

FLORIDA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING

March 14, 2008

Location: Jacksonville University, Gooding Building, Room 115

Present: President Dan Odell, President Elect/Journal Business Manager Richard Turner, Past President John Trefry, Secretary Elizabeth Hays, Treasurer Georgina Wharton, Councilor At Large/ Interim Chair (Urban and Regional Planning) Barry Wharton, Councilor At Large Dan McCarthy, Councilor At Large/Biological Sciences Section Co-chair Dave Karlen; Journal Editors Barbara and Dean Martin, FAS Delegate to NAAS/By-Laws Chair Leslie Lieberman; Section Chairs/Co-chairs: Joseph Albano (Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences); Nancy Sloan (Atmospheric and Ocean Sciences); Mark Wade (Environmental and Chemical Sciences); Sanjay Sesodia (Medical Sciences); Co-chairs Eric Perlman and Niescja Turner (Physics and Space Sciences); Jack Stout (Rare and Endangered); Pat Draves (Social Sciences); Program Chair Jeremy Montague; Executive Director Ed Haddad; Office Manager Julie Regier.

Guests: Cherie Geiger (Past - President).

Absent:: Councilor At Large/Environmental Chemistry and Chemical Sciences Section Chair Kathy Carvalho-Knighton; JFAS Coordinator Pat Zalo; Florida Endowment for the Sciences Trustee Don Lovejoy; Florida Endowment for the Sciences Trustee George Dooris; Section Chairs/(Co-Chairs): John Schultz (Anthropological Sciences); Steven Harper (Biological Sciences); Jacci White and Siamack Bondari (Computer/Mathematical Sciences); Al Hall (Engineering Sciences); Jack Stout (Florida Rare and Endangered Species); Mike Gurr (Geology/Hydrology); Robin Jordan (Science Teaching);

1. **Meeting Called to Order, Welcome and Introductions** – Meeting called to order by President Odell at 10:17am. All in attendance were welcomed and everyone introduced themselves.
2. **Apologies for Absences** – received from Al Hall, Steven Harper, and Don Lovejoy. In addition, Steven Harper indicated he needed to resign as Co-Chair of Biological Sciences (attachments A).
3. **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting – January 19, 2008** – Minutes (attachment B) were approved as corrected that Jack Stout was present even though listed under absences..
4. **Reports**
 - a.) Presidents Report – President Odell highlighted some of the items in his written report (attachment C) which included an expression of “sincere gratitude to Georgina Wharton for her nine year’s of service as Academy’s Treasurer”, bumper sticker is now available for purchase, confirmation of 2009 annual meeting at St. Leo University, and the publication of Indian River Lagoon Symposium papers. Report approved as distributed and given.
 - b.) Executive Director – Edward Haddad (attachment D) reviewed highlights of his written report. Included were membership and annual meeting status report, a very small increase in membership, the bumper sticker completion and availability for purchase, the continuing work on glossy brochure and web site, continuing but very slow progress on Lockheed Martin application, and a variety of initiatives (including a potential opportunity to help in Wet N Wild’s Education program) in the support of science education and increasing public awareness of science. He also indicated that FAS has attained \$4200 in sponsorship money for the annual meeting. Report approved as distributed and given.
 - c.) Treasurer – Georgina Wharton’s report (attachments E) indicated a net loss as of March, 2008 of \$6156.68. Total assets as of March, 2008 was \$213,124.84 up from \$174,435.23 at end of previous year. Report approved as distributed and given.

