

Quarterly Council Meeting of the Florida Academy of Sciences  
Orlando Science Center - 11 September 2010  
Richard Turner, FAS President, presiding

1. Present: Tom Arnold, Pasco Avery, John Baker, Chris Brown, Gilbert Ellis, Dave Karlen, Leslie Lieberman, Jeremy Montague (minutes), Sanjay Sesodia, Amira Shkemi, Richard Turner, Pat Zalo, Kelli Zargiel. (Guests present: FAS Executive Director Ed Haddad and FAS Office Manager Julie Regier)
2. Apologies for Absence: Siamack Bondari, Kym Campbell, Carmen Carpenter, Mark Chiappone, Donald Lovejoy, Tom Manning, Dan Odell, Ramon Ruiz-Cruz, Jack Stout, John Trefry, Barry Wharton
3. Approval of 19 June 2010 Council Minutes: With the absence of Secretary Barry Wharton, Jeremy Montague agreed to serve as interim secretary for today's meeting. Pat Zalo made a minor correction to her 19 June 2010 comment concerning the Membership Committee and waivers for student registration fees at FAS/FJAS 2011. There being no other changes, the Minutes were accepted by Council.
4. Status of 2010-2011 Council – Richard Turner:
  - a. Richard Turner distributed the list of FAS Council Members for 2010-2011 (as of 9 September 2010).
    - i. Council appointed Mark Wade as Council-appointed Councilor-at-Large for 2010–2012.
    - ii. Turner announced his appointment of former FAS Medalist John Lawrence on the Honors Committee to replace Christian Clausen.
    - iii. Dr. Turner noted the appointment by FAS Executive Committee (15 July 2010) of Dr. Bibi Nafesa Singh (Barry University) as Chair-Elect of the Medical Sciences Section (MED).
  - b. Richard Turner noted that Council must elect at least three members to the Nominating Committee. Jeremy Montague and Sanjay Sesodia volunteered to join the Nominating Committee, and Council elected them. The Nominating Committee will seek nominees for the following offices to be presented at the 2011 FAS Annual Business Meeting:
    - i. President-Elect for 2011–2013.
    - ii. Secretary for 2011–2013 or 2011–2014.
    - iii. Treasurer for 2011–2013 or 2011–2014.
    - iv. Councilor-at-Large for 2011–2013.
5. Reports of Officers & Chairs of Standing Committees:
  - a. President & Executive Committee – Richard Turner:
    - i. No action items, no discussion.
    - ii. Report approved by Council.
  - b. Executive Director - Edward Haddad:
    - i. No action items.
    - ii. Edward Haddad noted the recent printing and distribution to Council members of the new FAS color brochure; each Council member was asked to take and distribute 15 brochures to colleagues and students.

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- iii. Edward Haddad also discussed estimates on the current memberships (see additional note under Finance Committee point e. ii. below).
- iv. Report approved by Council.
- c. Treasurer – Richard Turner for Ramon Ruiz-Carus:
  - i. The report noted a current positive net balance of income vs. expenses of \$14,928.20.
  - ii. The current *PayPal* account seems to be operating successfully. A motion was made to discontinue immediately our old credit card service account with Sun-Trust Bank; Council approved the motion.
  - iii. Report approved by Council.
- d. Florida Endowment for the Sciences Committee – Richard Turner for Don Lovejoy:
  - i. No action items.
  - ii. The report noted the generally healthy financial state of the FAS Endowment.
  - iii. Richard Turner noted that in January 2011 Council will decide on an amount to withdraw from the Endowment for the purpose of Year 2011 Operating Expenses.
  - iv. Sanjay Sesodia noted several points concerning the value of *Andover Energy Holdings Lmt.*, which has declined to the level of approximately \$0.02 per share. He noted the dilemma presented with a potential decision to either: (1) sell the remaining shares and absorb the losses now, or (2) hold onto the shares in hopes of recouping the losses if or when the value increases. Council made no motion concerning this discussion.
  - v. Report approved by Council.
- e. Finance Committee – Richard Turner:
  - i. No action items.
  - ii. Richard Turner noted that FAS has increased its number of Lifetime memberships, although our total memberships seem to have gone down; however, at this time of the year (before registration for FAS 2011) it can be difficult to precisely estimate total memberships for 2011.
  - iii. Richard Turner described more detail from the FAS 2010 budget sheets.
  - iv. Richard Turner noted that the *Florida Scientist* is currently in good financial shape, with enough money available to finish the 3/4 issue for 2010 because of an anonymous donation; this is expected to be a big issue.
  - v. Leslie Liebermann and Ed Haddad discussed the importance of securing corporate sponsorships for FAS 2011, with particular emphasis on the unique celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Meeting for 2011.
  - vi. Report approved by Council.
- f. Development Committee – Richard Turner:
  - i. No report, no action items.

