

Quarterly Council Meeting of the Florida Academy of Sciences  
Indian River State College – 25 January 2014  
Sanjay Sesodia, FAS President, presiding

1. **Present:** Steven Arthurs, Carmen Carpenter, Iain Duffy, Stephen Dunham, Rick Jimenez, Jeremy Montague (minutes), Norine Noonan, Sanjay Sesodia, Jack Stout, Richard Turner, Pat Zalo, and Kelli Zargiel (Guests present: FAS Office Manager Jenny Bouchard, and IRSC representatives Casey Lunceford and Kyle Bartow).
2. **Present by Phone Conference Call:** John Baker, Jim Barnes, Mark Chiappone, David Karlen, and Dan Odell.
3. **Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions** – Sanjay Sesodia
4. **Apologies for Absence** – lists from Jenny Bouchard and Jeremy Montague: James Austin, Meghan Buckley, Kym Rouse Campbell, Ana Jimenez, Donald Lovejoy, Laura Mudd, and John Trefry.
5. **Approval of 21 September 2013 Council Minutes** – Jeremy Montague (Secretary)
  - a. The 9-21-2013 Quarterly Council Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved by Council.
6. **Status of Council Composition for 2013-2014** – Sanjay Sesodia
  - a. Sanjay noted that the Chair position for the Finance Committee is still open; Richard Turner noted it has been open since before his last tenure as President (2009-2011). Stephen Dunham and Richard Turner suggested that the Chair should prepare the FAS annual budget, as well as serve as a liaison with the FAS Endowment Committee.
  - b. Sanjay Sesodia offered to serve as Interim Chair for the Finance Committee.
  - c. Council approved Sanjay's offer on the current status of Council composition.
7. **Reports of Officers & Chairs of Standing Committees**
  - a. President & Executive Committee – Sanjay Sesodia
    - i. Sanjay noted that the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting scheduled for 7-8 March at IRSC is currently on track and preparations are looking good. The projected banquet cost (\$35 per person) will be slightly up from last year.
    - ii. Sanjay and Iain Duffy discussed current plans for St Leo University to host FAS 2015.
    - iii. Sanjay and Stephen Dunham discussed plans to purchase a new desk computer for the FAS office at OSC; the current plan calls for the purchase covering hardware and software. Stephen will check on compatibility with Microsoft Access pre-2007 versions. Stephen noted that FAS has received \$700 in donations for this purchase.
    - iv. Report was approved by Council.
  - b. Treasurer – Stephen Dunham
    - i. No action
    - ii. Stephen noted that the elimination of the position for Executive Director in June 2013 has had a positive financial effect, as the Academy is currently operating financially in the black.
    - iii. On a negative note, Stephen and Richard Turner discussed the recent decision by the University of Florida Library Exchange Program to cut funding for nearly 100 library subscriptions to the *Florida Scientist* (from 120 down to 25). This will result in a revenue loss to the Academy of approximately \$3,500 per year. This also means that we will need to order 100 fewer FAS 2014 Program Books.
    - iv. The FAS 2014 meeting will have a site fee schedule, but IRSC has not yet presented it.
    - v. Report approved by Council.

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- c. Florida Endowment for the Sciences Committee – Sanjay Sesodia for Don Lovejoy
  - i. Council discussed the matter of value and cost for the Endowment’s Andover shares; Richard Turner suggested that any change in the value of these shares would have a negligible effect on the overall value of the Endowment Fund.
  - ii. Richard made two motions (see three additional motions, section d., iii below):
    - 1. 1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Establish the 1-2014 principle for the Undesignated Endowment as \$207,794 (the principle includes designated gifts, although there were no new gifts made in 2013). Council voted “Yes” to this 1<sup>st</sup> motion.
    - 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Establish the 1-2014 principle for the Elizabeth A. Hays Scholarship Fund as \$10,250 (including gifts of \$250 during 2013). Council voted “Yes” to this second motion.
  - iii. Report approved by Council.
- d. Finance Committee – Sanjay Sesodia
  - i. Sanjay volunteered to serve as Interim Chair for this committee and Council approved his offer.
  - ii. Stephen Dunham discussed his proposed FAS Budget document. He suggested that the FAS Treasurer should prepare an annual budget and present it to Council at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Meeting, three months before the end of the fiscal year (30 June). Richard Turner noted that Stephen’s proposed budget document excluded the financial data from the Florida Scientist; Stephen suggested that his updated budget will include these.
  - iii. Richard Turner made three motions:
    - 1. 1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Withdraw 5% of the December 2013 Endowment Fund (\$306,756), which will provide \$15,337 for the FAS annual distribution and office expenses. Council voted “Yes” to this 1<sup>st</sup> motion.
    - 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Withdraw 5% of the December 2013 Elizabeth A. Hays Travel Funds (\$12,392), which will provide \$600 for FAS 2014 student travel awards (and authorize \$400 for travel awards to presenters at the senior academy, and \$200 for travel awards for FJAS students attending the AAAS/NAS annual meeting). Council voted “Yes” to this 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.
    - 3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Motion: Move the Treasurer’s Reporting Period from January 1-December 31 to July 1-June 30 (any non-profit corporation in the State of Florida may make this change). Council voted “Yes” to this 3<sup>rd</sup> motion.
  - iv. Report approved by Council.
- e. Development Committee – Mark Chiappone
  - i. No report.
- f. Florida Junior Academy of Science –Pat Zalo
  - i. Pat thanked Council for their action in approving the use of Elizabeth A. Hays Travel Scholarship funds to support FJAS travel to the American Junior Academy of Sciences annual meeting (February 2014).
  - ii. Pat still carries approximately \$190 in unreimbursed expenses from FJAS 2013 (judges’ lunch at Barry University). Pat noted that FJAS will need approximately \$1,000 for FJAS 2014 and AAAS/NAS in 2014. These involve two separate registrations.

