



Florida Academy of Sciences Quarterly Meeting
Saint Leo University, Saint Leo Florida
Saturday, 24 January 2009
Minutes recorded by Jeremy Montague

In attendance: John Baker, Kathy Carvalho-Knighton, Patrick Draves, Iain Duffy, David Karlen, Dean Martin, Barbara Martin, Jeremy Montague, Leslie Lieberman, Eric Perlman, Ramon Ruiz-Carus, Julie Reiger, Jack Stout, John Trefry, Richard Turner, Barry Wharton, and Pat Zalo (regrets were sent by Ed Haddad, Elizabeth Hays, Dan Odell, and Sanjay Sesodia).

1. Richard Turner opened the meeting at 11 a.m. He welcomed all and asked for the individual reports.
2. **Executive Director's Report:** Ed Haddad's report was given by Richard Turner. The report high-lights were:
 - a. The University of Florida Library ordered 120 subscriptions for the Florida Scientist.
 - b. Leslie Lieberman, through her position at the University of Central Florida, submitted a grant proposal for \$2.56 million to the National Science Foundation to develop a program of informal science education in partnership with Universal Studios (Orlando) and the Orlando Science Center; a total of \$1.5 million of the grant is for a sub-contract FAS participation in management, production, marketing, *etc.* Leslie obtained 10 letters of support from the National Academy of Engineers. An NSF decision on funding is expected by July 2009.
 - c. Ed Haddad has secured \$2,000 in sponsorship for the FAS 2009 annual meeting, including \$1,500 from the Wet'n'Wild water park in Orlando (including a \$500 FAS life membership from park manager). Other sponsorships were obtained by Barry Wharton from HGR, Inc., and the Tampa Bay Section of the American Chemical Society (through Tampa Bay Section President Eric Steimle).
 - d. The new Al Hall Memorial Award (\$100) for presentation by an engineering student at the FAS annual meeting was proposed. The newly appointed session chair for ENG (engineering) is John Baker from Tallahassee, and he will participate in this process.
 - e. Pat Zalo (FJAS) reported to Ed Haddad that students and faculty from Ovito High School will attend the FAS 2009 annual meeting.

The motion to accept the report was made and approved by vote.

3. **President's Report:** Dan Odell's report was given by Richard Turner. A total of \$10,000 has been transferred from the FAS endowment into FAS operations since September 2009. Pat Zalo (FJAS) made a request to the president for volunteer judges at FAS 2009.

The motion to accept the report was made and approved by vote.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** the report was given by Ramon Ruiz-Carus. The report high-lights were:
 - a. The current financial state of FAS in 2009 is "*not bad*," as described by the Treasurer. We had \$19,000 in January 2009, with \$8,000 to be spent for the FAS 2009 annual meeting. It is possible we will have to draw again from the endowment, but this is not certain. There will be \$3,000 to come in from U.F, and \$1,000 from authors in the Florida Scientist. More money will come in from the FAS 2009 annual meeting registrations.
 - b. Barry Wharton reminded the Treasurer about the annual report/corporations report due in May 2009.
 - c. The Treasurer received Don Lovejoy's most recent report on stocks/endowment.

The motion to accept the report was made and approved by vote.

5. **Journal Editors' Report:** the report was given by Dean and Barbara Martin. The report high-lights were:
 - a. Dean Martin commented on recent changes in publishing technologies, and that many things have changed for the Florida Scientist over the last 26 years: electronics and computer software have greatly increased the speed and efficiency of the process. The diversity and selectivity of articles has increased also. But some things will never change, *e.g.*, authors often ignore instructions.



- b. The Martins strongly recommend that journal author(s) should be FAS members, and the journal editors *must* be FAS members.
- c. Dean Martin reminded us that the Florida Scientist editors accrue personal expenses of roughly \$200-\$300 per year, but they are now retired from full-time employment and no longer live on luxurious professional incomes. The council members spoke of their appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the journal editors.

The motion to accept the report was made and approved by vote.

6. **Journal Business Manager's Report:** the report was given by Richard Turner. The report high-lights were:
 - a. Allen Press has been bought out by New Hampshire company. All reprint orders/costs are now being handled by Allen Press, and are not a burden any longer for FAS. Allen Press has modernized their reprint costs, and authors now need to buy fewer reprints.
 - b. The viable candidates for Journal Editor are now reduced to one. Though there have been two applicants, one is viewed as the stronger, but the search committee isn't yet sold on either.
 - c. We need to go beyond the traditional FAS email for advertizing the Journal Editor opening. FIT has a faculty listserv that might be used; other campuses may have them as well. We might add such listservs to the FAS website.
 - d. John Windsor has been approached as a candidate for Journal Editor, but he is reluctant. His questions include: What is the term? What is the compensation? We don't want a term of less than five years, and there is no money for compensation.
 - e. Richard Turner recommended a dues increase for 2010, to be voted on in FAS annual meeting. He recommended the annual rate of \$38/regular-member, \$19/student-member, \$48/sustaining-member. Leslie Lieberman moved to round numbers to \$40, \$20, \$50, respectively. Richard Turner also recommended that we increase the library subscription from \$55 to \$60.

The motion to accept the report was made and approved by vote.

