

**FLORIDA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES  
QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING**

Orlando Science Center

Saturday, June 14, 2003

Present: President Cherie Geiger, President Elect John Trefry, Past President Barry Wharton, Secretary Elizabeth Hays, Treasurer Georgina Wharton, Past Local Arrangements Co-Chair/NAAS/AAAS Delegate Leslie Lieberman, Program Chair Jeremy Montague, Journal Business Manager Richard Turner, Councilors At Large Rita Karpie and Sanjay Sesodia, FJAS Coordinator Pat Zalo, Section Chair Coordinator Rick Copeland, Section Chairs Al Hall (Engineering Sciences), Martin Adjei (Agriculture and Natural Resources), Tom Greenhalgh (Geology/Hydrology) and Allen Smith (Medical Sciences), Executive Secretary Rebecca Amonett.

Absent: Chair Medalist Committee Mary Beth Durst, Councilor At Large Jan Ems-Wilson, Journal Co-Editors Dean and Barbara Martin, Dan Odell (FAS Webmaster)

**1. Meeting Call to order; Welcome and Introductions** - Meeting was called to order at 1:07pm by President Cherie Geiger. All present introduced themselves.

**2. Apologies for Absence** - Apologies received from the Martins, Dan Odell, Maribeth Durst, Jacci White (attachment A)

**3. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of March 20, 2003** - Minutes were approved as written and distributed (attachment B).

**4. Reports**

a. Executive Secretary - Report distributed (attachment C). Rebecca highlighted a few items as 372 members, very old computer in office, few student members (63), PR campaign she wishes to initiate pending Council approval to increase student membership. Additional discussion on computer issue and PR campaign was postponed to later in agenda under New Business. Report approved as given.

b. Treasurer's Report - Georgina distributed report (attachment D) which contained a financial statement for January 1 through June 12. Statement showed a net deficit of \$673.62. No significant change in total assets since March, 2003 report. Report approved as given.

c. Journal Editors - The Martins' report was distributed and discussed (attachment E). The Martins are willing to accept another two year term but, as the Martins recommended, there was some discussion of a change in editorship sometime in the future, perhaps as soon as two years in future. Some change in the journal itself in the future may warrant consideration. President may want to establish an ad hoc committee at the next meeting to begin addressing these challenges. The Council welcomed the Martins willingness to serve another two year term and endorsed this. Report accepted as distributed.

d. Journal Business Manager - Richard Turner distributed his report (attachment F1-F10). Quite a bit of time was spent reviewing balance sheet (F4). Some suggested an increase in foreign postage rate to \$15 for CY 2005. He went over his recommendations (F2) and recommendation to change

the University of Florida journal exchange rate to \$26 for next year. Approved. Report approved as given.

e1. Program Chair - Jeremy Montague reported on his morning meeting with the Section Chair Coordinator and Section Chairs. After much discussion, it was the general consensus that the Section Chairs stick to 15 minute sessions unless there are individual needs for thirty minutes which can be set up as two back to back sessions. He spoke about AV needs/concerns with the PowerPoint setups. Only minor problems at last meeting. Jeremy is talking to Webmaster Dan Odell for better coordination with website. There was discussion of possible changes in meeting days and it was felt that Council should ask for membership input on that issue. Jeremy will draft a survey to Barry Wharton for review for possible distribution to membership for their opinion. Pat Zalo expressed quite a bit of concern of meeting day changes on the JFAS. Council may want to discuss this further in the future. Further discussion turned to one day registration and it was voted to remove the one day registration option. Then discussion turned to spouses, parents and other guests. It was approved to include a place on registration form for guests with the minimal charge of \$5. The question of picking up registration material personally was postponed to future meeting.

e2. Section Chair Coordinator - Rick Copeland reported that most of the issues had been addressed during Jeremy's report. Approved as given.

f. Awards Committee - Sanjay Sesodia was appointed chair of this committee - no report

g. Charter & ByLaws - Leslie Lieberman reported no need for any changes at this time. Accepted as given.

h. Endowment Committee - Barry Wharton reported that paper work has been passed onto new trustees. Committee will be requested to give a report at next meeting.

i. Finance Committee - no report

j. Medalist Committee - no report

k. Nominating Committee - Barry Wharton will get together a list of current officers and their term of office. Report approved as given. Still need to appoint Councilor-At-Large to replace Jan Ems Wilson. Rita Karpie has one more year on her term and Sanjay Sesodia was elected to a two year term at the March 2003 business meeting.

l. Junior Florida Academy of Sciences - Pat Zalo requested permission to use FAS logo on t-shirts for FJAS; approved. Written report (attachment G) approved as given.

m. President's report - President Geiger indicated she is working with Ted Rochow to finalize awards. She needs to work with Sanjay Sesodia and Rick Copeland for future plans for awards. Report approved as given.

n. Other - none

## **5. Old Business - none**

## **6. New Business**

a. 2004 Annual Meeting - Florida Gulf Coast has agreed to host meeting but will have to charge for rooms, equipment, etc. Discussion of other possibilities that would not require excessive costs. Rollins was mentioned. Getting somewhat desperate for a site. President Geiger will work to confirm a site as soon as possible.

b. Community Service Projects - President Geiger asked 'What do we do for the Orlando Science Center?'. She would like to establish a series at the Center where once a month a FAS member would give a presentation to the community. There would be some travel support for speaker. Also area science students could do demonstrations at the Science Center as a Community

Service project. The Council endorsed Cherie going ahead on this project.

c. New computer and printer for Executive Office. Board approved purchase of new unit with upper cost limit of \$1000. Barry Wharton was given task of selecting and purchasing new computer.

d. PR campaign - Council approved that Rebecca move forward with full development of PR campaign as outlined in her report.

e. Rebecca did a recalculation of time spent on FAS business and recommended compensation be reduced to \$10,000 for next year to better reflect actual time spent. Approved with stipulation that reduced salary reflects reduced hours spent and, if more time is needed to carry out FAS business than those outlined in proposal, that Rebecca come back to FAS with request for additional compensation. It was also suggested that a stronger link with the Orlando Science Center might allow FAS an opportunity for broader funding opportunity for Executive Assistant position.

**7. Dates of Next Meetings** - Next Council will be September 13, 2003 at Orlando Science Center.

**8. Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at 3:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Hays  
Secretary

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