

FLORIDA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING
Orlando Science Center
Orlando, Fl
June 11, 2005

Present: President John Trefry, President-Elect Dan Odell, Secretary Elizabeth Hays, Treasurer Georgina Wharton, Journal Editors Barbara and Dean Martin, Journal Business Manager Richard Turner, FJAS Coordinator Pat Zalo, Councilor-At-Large Sanjay Sesodia, Councilor-At-Large Barry Wharton, Section Chairs John Windsor (Atmospheric and Oceanographic Sciences), Program Chair Jeremy Montague, FAS Webmaster Dan Odell, Executive Director Ed Haddad, Office Manager Julie Regier, Helena Giannini, Catherine Corbett.

1. **Meeting Call to order; Welcome and Introductions** - Meeting called to order at 11:08 AM by President Trefry who welcomed everyone. Everyone introduced themselves.
2. **Apologies for Absence** – Past President Cherie Geiger, AAAS Delegate Leslie Lieberman, Section Chairs David Karlen (Biological Sciences), Jacci White (Computer and Mathematical Sciences), Al Hall (Engineering), Hamid Rassoul (Physical and Space Science), Maribeth Durst (Social Sciences) (attachment A), no response from other section chairs.
3. **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting – March 17, 2005** - (attachment B1). Minutes approved as distributed and emailed with following correction “At-Large-Councilor Sanjay Sesodia” should be corrected to “Councilor-At-Large Sanjay Sesodia”. Minutes of March 18th Annual Business Meeting also attached (attachment B2).
4. **Reports** –
 - a.) **Executive Director** – Ed Haddad reported he is reaching out to Section Chairs and is working on producing a section chairs manual which will become part of an operations manual. Membership renewal efforts have resulted in daily renewals. Report approved as distributed (attachment C) and given.
 - b.) **Treasurer** - Georgina Wharton reported that as of June 10, 2005, total assets were \$162,422.85 (attachment D1). She also indicated a net loss for the year of \$2027.17 (attachment D1, D2, D3). Report approved as distributed and given.
 - c.) **Journal Editors** - The Martins reported (attachment E) the spring issue of volume 68 appeared on time. The Summer issue of volume 68 has been proof-read and is ahead of schedule. The Autumn issue is about to go to Allen Press. They have some but not enough manuscripts for the Winter issue. Again old problems of wanting to receive more contributions from Council members and encourage Section Chairs to more aggressively encourage manuscript submission. Further discussion of journal articles on line and how to accomplish that was mentioned and will be discussed further under new business. Previous request of formation of a subcommittee to consider increasing the number of issues that have abstracts on line was brought up again. Report approved as distributed and given.

d.) **Journal Business Manager** - Richard Turner reported (attachment F) no progress in having journal added to Google Scholar. He requested Council consider increasing library rate for 2006 to \$50. Electronic publishing needs to be looked into. FIT may be able to provide some help in this and this is worth exploration. He mentioned that special issues need to be addressed as does the fact that term of office of Editors Martin expires in December, 2005. He indicated that the latter plus Renewal Notice for 2006 will be discussed under new business. An increase in library rate to \$50 was approved unanimously. Richard Turner and Barry Wharton will be on the committee to explore electronic publication. Report was approved as received and given.

e.) **Section Chair Coordinator and Section Chairs** – Program Chair Montague report (attachment G) included data on number of papers given from 1997 to 2005 (Figure 1), 2005 session total (Figure 2), and the change in number of presentations by section between 2004 and 2005 (Figure 3). He also reported the results of the 2005 survey of annual meeting attendees. Major finding was that FAS 2005 was attended mainly for the purpose of presentation. Attendees were mainly younger female students and older male faculty at colleges and universities. The most respondents preferred the current two day format. Report approved as submitted and given.

f.) **FJAS** – Pat Zalo reported (attachment H) that 84 students competed at FJAS at annual meeting with five students eligible for American Junior Academy of Science trip to St. Louis. Forty one students who competed at FJAS also competed at the State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida and again a majority of the awards went to students who had competed in FJAS. Fifteen FJAS competitors also presented at Intel Science Fair and five placed in that competition. One concern raised was the paucity of judges and in a number of cases only one judge was available in the room. A second concern was middle school students presenting at FAS rather than FJAS. It was felt this was a unique situation that should not happen in future. Report approved as distributed and given.

g.) **Awards Committee** – Councilor-at-Large Sesodia reported (attachment I) that the award forms need to have full address, the need for two judges for each session and concern of conflict of interest when section chairs judge presentations from their own department. Report approved as given.