7. **Awards Chair Report:** the report was given by Barry Wharton. The report high-lights were:
 - a. Barry Wharton reported that the FAS 2009 meeting award sheets have updated, and the submittal forms have also been updated.
 - b. He continues to work on the Al Hall Memorial Student Award criteria.
 - c. He reported on an award fund of \$6,500 from the LifeStar Foundation for awards in the "*extension of life research*," with more details forthcoming.

The motion to accept the report was made and approved by vote.

8. **Endowment Committee Report:** Don Lovejoy's report was given by Richard Turner. Don reported that, like so many other American institutions, FAS took a financial hit during the recent economic downturn, but we're managing. An anonymous person donated \$50,000 in mutual funds last year.
9. **Medalist Committee Report:** the report was given by John Trefry. The report high-lights were:
 - a. The committee (John Trefry, Barry Wharton, C.A. Clausen, and Cherie Cherie) have not yet chosen a medalist, as there haven't been any nominations made. The committee has questions concerning the nature of the nomination, *e.g.*, are they to be "*open*," "*closed*," or otherwise defines? The committee recommends that the nomination process and appropriate forms be made available on the FAS website.
 - b. This year's medalist, John Lawrence (USF), is all set for his presentation at FAS 2009.

The motion to accept the report was made and approved by vote.



10. **Nominating Committee Report:** the report was given by John Trefry. Dave Karlen was nominated for the new President Elect.

The motion to accept the report was made and approved by vote.

11. **FAS AAAS Representative's Report:** the report was given by Leslie Lieberman. Leslie mentioned that most policies affecting state academies of science are federal in scope, and that AAAS would like to have more input from the state and/or local levels. Our FAS council is currently working on initiatives such as "Ask a Scientist," "Science Cafes," seeking research partnerships with corporations, etc. We hope to see more progress in these.

The motion to accept the report was made and approved by vote.

12. **Finance Committee Report:** no report given.

13. **Membership Committee Report:** no report given.

14. **Committee on 75th Anniversary for FAS (2011):** The chair is Ernie Estevez (Mote Lab)...no report given

15. **Florida Junior Academy of Sciences Report:** the report was given by Pat Zalo. The report high-lights were:

- a. FJAS has secured seven judges so far, and the student papers are coming in (deadline: 31 January 2009).
- b. The student papers will be sent electronically for FJAS judges.
- c. The State Science Fair will be held on Thursday 16 April in Lakeland, and FJAS is seeking judges for this event.

The motion to accept the report was made and approved by vote.

16. **Session Chairs Report:** the report was given by Jeremy Montague. The report high-lights were:

- a. Jeremy Montague updated his spreadsheet contact information with the FAS office database.
- b. New session chairs/co-chairs include Gilbert Queeley (AGR), John Baker (ENG), Iain Duffy and Kym Campbell (to assist Dave Karlen in BIO), Eric Steimle (to assist Mark Wade in ENV), and Guillermo Wated (SOC). We have retained John Schultz (ANT), Nancy Sloan (AOS), Siamack Bondari & Jaci White (CMS), Jack Stout (RES), Sanjay Sesodia (MED, and Eric Perlman (PSS).
- c. Jeremy Montague noted that the sessions in GHS, RES, and URB are still open, but we did not have submissions for these sessions in FAS 2008, and there were no submissions yet for FAS 2009.
- d. Joe Albano and Mark Wade are involved this year in planning for the FAS 2010 annual meeting at Ft. Pierce/Indian River.
- e. A plan for plenary speakers in honor of the 400th Anniversary of Galileo's birthday, and the 200th Anniversary of Darwin's birthday was proposed by Eric Perlman (to invite Dr. Charles Telesco, UF astronomer) and by Dave Karlen (to invite Dr. Bruce McFadden, UF paleontologist). The FAS council members asked Eric and Dave to pursue this initiative for the FAS 2009 annual meeting.
- f. Richard Turner mentioned that we might contact some of the planners from Charlotte Harbor Symposium., and from Indian River Symposium for input on special sessions in FAS 2010.

The motion to accept the report was made and approved by vote.

17. Break for lunch.

18. **Local Arrangements Chair Report:** the report was given by Patrick Draves. The report high-lights were:

- a. Patrick has secured pledges of assistance from students/faculty/staff..
- b. We are still looking for a speaker for FJAS.
- c. Two student volunteers are available for the FAS 2009 registration table in Lewis Hall.



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- d. The poster sessions are planned for SCC Boardrooms A&B, and the FAS Banquet is planned for SCC Boardroom C. There will be a smart-podium available for Banquet.

The motion to accept the report was made and approved by vote.

19. ***Program Chair Report:*** the report was given by Jeremy Montague. As of 15 January 2009 there were roughly 60 abstracts submitted for FAS 2009. Jeremy estimated that we would finish in the neighborhood of 160 presentations for FAS 2009 (comparable to FAS 2008), but we hope to get more.

The motion to accept the report was made and approved by vote.

20. The next council meeting: scheduled for 19 March 2009 (7 pm to closing), in the Saint Leo University SCC boardroom.
21. The FAS 2010 annual meeting will take place in Ft. Pierce/Indian River. As for FAS 2011 (planned for Gulf Coast University), Leslie Lieberman suggested that we contact the Florida Humanities Council: they might be interested in developing a travelling exhibit around the state in 2011 that could include a stop at FAS 2011.
22. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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