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- g. Florida Junior Academy of Science – Pat Zalo:
  - i. No action items.
  - ii. Pat Zalo encouraged the continued support and participation by Council members in judging FJAS papers and presentations.
  - iii. The State Science and Engineering Fair is scheduled for 24 March 2011 at the Orlando Science Center; Pat Zalo requested any and all interested Council members to volunteer time and energy for judging during this competition (interested members were asked to contact Pat directly).
  - iv. Council reappointed Pat Zalo to a 3-year term, from 2010 to 2013.
  - v. Report approved by Council.
- h. Editor, *Florida Scientist* – Richard Turner for Tom Manning:
  - i. No action items.
  - ii. Richard Turner discussed the backlog of accepted articles accumulated due to the publication of the special issue on the Second Symposium of the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program (CHNEP); Tom Manning and John Trefry have been working on reducing this backlog (see also note below in the Report of the Journal Business Manager).
  - iii. Report approved by Council.
- i. Journal Business Manager – Richard Turner:
  - i. Richard Turner discussed the publication of the special issue of the Third CHNEP Symposium anticipated during 2011-2012. He noted that the CHNEP people have agreed to bear 100% of the publication cost for this upcoming special issue.
  - ii. Motion was made to accept the CHNEP offer for the publication of the Third Symposium special issue; Council approved.
  - iii. Richard Turner discussed progress on the *ProQuest* contract to include back issues of *Florida Scientist* in its electronic database (approved previously by Council in June 2010).
  - iv. Report approved by Council.
- j. Awards Committee – Richard Turner for Barry Wharton:
  - i. Barry Wharton, Ed Haddad and Julie Regier completed and sent the FAS 2010 award letters; copies of the student letters were also sent to the advisors.
  - ii. Council discussed the importance of having the section chairs return all awards paperwork to the Registration Table immediately at the conclusion of the section.
  - iii. Richard Turner discussed the Hays family wishes concerning the Elizabeth A. Hays Travel Award. The family hopes that selection will be based primarily but implicitly upon need rather than upon science.
  - iv. Motion was made to re-write the proposed awards criteria concerning: (1) eligibility for the Hays Travel Award, and (2) divide the total award amount of \$500 among five applicants

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(\$100 per applicant, and including an automatic waiver of the FAS 2011 registration fee);  
Council approved both parts of the motion.

- k. Program Committee – Jeremy Montague:
  - i. No report, no action items.
  - ii. Jeremy Montague discussed several minor revisions made to the Call for Abstracts in late September, and noted that the Call would be sent out in pdf format to all FAS members on 5 October 2010.
  - iii. Council discussed and approved the Call for Abstracts as amended.
  - iv. Leslie Lieberman is seeking grant funds for a poster display for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting in 2011; John Baker agreed to assist with the poster design, and they will review results at the January 2011 Quarterly Meeting.
  - v. Richard Turner noted that due to scheduling conflicts, Francisco Ayala declined the FAS invitation to be our Plenary Speaker in 2011. However, Richard also noted that \$500 is available from the Florida Sea Grant Program, and he is arranging an invitation to an oil spill expert from Texas A&M to serve as Plenary Speaker.
  - vi. Richard Turner noted that Terry Oswalt, Ph.D. (Head, Physics and Space Sciences Department, Florida Institute of Technology), will be our Medalist Speaker at the FAS Banquet (11 March 2011).
- l. Charter & Bylaws Committee:
  - i. No report, no action items.
  - ii. Leslie Lieberman noted that any current reference in the By-Laws to the so-called “*State Talent Coordinator*” is a non-issue, as the Talent Search no longer exists.
- m. Honors Committee – Richard Turner for Dan Odell:
  - i. No report, no action items.
  - ii. Also see item 4.a.ii.
- n. Nominating Committee – Richard Turner:
  - i. No report; see note 4. b. (p. 1).
- o. FAS Delegate to NAS/AAAS –Leslie Lieberman:
  - i. No report, no action items.
  - ii. Leslie Lieberman reported that she will be attending AAAS meetings in Washington, DC in February 2011.
  - iii. Leslie also noted that 2010-2011 will be her last year as FAS Delegate to NAS/AAAS. Council discussed possible candidates for replacement.
- p. Membership Committee – Dave Karlen:
  - i. No report, no action items.

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- q. Website – Richard Turner for Dan Odell:
  - i. No report, no action items.
- r. Local Arrangements Committee – John Trefry:
  - i. No report, no action items.
- s. Section Chair Reports:
  - i. AGR – Pasco Avery discussed plans on recruitment for abstracts.
  - ii. AOS – Kelli Zargiel expects a big turn-out of FIT presentations, particularly in an AOS special session planned in memory of Dr. Beth Irlandi-Hyatt (1963-2010); Kelli hopes to also expand the diversity of AOS topics presented at FAS 2011.
  - iii. ANT – Gil Ellis reviewed his letter-writing campaign focusing on college departments of anthropology and archaeology.
  - iv. CMS – Amira Schkempi (St. Leo University) discussed her strategy to draw in new math and computer science abstracts to FAS 2011.
  - v. ENG – John Baker will work on a new poster advertising FAS 2011 for college engineering departments around the Florida public and private colleges, particularly the new engineering program at Florida Gulf Coast University.
  - vi. GHS – Chris Brown discussed the Taylor Engineering Research Institute (TERI) at the University of North Florida and the potential for collaboration between TERI and the FAS 2011 sections in ENG and GHS.
  - vii. MED – Sanjay Sesodia expressed concern at the lack of diversity of submissions to the section and requested the councilors to encourage their medical science-oriented colleagues to submit items to the FAS. He would be doing the same at his and neighboring institutions.
  - viii. TCH – Tom Arnold discussed plans to build up participation in TCH by Community College science faculty; he also mentioned his plan to recruit mainly south of I-4 while TCH Co-Chair Carmen Carpenter will focus mainly north of I-4.

6. Old Business:

- a. No old action items; no discussion.

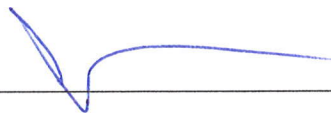
7. New Business:

- a. Next Quarterly Council Meeting: 22 January 2011 at Florida Institute of Technology (11 am)

8. Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Montague, Interim Secretary



5 January 2011