

FLORIDA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING
Davis Building 102
University of South Florida - St. Petersburg
St. Petersburg, Fl
March 15, 2007

Present: President John Trefry, President Elect Dan Odell, Past President Cherie Geiger; Secretary Elizabeth Hays, Treasurer Georgina Wharton, Councilor At Large Barry Wharton, Councilor At Large Dan McCarthy, Councilor At Large Sanjay Sesodia, Councilor At Large/Journal Business Manager Richard Turner; Journal Editors Barbara and Dean Martin; FAS Delegate to NAAS/By-Laws Chair Leslie Lieberman; JFAS Coordinator Pat Zalo: Section Chairs (Co-Chairs); Patrick Draves (Social Sciences); FJAS Chair Pat Zalo; Program Chair Jeremy Montague; Local Arrangements Chair Kathy Carvalho-Knighton; Executive Director Ed Haddad; Office Manager Julie Regier.

Absent: Joseph Albano (Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences); John Schultz (Anthropological Sciences); Nancy Sloan (Atmospheric and Ocean Sciences); David Karlen and Steven Harper (Biological Sciences); Jacci White and Siamack Bondari (Computer/Mathematical Sciences); Al Hall (Engineering Sciences); Paul Higgs (Environmental and Chemical Sciences); Jack Stout (Florida Rare and Endangered Species); Saleh Naser (Medical Sciences) Ramon Lopez (Physics and Space Sciences); Robin Jordan (Science Teaching);

Guests: Georgia Academy of Sciences President-Elect Bob McDonough

1. **Meeting Call to order; Welcome and Introductions** - Meeting called to order at 11:05pm by President Trefry who welcomed everyone. Everyone introduced themselves.
2. **Apologies for Absence** - Don Lovejoy
3. **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting - January 13, 2007** - (attachment A). Minutes approved as emailed and distributed (attachment A).
4. **Reports -**
 - a.) **Executive Director** - Ed Haddad's report (attachment B) included membership status as well as Annual Meeting status as of March 2007, end of 2006, current FAS initiatives including publicity, newsletter, increasing revenue and funding, expanding membership, FAS outreach and FJAS interface. Secretary Hays expressed concern of loss of key personnel at OSC and potential impact on FAS. None was noted at this time. Report approved as given and distributed.
 - b. **President** - John Trefry gave some highlights of his final written report as President (attachment C). Work continues on the 2008 Jacksonville meeting with the Georgia Academy. President Trefry will attend 2007 GAS meeting in Albany, GA March 30-31. President Trefry shared a one-page What is FAS? sheet (attachment C1) to use for publicity for FAS. He thanked President-Elect Odell for his efforts for sponsorships. FAS is still waiting to hear about inclusion in Current Contents. Section Chair Draves raised issue of need for release forms for photographs of individuals for use by FAS. He agreed to put together a release form for tomorrow. Report approved as circulated and given.
 - c. **Treasurer** - Georgina Wharton reported that as of March 6, 2007, total assets were \$198,499.96 (attachment D1,D2,D3). She also indicated a current net profit of \$6,493.49. Members were again reminded that the Academy is not on a stable plan even though the numbers look more positive on paper. Report approved as distributed

and given.

d.) Journal Editors - The Martins report (attachment E) included that Hal Miller is an Associate Editor and Pat Dooris has agreed to serve as Advertising Manager. Report approved as given and distributed.

e.) Journal Business Manager - Richard Turner indicated a new three year contract with Allen Press for printing services, testing out electronic manuscript processing and only invoice (checks in the mail) still outstanding. In his report (attachment F), he reminded members that the Editors term expires December, 2008. No management recommendations were given. Report approved as given and distributed.

f.) Section Chair Coordinator and Section Chairs - Program Chair Montague reported (attachment G) a total of 186 papers for this meeting and presented graph of number of oral and poster presentations over past ten years. He noted that in past four years sections ENV and SOC showed growth while AGR, RES, MED showed decline. Other sections were relatively stable or showed no pattern. Report was approved as given and circulated.

g.) FJAS - Pat Zalo arrived at 7:35pm (her report (attachment H) was postponed until her arrival). Report accepted as given and distributed.

h. Awards Committee - Councilor-at-Large Sesodia thanked all for help all have provided to him in the past as this is his last meeting as Awards Chair. He urged all section chairs to get their reports in before end of day Friday. Report accepted as given.

i.) Charter and By-Laws Committee - No report.

j.) Endowment Committee - Dean Martin gave report and commended Don Lovejoy on his very diligent work on the endowment. Report approved as given.

k.) Medalist Committee - Barry Wharton Dr. Robert Holton of FSU will be at banquet on Friday night. Report approved as given.

l.) Nominating Committee - The committee recommended Richard Turner as President - Elect and David Karlen as Councilor At Large to replace Sanjay Sesodia in elections tomorrow at Business Meeting. Current Councilors are Dan McCarthy - elected (2006-2008); Barry Wharton - appointed (2006-2008); Richard Turner - appointed (2005-2007, will be replaced at June, 2007 Council meeting); Sanjay Sesodia - elected 2005-2007) will be replaced by David Karlen (2007-2009). Secretary and Treasurer will be elected at March 2008 annual meeting. Report (attachment I) approved as distributed and given.

m. Delegate to NAAS/AAAS - Leslie Lieberman reported (attachment J) on AAAS meeting in San Francisco in February. A number of initiatives are in the works. She spoke about a number of ideas for the Year of the Scientist. One suggestion was to consider a Breakfast with the Scientists program that could be a joint venture between FAS and OSC.

5. Old Business

- a. **2009 Annual Meeting** - St. Leo for 2009 annual meeting is a strong possibility
- b. **Videotape production grant** - want to make decision at June meeting.

6. New Business

a.) 2007 Annual Meeting. Local Arrangements Chair Kathy Carvalho-Knighton went over a number of meeting "housekeeping" items. She gave out log in/password for computers. Press has been contacted. They were currently setting up poster session material. Business meeting will be in this room. Plenary session will be in auditorium. Banquet will be in Davis 130. Sponsors will have a display area. Kathy was thanked by the Council for all the work she has done to prepare for this meeting.

b.) 2008 site for Annual Meeting. Councilor At Large McCarthy is working on the Jacksonville meeting plans for meeting at Jacksonville University. There was some discussion of preliminary plans.

- c.) **2009/2010 sites** - St. Leo is strong possibility for 2009. It was suggested that for 2010, University of Florida, where the FAS began would be an appropriate site for 75th Annual meeting.
- d.) **Current FAS initiatives** - There was some discussion of the glossy brochure pages.
- e.) **2007 Membership Drive** - President Trefry indicated we are a long way from our goal set at that time.
- f.) **Endowment** - Motion to transfer \$5000 from Endowment to General Revenue was withdrawn after much discussion. Motion made and approved to authorize the removal of an appropriate amount from the Endowment, the amount to be determined at a later meeting. Approved by 11 yes; 1 no.
- g.) **Next Council meeting** - Next meeting is scheduled for 11am, Saturday, June 23 at OSC.

7. **Adjournment:** at 8:37pm

Sign in sheet attached (attachment K)
Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Hays
Secretary

Note: Copies of attachments are available from Executive Secretary.

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