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# Florida Academy of Sciences

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## From the Executive Director

In support of our current membership drive, we have prepared new trifold brochures which describe the composition and workings of FAS and include an application form for new members. It is our objective to have a supply of these available at all major university campuses. If you would like a few of these brochures to give to prospective members, please contact Julie or me here at the office. Currently, the top 5 schools in terms of FAS membership are Florida Institute of Technology, University of Central Florida, Barry University, University of Florida, and University of South Florida (in the order listed).

I am beginning a program of meeting with key FAS personnel and Section Chairs at various universities to explore the expansion of FAS. All of you can participate in this growth program as you can see from the suggestions our President offers in the article to the right.

Currently there is a great deal of concern being expressed in the public arena regarding the state of science education and capability in the U.S. A primary mission of FAS is to support and advocate for science education here in Florida. One of the best ways we can do that is to be aware and supportive of the work of the Florida Junior Academy of Sciences (FJAS) which is an adjunct of FAS. Sixty seven students competed at the FJAS competition at our Annual Meeting at FIT in March. FAS senior members served as judges for this competition. Thirty two students were awarded plaques for placing in their session and another nine received ribbons for their outstanding presentations.

Please check our website [floridaacademyofsciences.org](http://floridaacademyofsciences.org) and follow the link to FJAS to learn more about the Junior Academy.

## FAS Annual Meeting Poster Session

At the last FAS council meeting held here in Orlando June 10, we discussed our annual meeting poster session. Plans are underway to expand both the venue and time for the poster session. Posters are an excellent way to convey research and studies findings in a concise format. With the poster author(s) present at the Poster Session, there are many opportunities for meaningful dialogue with science professionals regarding the poster subject. We welcome and encourage you to submit posters for the next FAS Annual Meeting. We are also planning to explore holding a small poster session here at the Orlando Science Center where select posters could be presented to the general public.

## FAS Sponsors

You or your company or employer are welcomed and encouraged to become an FAS Annual Sponsor. Sponsor fees of \$300 per year help to defray the operating costs of FAS and help support our awards programs. Sponsors receive a handsome display plaque, a listing of their firm in the *Florida Scientist* and a link to their website from the FAS website. For more information and a sponsor enrollment package, please contact the office.

## From the President via the Arctic

### “How can I help the FAS?”

Here are four ways that you can help us right now and in 2007.

1. Recruit new members. Encourage your colleagues and friends to join FAS. The academy provides an excellent local venue for students and faculty to present results of their research. Symposia, special sessions and poster sessions at the annual meeting have greatly increased the opportunities and reasons for participation in the annual meeting. By joining FAS, you also are an advocate for science in Florida and a supporter of the Florida Junior Academy of Sciences.
2. Submit a paper to the *Florida Scientist*. Our journal is well recognized in US and international libraries. It is a valuable and growing source of scientific research that relates to Florida. The growth in stature of any journal is tied to the number of papers submitted. You can help here by being sure that you submit an excellent paper.
3. Give the gift of membership to a student or junior colleague. This will encourage them to attend the annual meeting and become involved.
4. Become a Section Chair or Section Chair elect. Most sections do not have Section Chairs elect and good section chairs are important to the growth and success of the academy. Contact your Section Chair, the Executive Director, or me if you would like to participate in FAS on a more-than-once per year basis.



**FAS President John Trefry, June 2006.**  
**10 miles offshore in the Beaufort Sea, Alaska,**  
**tracking offshore dispersion of river runoff and suspended**  
**sediment under 6-foot thick ice during the spring melt.**

## Do We Have Your Correct Address?

If any of you are planning to change your address this fall, make sure that we have your current mailing address! This will ensure that you do not miss any mailings of the *Florida Scientist*. Also, please let us know of any changes to your e-mail address! All important member information is now sent **only** via e-mail. Rest assured, your e-mail address is never shared with any other members, nor ever released to any outside organizations.