie Lieberman and President-Elect Trefry about strategic plans for next two years. He has been interacting with key OSC personnel and has met with OSC CEO Dr. Tonner to discuss potential collaborative ventures. In addition, Ed distributed FAS EXECUTIVE OFFICE RESPONSIBILITIES AND PRIORITIES - 10/19/04 (attachment B2). This was Report approved as distributed and given.
 - b.) Treasurer - Georgina Wharton reported that as of January 7, 2005, total assets were \$154,737.30 (attachment C1). For the 2004 year, net income was \$1282.93 (attachment C2). Report approved as distributed and given.
 - c.) Journal Editors - The Martins reported (attachment D) the winter issue of volume 48 has been completed while the Spring issue is in page proof and they are working on summer issue. Editors again did indicate they would like to see more contributions from Council members and again, expressed concern that journal is not picked up by Current Contents. They requested that a subcommittee of the Council consider increasing the number of issues that have abstracts on line. Report approved as distributed and given.
 - d.) Journal Business Manager - Richard Turner's report (attachment E) was received. Report was approved as received. Council commended Richard Turner for a job well done.
 - e.) Section Chair Coordinator and Section Chairs - Because of lack of attendance of Section Chairs, no Section chair meeting was held. Jeremy Montague - Program Chair spoke about printing of abstracts and problem of numbering pages. He will use a South Florida printer and will print booklet and bring to meeting. February 4th is deadline to printer. About 75 confirmed

at this time but a number came in after January meeting last year. Plan to get 173 papers and will continue to collect abstracts for posters. Report approved as given.

f.) FJAS - Report postponed until Pat Zalo arrived. Pat Zalo distributed written report (attachment G). She indicated she needed a total of 30 judges. She would like two per room, they may have ten rooms. She may need seven preliminary judges. Report approved as distributed and given.

g.) Awards Committee - Sanjay Sesodia reported that winners are now listed on web site. He asked for feedback from members. Discussion about future involvement of FIO in Behren's Award's was discussed. FIO may drop funding and question was raised if the FAS would support monetarily a similar award. Sanjay was asked to find out if FIO will continue to support the Behren's Award. No decision was made on this. He asked from Section Chairs listing of potential awardees. Report approved as given.

h.) Charter and By-Laws Committee - no report was given but Leslie will again be reminded that at January, 2004 meeting the issue of the 4-year limit on student membership was referred to the By-Laws Committee. Council has still not received a report on this issue.

i.) Endowment Committee - Dean Martin gave report (attachment F) from Don Lovejoy indicating Endowment Fund was valued at \$114,790.97 at end of 2004 and there has been an increase of \$16,434.99 over course of year with gifts for year totaling \$12,704.04. Report approve as distributed and given.

j.) Medalist Committee - Barry Wharton went over qualifications and that there is one front runner at this time and that is Dr. Tom Crisman. He will get medal at banquet. Barry will contact other nominators that their nominations will be reviewed again next year. Report approved as given.

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 but he is willing to serve another elected term. Betty Hays agreed to run for another term as secretary. Treasurer Georgina Wharton is not sure of another term. Any nominations need to be sent to Barry Wharton by March 14th. After some discussion, it was requested that By Laws committee address change to By Laws to include Journal Business Manager and Web Master as Council members. Regarding current Councilors At Large Pat Dooris (appt) term is 2004-2006, Ralph Turingen (elected) is 2004-2006, Sanjay Sesodia (elected) is 2003-2005 and Richard Turner (appt) is 2003-2005. The last two have be be replaced/reelected/reappointed at March meeting. Report approved as given. Pat Dooris was appointed Councilor-At-Large for 2004-2006. Ralph Turingen was elected for 2004-2006 term.) Concern was raised that Ralph Turingen has not attended a meeting since being elected. President-Elect Trefry said he would follow up on this. Report approved as given.

l.) President - President Geiger reported that, with the assistance of President-Elect Trefry, they have discussed problems at the Office. Much time has been spent in reorganizing of office by Ed Haddad and Julie Regier. Ed has proposed \$5000 per year for Julie. Also need someone like Ed in office with Ed budgeted at \$10,000. Each will put in 500 hours per year. Julie is working on membership lists and getting together an up to date brochure. They need \$15,000 to support these efforts. Suggested we tap endowment for one year. Six months tapping was also suggested. Florida Scientist can generate \$20,000 so looks like there is one year to look for approval from Council. Motion made to appoint Ed Haddad as Executive Director and Julie Regier as Office Manager effective immediately. Motion approved unanimously. This item of taking money from endowment needs to be discussed at March Council meeting, Thursday

evening, and then approved at Business meeting on Friday and then again at June meeting of Council. Report approved as given.

5. Old Business - Webmaster Dan Odell asked all members to check web site and make sure it is working properly.

6. New Business

a.) Discussion of 2005 meeting - The Martins report (attachment H) was received. Council meeting is scheduled for 7pm at Wingate inn. Need to have hotel reservations in by February 19th for \$79 rate. Can get transportation to campus. Banquet tickets will be \$25. Parking will be \$3/head. They will need week or two notice for banquet seats over 50. They will use three buildings for sessions. Posters will be placed near registration desk, Rm 202 in Science Center. Meeting sponsors should be solicited. Barry will draft letter for sponsorship. Report approved as given.

b.) Tour of 2005 Meeting rooms - will follow meeting adjournment.

c.) Date of next Council meeting at USF. - March 17th, Thursday, as on program at Wingate Hotel.

d.) Participation of Councilors At Large - The By Laws have nothing to say on duties of At Large Councilors. Concern was raised regarding non-participation of elected/appointed Councilors at Council meetings. It was suggested that President should appoint jobs to Councilors At Large.

7. Adjournment: at 2:35pm

Sign in sheet attached (attachment I)

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Hays
Secretary

Note: Copies of attachments are available from Executive Secretary.

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