

**FLORIDA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES**  
**QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING**

Orlando Science Center  
Saturday, September 13, 2003

Present: President Cherie Geiger, Past President Barry Wharton, President Elect John Trefry, Secretary Elizabeth Hays, Treasurer Georgina Wharton, AAAS Delegate Leslie Lieberman, Program Chair Jeremy Montague, Journal Business Manager Richard Turner, Councilors At Large Rita Karpie and Sanjay Sesodia, JFAS Coordinator Pat Zalo, Section Chairs Al Hall (Engineering Sciences) and Allen Smith (Medical Sciences), Assistant Executive Director Rebecca Amonett, Dan Odell (FAS Webmaster), John Windsor (member) and Fran Ragsdale and Kristen Spotz (Environmental Chemistry and Chemical Sciences Section Chair)

**1. Meeting Call to order; Welcome and Introductions** - Meeting was called to order at 1:03pm by President Cherie Geiger. All present introduced themselves. (Attendance sign in attached to minutes)

**2. Apologies for Absence** - Apology from Mary Beth Durst, the Martins, Don Lovejoy and Dan McCarthy for absence received.

**3. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of June 14, 2003** - Minutes were approved as written (attachment A) with following corrections: third line of present Leslie Lieberman is AAAS delegate; fourth line Richard Turner is Journal Business Manager. On page 2 under reports, item D correction is "He announced the foreign postage rate will be \$15 for 2005 and it was recommended and approved to charge the University of Florida Exchange \$26 for next year."

**4. Reports**

a. Executive Secretary - Report distributed (attachments B, B1, B2, B3). Rebecca presented a well-developed plan to address issue of dwindling membership and low visibility (B1). She distributed a draft of brochure for academy (B2) as well as a listing of current FAS activities and proposed activities (B3). Discussion ensued as to approach FAS should use to address these issues. A subcommittee, chaired by Rita Karpie, with Pat Zalo, John Trefry and Rebecca was formed to work on these activities. A meeting of President Geiger with the new head of the Orlando Science Center is being planned. The FAS may also want to develop a power point presentation for publicity purposes and to present to the OSC Council/Board of Directors. Report approved as distributed and given.

b. Treasurers Report - Georgina Wharton distributed report (attachment C) which was approved as given and distributed. As of March 19, 2003, total assets and liabilities and equity were \$201,843.07.

c. Journal Editors - The Martins report (attachment D) was distributed and items were discussed. Dan Odell had raised issue of copyright form attached to Martin's report. This is to add a line to copyright form and also to be published in paper per addition to instructions to authors and as part of the reviewers check list that authors have obtained approval from Institutional Review Board (human subjects), animal welfare committee where human subjects/animals are used in the research. Individuals volunteered to send examples to the Martins for guidelines as to format of signoff. An Editorial Advisory board idea was discussed. President Geiger received listing of editor's responsibility. Names for potential members for board should be sent to President Geiger by end of October. A future question that needs to be addressed is should all authors sign off on copyright form. Report accepted as distributed and discussed.

d. Journal Business Manager - Richard Turner distributed his annual report (attachment E) which was accepted as distributed.

e. Section Chair Coordinator/Section Chairs - Program Chair Jeremy Montague reported on Section Chair meeting earlier in day. He mentioned potentially sending a survey to members regarding keeping the Medical Sciences meeting on Saturday. He mentioned the November 14th deadline for abstract submissions was hard and fast but later submissions may be possible. Program needs to be sent to publisher by January 15th.

f. Junior Florida Academy of Sciences - Pat Zalo's report (attachment F) accepted as distributed.

g. Awards Committee - no report

h. Charter & ByLaws - no report

i. Endowment Committee - report (attachment G) circulated. Discussion ensued with following comments: need to be invested in more diversification of both moderate and conservative, less reliance on stock market. Members may want to share information or ideas with members of committee. President Geiger requested comments be sent to her in the next two weeks. Report approved as distributed.

j. Medalist Committee - Barry Wharton is now chair. He mentioned the nomination form currently goes out with Call for Abstracts. He wants the form emailed to potential nominators of potential medalists. Report approved as given.

k. Nominating Committee - Barry Wharton and Elizabeth Hays will work on ballot. Elected replacement for Councilor-at-Large Rita Karpie is needed. Council was reminded that appointed Councilor-at Large position for 2003-2004 needs to be filled. Dan Odell was appointed to fill that position. Report approved as given.

l. President's Report - nothing other to report

**6. Old Business:** none

**7. New Business:**

a. 2004 Annual Meeting - Fran Ragsdale reported that a University could not be found in the Central Florida region to host the annual meeting. Thus she tried to find accommodations at UCF. She presented report (attachment H). Engineering building will be used for sessions on Friday and Junior Academy on Saturday. Details are still being worked on.

b. Date of next Council meeting - January 10th at UCF.

c. AAAS awards - no discussion

d. Statewide annual dues - comparison report distributed (attachment I)

e. Recent History of Annual meeting sites (attachment J)

**10. Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at 3:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Hays  
Secretary

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