

FLORIDA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING

University of Central Florida

Thursday, March 20, 2003

Present: President Barry Wharton, Past President Mary Beth Durst, Treasurer Georgina Wharton, Local Arrangements Co-Chairs Leslie Lieberman and Jack Stout, Program Chair Jeremy Montague, Business Manager Richard Turner, Councilors At Large Ted Rochow and Elizabeth Hays, Journal Co-Editors Dean and Barbara Martin, Section Chairs Al Hall (Engineering Sciences) and Gary Maddox (Geology/Hydrology), Assistant Executive Director Rebecca Amonett, Dan Odell (FAS Webmaster), and Allen Smith (FAS member)

Absent: President-Elect Cherie Geiger, Secretary Ron Federspiel, Councilors At Large-Jan Ems-Wilson and Rita Karpie (apologies sent), JFAS Coordinator Pat Zalo, Section Chair Coordinator Rick Copeland.

1. Meeting Call to order; Welcome and Introductions - Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by President Barry Wharton. All introduced themselves. Leslie Lieberman thanked Fran Ragsdale who made all the meeting arrangements and provided for the fine refreshments. Rebecca Amonett, new Assistant Executive Director, was introduced.

2. Apologies for Absence - Apology from Rita Karpie was noted.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of January 11, 2003 - Minutes were approved as written (attachment A1) with following corrections: 1) misspellings of names: Dan Odell, Jeremy Montague, Ted Rochow, Elizabeth Hays 2) Under Richard Turner's report the 100 should be \$100 and back issues have been moved from one place on the FIT campus and not "from the FIT campus" 3) Under Leslie Lieberman and Jack Stout's Local Arrangement's report, arboretum tour will be given by Dr. Whittier not "Dr. Clausen".

4. Discussion of the 2003 Annual Meeting

a. Program Chair - Jeremy Montague reported a total of 206 presentations. He reminded all section chairs to pay attention to correction sheets. Elizabeth Hays spoke about the importance of section chairs doing their jobs and paying attention to minutes of section chair meetings and minutes of Council meetings. Approved as given.

b. Local Arrangements Chair - Leslie reported 18 posters and a dozen exhibitors. Leslie mentioned a new University of Central Florida award and Leslie thanked all the UCF people who have helped with the meeting. A question was raised about adding a listing of major events into the call for papers and program technical sessions. It was suggested there be more coordination with the FAS website. Report approved as given (attachment A2).

c. Junior Florida Academy - Pat Zalo's report was distributed (attachment A3) and Leslie indicated that all was set for the JFAS meeting on Saturday. Report approved as given.

d. Other - Dan Odell spoke about getting poster boards for the poster session.

5. Reports

a. Executive Secretary - Report distributed (attachment B). Rebecca highlighted a few items as lower membership, credit cards/online activities which are going very well, two newsletters have been issued, sixteen hundred calls for abstracts/advanced programs were sent out. Report approved as given and distributed. Leslie mentioned that there is a new director, Brian Toner, at the Orlando Science Center who is willing to work with us.

b. Treasurers Report - Georgina distributed report (attachment C) which was approved as given and distributed. As of March 19, 2003, total assets and liabilities and equity were \$215,885.55. For the current budget year, net income is \$6,609.57.

c. Journal Editors - The Martins distributed their report (attachment D) and indicated some additional pages are being printed to accommodate accepted manuscripts. Some discussion ensued on the issue of journal impact. Report accepted as distributed and given.

d. Journal Business Manager - Richard Turner distributed his annual report (attachment E) and reported there is still one invoice that is outstanding.

e. Section Chair Coordinator/Section Chairs - no report

f. Awards Committee - no report

g. Charter & ByLaws - no report

h. Endowment Committee - Barry Wharton reported that work is continuing to make switch to new members. Council can direct trustees to give history and status of endowment to Council.

i. Finance Committee - no report

j. Medalist Committee - Mary Beth Durst reported that medal will be given tomorrow night. Recipient is unknown at this time. Report approved as given.

k. Nominating Committee - John Trefy as President-Elect, Elizabeth Hays as Secretary and Sanjay Sesodia as Councilor At Large. 2003-2005 Councilor appointments will be determined at June meeting. Report approved as given.

l. FAS Newsletter Committee - report was included with Executive Secretary's report earlier.

m. President's report - distributed by Barry Wharton (attachment F). Discussed stabilization of FAS, website up and running, journal is strong. Report approved as distributed and given.

n. Other - Science Teaching Section chair Jordan's report (attachment G) was distributed and approved as distributed.

6. Old Business:

a. Providing support for Assistant Director position and FAS. Discussion ensued as to is there a way to get budget support from the state for the FAS. Could the FAS serve as "a science advice resource" to the state government? Could the FAS get state support as a grant, etc. Barry, Leslie and Elizabeth were asked to work on a profile of the FAS outlining the expertise of its members to be used to familiarize politicians and other potential benefactors and supporters. The question was asked, Does any member have a good working relationship with a state representative or state senator who might be willing to sponsor a bill or recommendation for FAS. It was felt sponsorship would best come from a northern Florida district.

7. **New Business:**
 - a. Jeremy asked if Cherie Geiger will continue as Chemistry Section chair while President. It was answered that election of Section Chair should be conducted at Section meeting tomorrow.
8. **Dates of Next two meetings:** - Next Council tentatively set for June 14¹ or 21 as two possibilities and September 13² or 20. Will be confirmed via email at later date.
9. **Location of 2004 Annual Meeting** - still being worked on. Not confirmed at this time.
10. **Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Hays
Temporary Secretary

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Copies of attachments can be obtained from the FAS Executive Office.

¹confirmed date

²confirmed date