h.) **Charter and By-Laws Committee** – no report. Ed Haddad requested a committee relook at by-laws in entirety. Leslie Lieberman with Ed, Dan Odell and Sanjay Sesodia will work on this. Report approved as given.

i.) **Endowment Committee** - Dean Martin gave report (attachment J) from Committee which indicated assets as of May 31st at \$126,181.37. Report approved as distributed and given.

j.) **Medalist Committee** – no report. Chair of committee is now Cherie Geiger with Barry Wharton and Maribeth Durst. Approved as given.

k.) **Nominating Committee** – Jeremy Montague will be added to committee along with Barry Wharton and Elizabeth Hays. Report approved as given.

l.) **President** - President Trefry reported (attachment K) his focus is on number of members and dollars. He spoke about efforts to increase membership and corporate sponsorship to raise immediate additional income to reduce this years deficit. Report approved as given.

m.) **FAS Delegate to NAAS/AAAS** – President Trefry mentioned the nice article by Leslie Lieberman on the March Annual meeting. Ed Haddad wants to look at more perks we can obtain from membership in the national group. Approved as given.

Break at 12:20pm for lunch. Meeting resumed at 12:50pm.

5. Old Business – none

6. New Business

a.) **Current Initiatives to Expand FAS Membership and enhance finances.** 1) President Trefry spoke about his goal to pick up 150 members. We need to increase FAS members within Florida universities. Suggest development of trifold brochure or one sheet, that is, he wants one uniform informational sheet. Ed Haddad and President Trefry will develop a one pager to send to the universities. President Elect Dan Odell is official membership chairman. John Windsor suggested that faculty mentors pay for membership for their students. We should also use the section chairs to get more members involved. 2) Finances – The Finance Committee has been reconstituted. The Committee met and minutes of meeting were circulated (attachment L). A budget for 2005 was prepared (attachment M) showing a \$10,000 deficit. A way to help with current year is to get more corporate sponsors. A brochure is being prepared as to why to become a corporate sponsor with perks as separate web page listing, a plaque in office, renew each year. For this year and 2006 cost is \$300. May get journal as a perk. After two to three years on sponsorship, may get additional perks as free vendor space at annual meeting. Need FAS members who can carry informational packets to a corporation as a personal touch. Need names of potential corporations to be approached sent to Ed Haddad. Caution was raised about need to perhaps reject sponsorships. This is felt to be separate from corporate membership.

b.) **2006 Meeting at FIT/Future Meeting Sites** – March 10th and 11th for 2006 meeting. John Trefry spoke about Indian River Symposium and that this will be the 70th anniversary of FAS. Local arrangements chair has still not been appointed. Hamid Rasoul will help out. President Trefry feels things are going well at FIT for this meeting. 2007 meeting – Jeremy Montague indicated he would see if Barry could support another meeting. For 2008, Sea World/Space Center, Harbor Branch, St. Leo were mentioned. A number of members will try to make contact with these institutions to see viability and will contact Ed Haddad by end of June.

c.) **Summary of Section Chair responsibilities and plan for reporting awards for papers presented.** President Trefry wants all award winners names at the annual meeting. Also need results of section meetings and names of newly elected section chairs also at annual meeting. This may be difficult but is a goal to try to achieve. Much discussion about role of section chairs in recruitment of members. Bottom line is to increase membership.

d.) **Special Issue of Florida Scientist.** Catherine Corbett spoke about request for special issue regarding the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program (NEP) triennial conferences. NEP will provide financial support and would peer review. There are three lead editors and two reviewers. May need memorandum of understanding. Current journal editors would review for Florida Scientist consistency. Proposal was accepted by Council members.

e. **Digitalization issue.** Richard Turner and Barry Wharton will investigate what it will cost, funding sources. They will meet on this and report at next meeting.

f. **Florida Scientist Editors** Discussion of Martin's offer to accept another two year term as Editors of Florida Scientist (attachment O). The Council recognized and acknowledged the fine work of the Martins over the past number of years. The council approved the continuance of Martins as editors for the next two years. The issue of need for associate editor was raised to smooth the transition to a new editor(s) in the future.

g. **Date of next meeting.** Next meeting is scheduled for September 17th at OSC.

7. **Adjournment:** at 2:25pm

Sign in sheet attached (attachment P)

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Hays
Secretary

Note: Copies of attachments are available from Executive Secretary.

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