

**FLORIDA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES**  
QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING  
University of South Florida - St. Petersburg  
St. Petersburg, Fl  
January 13, 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. Section Chairs(Co-Chairs): Nancy Sloan (Atmospheric and Ocean Sciences); David Karlen (Biological Sciences); Al Hall (Engineering Sciences); Jack Stout (Florida Rare and Endangered Species); Patrick Draves (Social Sciences); FJAS Chair Pat Zalo; Program Chair Jeremy Montague; Local Arrangements Chair Kathy Carvalho-Knighton; Office Manager Julie Regier.

Absent: Journal Editors Barbara and Dean Martin; Journal Business Manager Richard Turner; Councilor At Large Sanjay Sesodia; FAS Delegate to NAAS/ByLaws Chair Leslie Lieberman; Executive Director Ed Haddad; other section chairs

Guests: Alice Bard

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** - Dean and Barbara Martin, Ed Haddad, Richard Turner, Jaci White, Don Lovejoy, Helena Giannini, Leslie Lieberman, Sanjay Sesodia and Paul Higgs sent apologies for absence (attachment A).
3. **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting - September 30, 2006** - (attachment B). Minutes approved as emailed and distributed with following corrections: 1) Under 4. Reports d. Sentence 3 should read that FAS benefited from its relationship with Allen Press. 2) Sentence 4 and 5 should be replaced with following - To ensure quality, PDF or other electronic files prepared by authors of articles published in volumes 1-68 of *Florida Scientist* and its preceding titles must be approved by the editors and business manager before posting or distribution. 3) Sentence 6 and 7 was clarified by Richard Turner with the following - Regarding renewals and Dan Odell's query about them, I believe this was in renewal notices now appearing as the mail insert that is jacketed with issue 4 in the fall. Dan might have preferred email renewals, but the point made in the report was that renewal would again be accomplished by the mail insert form.
4. **Reports -**
  - a.) **Executive Director** - Ed Haddad's report (attachment C) included membership status as of end of 2006, current FAS initiatives including publicity, newsletter, increasing revenue and funding, expanding membership, FAS outreach and FJAS interface. Report approved as distributed.
  - b. **President** - John Trefry reported (attachment D) that work on the 2008 Jacksonville meeting with the Georgia Academy is ongoing. President Trefry will attend 2007 GAS meeting in Albany, GA March 30-31. Pat Dooris has been asked to become Advertising Manager for the *Florida Scientist*. Report approved as circulated and given.
  - c. **Treasurer** - Georgina Wharton reported that as of December 31, 2006, total assets were \$192,097.63 (attachment E1,E2,E3). She also indicated a current net profit of \$18,797.70 primarily due to \$25,000 annual meeting sponsorship. Council was 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 F) contained three action items that were not acted upon. Report approved as distributed.

**e.) Journal Business Manager** - No report except comment that all is well.

**f.) Section Chair Coordinator and Section Chairs** - Program Chair Montague spoke about low numbers of submissions compared to previous year as tabulated in his report (attachment G). He has received up to 32 posters so far. He wants everyone to try and get numbers up by January 19<sup>th</sup>. Section Chair issues were then discussed.

In Social Sciences, Chair Draves referred to website pictures and questioned the use of student pictures (without consent?). Rare and Endangered Species Chair Stout queried whether this section should be incorporated into an aspect of the Biological Sciences section. Biological Sciences Chair Karlen indicated that he needs names and titles for the Special Tampa Bay session. Atmospheric and Oceanography Chair Sloan asked how we can have more communication with universities that currently don't participate. Better communication is something to explore in future. Report was approved as given and circulated.

**g.) FJAS** - Pat Zalo reported there are currently 17 chapters, 307 members and 18 members at large (attachment H). Currently no judges for preliminary. They are planning on publishing talent search abstracts. Council members signed up with Pat. Report accepted as given and distributed.

**h. Awards Committee** - Secretary Hays reported for Councilor-at-Large Sesodia that he again emailed Cathy regarding Behrens. It was suggested that there may be someone else to contact regarding the Behrens. Sanjay will do awards this year. Report accepted as given.

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

**j.) Endowment Committee** - No report.

**k.) Medalist Committee** - Barry Wharton indicated there are five application and they are very good ones. Robert A. Holton, research on taxol, has been selected. He needs to yet be notified. Barry stressed the extremely high caliber of list of five. Nominators were notified of those not awarded. Report approved as given.

**l.) Nominating Committee** - Betty Hays indicated that committee is still looking for a President - Elect and a Councilor At Large to replace Sanjay Sesodia. 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). Secretary and Treasurer will be elected at March 2008 annual meeting. Report approved as given.

**m. Delegate to NAAS/AAAS** - Email report (attachment I) indicated that the AAAS annual meeting will be held in San Francisco, Feb 14-19. She will be attending and will also participate in the National Association of Academies of Science as the FAS Delegate. She contributed a brief announcement to the January NAAS Newsletter of the 2007 FAS annual meeting with the names of the plenary and banquet speakers.

**5. Old Business** - None

**6. New Business**

**a.) 2006 Annual Meeting.** Kathy Carvalho-Knighton reported on local arrangements: 1) Medalist address - Cherie Geiger needs to contact Dr. O'Brien at FSU to set up plans for presentation; 2) Plenary - Dick Ekenrod and Tampa Bay Estuary Program. Dave Karlen will work with Barry Wharton on program; 3) Parking will be free for both days. Need to plan on Junior Academy buses for Saturday; 4) John Trefry will provide signs and will have volunteers to assist; 5) Lodging is a huge issue. USF rate is about \$120/night Courtyard Marriott has a block of 25 rooms for Thursday and Friday, March 15 and 16. Address is 300 4<sup>th</sup> St N, St. Pete, 33701, 727-450-6200; 6) Noon meal on Friday - there are three places quite close; 7) Banquet on campus, \$25/person

with buffet suggested for at least 50; 8) Social hour - \$75 for bartender. Suggest FAS bring in beer and wine - we may be able to get a sponsor. Barry Wharton and John Trefry will take care of beer/wine - Social will be 6-7 with banquet from 7-9. AV needs for banquet will be arranged with Cherie Geiger's help; 9) Coffee breaks - in lobby since meetings are concentrated in one space - at registration at 7am and replenished at 10am and 3pm - also will have tea/lemonade/water and cookies; 10) Exhibitors will be charged \$75, only know of two possibilities at the moment.

Lunch break at 11:35am and reconvene at 1:40pm in lobby for brief presentation by John Walkinshaw, a video production expert who spoke briefly on Video Production Grants (attachment J). At 1:55 to 2:05, members toured through the rooms for meeting. Meeting reconvened at 2:08pm with continuation of item a.

11) Awards is still a problem of getting results in on day of presentation; 12) need is twelve rooms for Friday; 13) from 11-12:30 posters will be manned - need to be set up between 7 and 8am so posters can be put up as soon as presenters arrive - should be down by 5pm.

**b.) 2008 site for Annual Meeting.** Councilor At Large McCarthy is working on the Jacksonville meeting plans.

**c.) 2009/2010 sites** - St. Leo might be a possibility for 2009, no plans yet for 2010.

**c).** **Current FAS initiatives** - Council wish Executive Director well and send their prayers on his upcoming surgery.

**d).** **Next Council meeting** - Next meeting is scheduled for 7pm, Thursday, March 15, perhaps in Davis 102 at St. Pete.

**e).** **2006 Membership Drive** - work will continue on this.

**7. Adjournment:** at 2:25pm

Sign in sheet attached (attachment K)  
Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Hays  
Secretary

Note: Copies of attachments are available from Executive Secretary.

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