- d.) Journal Editors – Dean and Barbara Martin’s report (attachment F) indicated they are up-to-date on issues and all issues are on time if not early. They are in their 25th year of service as Editors of *Florida Scientist*. Dean discussed ways editing was done in the past and that now it is much more a business operation. Authors inability to follow instructions continues to be a problem. He felt there are a variety of challenges in the editing job today. He reminded us that the Martins had submitted their resignation as editors last year and that December 2009 will be their resignation date. In regards to the action item regarding donations in their report, it was indicated that FAS does have a letter that is used when donations are made to the Academy. Report approved as distributed and given.
- e.) Journal Business Manager – Richard Turner reported (attachments G) that postal accounts in Melbourne and Lawrence KS remain active. Included was a detailed summary of financial status of volumes 69, 70, 71 of *Florida Scientist*. Invoices for first issue of volume 71 have already been sent out. He reminded us that the fourth issue of 2007 was the Indian River Symposium which was produced at no cost to the Academy. Report approved as distributed and given.
- f.) Section Chair Coordinator & Section Chairs – Jeremy Montague reported (attachment H) annual meeting session totals by section and a graph of total papers which indicated that FAS papers alone resulted in lowest number since USF meeting in 1999 but when GAS papers were added the total number came close to reaching the FIT number in 2006. Jeremy thanked a number of FAS and FAS section chairs who were very helpful to him as he put together the annual meeting program. Report approved as distributed and given.
- g.) FJAS - Patricia Zalo was absent but Dave Karlen reported they still needed judges for Saturday particularly in junior physical science and literary. Report accepted as given.
- h.) Awards Committee - Barry Wharton indicated student’s oral form has been updated. Also, they will rate top three posters. Report approved as given.
- i.) Charter & Bylaws Committee – Leslie Lieberman – no changes needed. Report approved as given
- j.) Endowment Committee – Trustee report (attachment I) indicated a value as of February 29th, 2008 of \$198,583.89. Income for year was \$10,743.93. Don Lovejoy was again commended for the fantastic job he has been doing with the help of the other trustees. It was requested that President Odell send a thank you note to Don and committee members on the fine job they are doing. Report approved as distributed.
- k.) Medalist Committee - John Trefry reported that John Lawrence, marine biologist at USF was this year’s Medalist. Robert Holton was scheduled 2007 speaker. Report approved as given.
- l.) Nominating Committee – John Trefry indicated that Elizabeth Hays has agreed to run for another term as secretary. Also Councilor-at-large McCarthy will run for another term. It was indicated that two interested members have stepped forward to consider the position of treasurer. One has been vetted by Richard Turner but other has not. Report approved as given.
- m.) Representative to NAAS/AAS – Leslie Lieberman indicated that her electronic copy of report had not been received. She mentioned the science debate at AAAS meeting. She spoke on COPUS which is working to increase public understanding of science. She

indicated positions are open on board. Poster/oral presentations of Junior Academy were very good. Report approved as given.

- n.) Finance Committee – Dan Odell indicated more discussions needed on Lockheed grant. Report approved as given. Motion made to have an audit done of financial reports as transition is made to new treasurers. Elizabeth Hays agreed to do an internal audit.
- o.) Membership Committee – Richard Turner – Executive Directors report indicated loss of student members. Perhaps some incentives to increase student membership could be developed. Report approved as given.
- p.) Annual Meeting Program Chair – Jeremy Montague has already reported above 4f.
- q.) Annual Meeting Local Arrangements Chair – Dan McCarthy indicated no report at this time. A big thank you was given to Dan for all he did to put this meeting together.

5. Old Business

- a.) Web Site redesign – Patrick Draves will continue work. Leslie Lieberman suggested a contest for web site design via OSC. Ed Haddad and Dan Odell will work on this.
- b.) Grant Application was already discussed.
- c.) Video grants – Barry Wharton indicated forms were submitted and comments were received. Grant would be up to \$5000 which would require withdrawal from endowment to give money up front. FAS will be underwriters, owners or cosponsors. Approval to withdraw from endowment.

6. New Business

- a. 2008 Annual meeting – nothing more
- b. Report from Georgia Academy – none
- c. Site for 2009 Annual meeting – Patrick Draves will be local arrangement chair for St. Leo meeting. He will get us date soon.
- d. Current Initiatives – need to sell bumper stickers. Finance Committee will consider a sharing of income with science groups on individual campuses. Ed will continue to work on these initiatives.
- e. Finance – Academy will withdraw up to \$10,000 as needed. Old approved withdrawal is good until June.
- f. Other – Leslie Lieberman spoke on evolution debate and battle is not over. Bills at Florida House and Senate to add Intelligent Design to science curriculum. Need immediate submission to legislators. Will be sent out by email for member approval.

7. Adjournment – at 11:58am.

Attendance sheet (attachment JK)

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Hays
Secretary

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