

**FLORIDA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES**  
**QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING**  
University of South Florida  
Tampa, Fl  
March 17, 2005

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, At-Large Councilor Sanjay Sesodia, FJAS Coordinator Pat Zalo, AAAS Delegate Leslie Lieberman, Section Chairs Dave Karlen (Biological Sciences), Program Chair Jeremy Montague, FAS Webmaster Dan Odell, Executive Director Ed Haddad, Office Manager Julie Regier, Helena Giannini.

1. **Meeting Call to order; Welcome and Introductions** - Meeting called to order at 7:03pm by President Geiger who welcomed everyone. Everyone introduced themselves.
2. **Apologies for Absence** – none received
3. **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting – January 8, 2005** - (attachment A). Minutes approved as distributed and emailed.
4. **Reports** –
  - a.) Executive Director – Ed Haddad highlighted written report (attachment B) and indicated progress has been made in revitalization of office. New equipment helps. Files are being straightened out. They are still working of updating membership list. They are engaging in monthly meetings with President/President-Elect. Report approved as given and circulated.
  - b.) Treasurer - Georgina Wharton reported that as of March, 17, 2005, total assets were \$158,358.12 (attachment C1). For the 2005 year as of March 17, net was \$4082.75. Georgina also requested that the Finance Committee be reconstituted and President-Elect Trefry suggested we draw from the Executive Committee for this committee to meet before next Council meeting. Selected were President Trefry, Treasurer Wharton, Secretary Hays, President-Elect-Elect Odell and Chair of Endowment Committee Don Lovejoy. Report approved as distributed and given.
  - c.) Journal Editors - The Martins reported (attachment D) the winter issue of volume 68 appeared on time with 9 papers. The Spring issue of volume 68 is in press, the Summer issue has been sent to printer on schedule and they are working on Autumn issue. Concern was expressed that no response had been made to proposed motions submitted at last Council meeting. Some discussion of looking into coverage by Google Scholar. Secretary Hays read list of three items from the October report of issues not addressed. They were: want to see more contributions by members, some way to get the journal picked up by Current Contents and a subcommittee be formed to consider increasing the number of issues that have abstracts on line. No decisions on any of the items. Report approved as distributed and given.
  - d.) Journal Business Manager - Richard Turner reported (attachment E) that FAS did not do well last year with the journal. He provided in his report a table of last five volumes financial data (attachment E1). He reminded us that current editor terms end December, 2005 and it was uncertain if the Martins will continue for another term. A financial summary (attachment E2) was also presented and reviewed. Finally, Richard reviewed the subscription rate information

sheet (attachment E3). Report was approved as received and given. Council commended Richard Turner and the Martins for another job well done.

e.) Section Chair Coordinator and Section Chairs – Program Chair Montague discussed the process of getting the program issue together and reviewed the number of papers submitted this year versus last year (attachment F). Report approved as submitted and given.

f.) FJAS – Pat Zalo went over the schedule for Saturday. In her report (attachment G), she indicated that there are now almost 300 members and 18 chapters with five new chapters added. This year, 118 papers were submitted as 103 were invited to attend. Report approved as distributed and given.

g.) Awards Committee – Councilor-at-Large Sesodia reported that he had again contacted FIO regarding the Behrens award and had no response. Secondly, he had sent an email to each section chair with the form for them to copy and use for the judging. Report approved as given.

h.) Charter and By-Laws Committee – Leslie Lieberman reviewed report (attachment H) and indicated that validation of student membership could be made by requesting on registration materials for student membership the signature of major professor/advisor/mentor. Thus no need for by-law change. As to making the Web Master a member of Council, it was determined that appointed Councilor-at-Large position could be used for the Web Master, thus no by-law change is needed. Report approved as given and submitted.

i.) Endowment Committee - Dean Martin gave report (attachment I) from Committee. Report indicated a recent donation of 1000 shares of FX Energy Stock and that endowment welcomes donations of any value and can be sent to Don Lovejoy, Chair of Committee. Report approved as distributed and given.

j.) Medalist Committee - Barry Wharton reported that Medalist is Dr. Tom Crisman. He will get medal at banquet. Report approved as given.

k.) Nominating Committee - Barry Wharton/Betty Hays presented slate to be presented at Annual Business Meeting (attachment J). Report approved as given. Richard Turner was reappointment as Councilor-at-Large for 2005-2007 term. Ralph Turingen, who has not been involved since elected needs to step down. Barry Wharton was appointed to complete Turingen terms for 2005 and will have to be reelected in 2006 for future two year term. Report approved as submitted and given.

l.) President - President Geiger reported that it has been a wonderful quiet quarter with FAS office. She thanked the Martins for their tremendous job with local arrangements and thanked everyone for all their help. Report approved as given.

m.) FAS Delegate to NAAS/AAAS – Leslie Lieberman went over various points in her report (attachment H). She discussed the meeting of National Association of Academies of Science/AAAS meeting in February in Washington, DC. She also indicated the Strategic Planning Session still viable. Report approved as submitted and given.

## **5. Old Business – none**

## **6. New Business**

a.) Discussion of 2005 Annual meeting – The Martins gave a brief oral report on registration/business meeting/plenary meeting sites. He spoke about a \$300 contribution from HDR to help in printing of annual meeting program. Report approved as given.

- b.) June 11<sup>th</sup> at Orlando Science Center will be the next Council meeting.
- c.) Next year's meeting will be at Florida Institute of Technology on March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006. At the moment there is not a local arrangements chair. John Trefry spoke about Indian River Symposium and that this will be the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of FAS.
- d.) Future annual meetings – John Trefry spoke about need to find host institutions for 2007 and beyond. Interested parties should contact John.

**7. Adjournment: at 8:45pm**

Sign in sheet attached (attachment K)

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Hays  
Secretary

Note: Copies of attachments are available from Executive Secretary.

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