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- iii. Pat suggested that FJAS should raise the student registration fee from \$1 per student to \$10 per student.
- iv. Report approved by Council.
- g. Editor, *Florida Scientist* – Jim Austin
  - i. No action items.
  - ii. James Austin noted that the upcoming issues remain on track.
  - iii. Council commended James on his efforts.
  - iv. Report approved by Council.
- h. Journal Business Manager – Richard Turner
  - i. Richard noted his earlier discussion concerning the University of Florida Library Exchange Program (see section b., iii., p. 1), and he offered to contact individual librarians within the State system to see if they might renew subscriptions.
  - ii. Report approved by Council.
- i. Charter & Bylaws Committee – John Trefry
  - i. No report.
- j. Honors Committee – David Karlen
  - i. No report.
  - ii. David noted that the 2014 Medalist has been selected and contacted, but due unfortunately to a previously scheduled event, will not be able to attend the FAS 2014 Banquet.
  - iii. Report approved by Council.
- k. Nominating Committee – Jeremy Montague
  - i. No Report.
- l. FAS Delegate to NAS/AAAS – Norine Noonan
  - i. Norine discussed her plans to attend AAAS/NAS 2014 in Chicago, 2015 in San Jose, CA, and 2016 in Washington, DC. She plans particularly to visit any FJAS poster presenters.
  - ii. Report approved by Council.
- m. History and Archives – John Baker
  - i. No Report.
- n. Membership Committee – Mark Chiappone
  - i. No report.
- o. Website – Dan Odell
  - i. Dan and Kelli Zargiel reported that the new FAS Abstract Submission website seems to be working; Council commended both for their efforts.
  - ii. Report approved by Council.
- p. Awards Committee – David Karlen
  - i. David noted that there are 97 student presenters for FAS 2014 so far. He discussed an issue concerning advisor letters in support of travel awards (*i.e.*, it is possible that a student might submit a letter in an advisor's email account).
  - ii. David suggested that the Awards Committee should be given some latitude in tentatively awarding travel funds for a student whose advisor may have missed the application

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deadline. Richard Turner noted that decisions made by the Awards Committee do not require Council approval.

- iii. Report approved by Council.
- q. Program Committee – Kelli Zargiel
  - i. Kelli presented her current data on abstracts according to sections; we are approximately at the same numbers for orals and posters as in FAS 2013.
  - ii. Kelli and Jenny Bouchard discussed the need for Council members to be vigilant in their efforts to have all meeting attendees register and display their name badges.
  - iii. Report approved by Council.
- r. Local Arrangements Chair FAS 2014 – Casey Lunceford.
  - i. Casey took Council on a brief guided tour of the meeting facilities.
  - ii. Report approved by Council.
- s. Section Chair Reports:
  - i. AGR: Steve Arthurs and Julian Bourne Smothers (no report).
  - ii. ANT: Jeremy Montague is serving as Interim Chair for ANT.
  - iii. AOS: Kelli Zargiel noted that Meghan Buckley (IRSC) will co-chair the AOS section.
  - iv. BIO: Laura Mudd (no report).
  - v. CMS: Rick Jimenez (no report).
  - vi. ENG: John Baker (no report)
  - vii. ENV: Eric Steimle (no report)
  - viii. GHS: Jeremy Montague is serving as Interim Chair for GHS.
  - ix. MED: Ana Jimenez (no report).
  - x. PSS: Eric Perlman (no report)
  - xi. RES: Jack Stout (Jack noted that he has four orals for RES)
  - xii. TCH: Tom Arnold and Carmen Carpenter (no report)
  - xiii. SOC: Michael DeDonno (no report)
  - xiv. URB: Jim Barnes (no report)

## 8. Old Business

- a. None.

## 9. New Business

- a. Sanjay Sesodia discussed a recent letter from Anne Albright (a teacher from Maitland Middle School in Maitland, FL) concerning FAS interest and support for her 19 February STEM event. Steve Arthurs volunteered to contact Anne, and to attend her one-day event on 19 February.
- b. Jenny Bouchard asked Casey Lunceford and Council for assistance with her registration process on 7 March 2014; she requested three tables, but noted that she cannot run all three by herself.
- c. Date for the next quarterly meeting: 6 March 2014, Indian River State College.

## 10. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Montague, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ 22 January 2014