

**FLORIDA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES**  
QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING  
Holiday Inn  
Orlando, FL  
March 11, 2004

Present: President Cherie Geiger, Past President Barry Wharton, President Elect, John Trefry, Secretary Elizabeth Hays, Treasurer Georgina Wharton, Journal Editors Barbara and Dean Martin, Journal Business Manager Richard Turner, Councilor At Large Sanjay Sesodia, JFAS Coordinator Pat Zalo, Section Chairs Allen Smith (Medical Sciences) and Maribeth Durst (Social Sciences), Program Chair Jeremy Montague, Dan Odell (FAS Webmaster), Fran Ragsdale (University of Central Florida)

1. **Meeting Call to order; Welcome and Introductions** - Meeting called to order at 7:20pm by President Geiger who welcomed everyone. Everyone introduced themselves.
2. **Apologies for Absence** - no information except for Leslie Lieberman who is out of the country.
3. **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting - January 10, 2004** -(attachment A). Minutes approved as distributed and emailed.

**I. Reports**

- a.) Executive Secretary - In Rebecca Amonett's absence, there was no report.
- b.) Treasurer - Georgina Wharton reported that as of March 11, 2004, total assets were \$146,274.18 (attachment B1). For the 2004 year, net income was \$11,967.68 (attachment B2). Approved as distributed.
- c.) Journal Editors - The Martins reported (attachment C1) the distribution of volume 67 winter issue, spring issue manuscripts have been sent to printer and they are working on summer issue. They reminded us of ongoing problem of getting journal into Current Contents. They also circulated "Current Procedures for Editing the **Florida Scientist**" (attachment C2) and "How to Become editor of **Florida Scientist**", a power point presentation put together with the help of Journal Business Manager Richard Turner (attachment C3). Report approved as given.
- d.) Journal Business Manager - Richard Turner highlighted report (attachment D). Approved as given.
- e.) Section Chair Coordinator and Section Chairs - Jeremy Montague circulated minutes of January 10th meeting chaired by Sanjay Sesodia (attachment E). Jeremy reported on difficulties in sending electronic version of program book. He indicated abstracts were now on line. Jeremy was commended for all the work he has done this year to put together a great program and program book. Report approved as given.
- f.) FJAS - Pat Zalo's report (attachment F) was received, highlighted, particularly her need for adult judges, and approved.
- g.) Awards Committee - Sanjay Sesodia reported on problem of getting section chairs to submit list of who is up for awards. He suggested working on on-line registration in the future. Barry Wharton and Dan Odell will look to paying on line. Behren's award was a problem, trying to coordinate the award with FIO. There is a need to improve communication. Sanjay requested information on student awards. Elizabeth Hays requested that award winners be printed in **The Florida Scientist**.

h.) Charter and By-Laws Committee - no report. Secretary Hays reminded Council that at January meeting that the issue of the 4-year limit on student membership was referred to the By-Laws Committee. This committee needs to address this issue expeditiously.

i.) Endowment Committee - Dean Martin submitted report (attachment G) that included a recommendation to transfer endowment from Schwab to Wachovia Securities in Palm Beach. Input from Council was requested on this issue.

j.) Medalist Committee - Barry Wharton reported that the 2004 medalist will be Dr. Jerald T. Milanich of University of Florida.

k.) Nominating Committee - Pat Dooris was appointed Councilor-At-Large for 2004-2006. Ralph Turingen was nominated for elected seat for 2004-2006 term. Report approved as given.

l.) President - President Geiger reported on Executive Secretary search. She indicated that Ed Haddad, a retired nuclear engineer has expressed an interest. She will meet with him on March 23rd. Will use some students for day to day needs. She feels Haddad could be a true Executive Secretary. She indicated the Orlando Science Center provides lots of service to FAS. FAS should invite them to the banquet in the future. Some were invited to this year's banquet. A number of concerns were raised by Richard Turner regarding credit card charges. Richard and Georgina Wharton need to work with President Geiger on getting a process that will work at this time. Report accepted as given.

#### **5. Other Business**

a.) Redesign of Website - now an easy site to navigate. Dan Odell will refine on blue scheme.

#### **6. New Business**

a.) Need to bring up at business meeting that \$10,000 can be drawn from the endowment. Will decide in June to formalize it if membership agrees.

b.) Because the Martins, as of January, 2004, are in two-year term as Editors, FAS needs to form a search committee to look in near future for new editor. The question of journal diversity was also raised.

c.) Pat Zalo was reappointed to her position as head of JFAS.

d.) Discussion of 2004 Annual Meeting - Fran Ragsdale indicated still some preparatory work to do but all should be fine.

e.) 2005 Annual Meeting will be at University of South Florida in Tampa during their Spring break. 2006 meeting is tentatively scheduled for Florida Institute of Technology.

f.) Next Council meeting will be June 19th at Orlando Science Center.

#### **7. Adjournment: at 9:20pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Hays  
Secretary