

FLORIDA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING

January 19, 2008

Location: Jacksonville University, Gooding Auditorium

Present: President Dan Odell, President Elect/Journal Business Manager Richard Turner, Past President John Trefry, Secretary Elizabeth Hays, Treasurer Georgina Wharton, Councilor At Large/ Interim Chair (Urban and Regional Planning, Councilor At Large Dan McCarthy, Councilor At Large/Biological Sciences Section Co-chair Dave Karlen,; Section Chairs/Co-chairs: Joseph Albano (Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences); Nancy Sloan (Atmospheric and Ocean Sciences); Al Hall (Engineering Sciences); Eric Perlman (Physics and Space Sciences); Jack Stout (Rare and Endangered); Barry Wharton,; Program Chair Jeremy Montague; Executive Director Ed Haddad; Office Manager Julie Regier.

Guests: Robert McDonough (Georgia Academy of Sciences).

Absent:: Councilor At Large/Environmental Chemistry and Chemical Sciences Section Chair Kathy Carvalho-Knighton, JFAS Coordinator Pat Zalo, Florida Endowment for the Sciences Trustee Don Lovejoy, Journal Editors Barbara and Dean Martin, FAS Delegate to NAAS/By-Laws Chair Leslie Lieberman; Section Chairs/(Co-Chairs: John Schultz (Anthropological Sciences); Steven Harper (Biological Sciences); Jacci White and Siamack Bondari (Computer/Mathematical Sciences); Mark Wade (Environmental and Chemical Sciences); Jack Stout (Florida Rare and Endangered Species); Mike Gurr (Geology/Hydrology); Sanjay Sesodia (Medical Sciences); Niescja Turner (Physics and Space Sciences); Robin Jordan (Science Teaching); Pat Draves (Social Sciences).

1. **Meeting Called to Order, Welcome and Introductions** – Meeting called to order by President Odell at 10:57am. All in attendance were welcomed and everyone introduced themselves.
2. **Apologies for Absences** – received from Kathy Carvalho-Knighton, Leslie Lieberman, Don Lovejoy, Dean and Barbara Martin, Mark Wade, Jacci White, Pat Zalo (attachment A)
3. **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting – September 29, 2007** – Minutes (attachment B) were approved as corrected that Eric Perlman was in attendance.
4. **Reports**
 - a.) Executive Director – Edward Haddad (attachment C) reviewed highlights of his written report. Membership reminders have been emailed twice. Lockheed Martin application is going very slowly. Work continues of *Florida Scientist* in the Classroom program. It still has not been put into action. Still working on informal science talks by FAS scientists as a community outreach effort. Cost of bumper stickers is \$398 per 1000. Council approved purchase of 1000. He mentioned that Aramak has taken over all sales at OSC and, after some discussion, it was unanimously approved that Ed negotiate with Aramak with limit of 20% to Aramak for sale of FAS items. He announced that glossy brochure work continues with twenty copies of first three being printed and last two are almost ready for printing. All were reminded that there is a need for pictures of students but waivers are necessary to use student photos in publicity materials. At the moment, he has \$3300 in sponsorship commitments for Annual

Meeting. Report approved as distributed and given. (Jack Stout arrived at 11:10am)

- b.) President – Dan Odell announced he had a great time in Africa. There was one staff meeting in December. Report approved as given.
- c.) Treasurer – Georgina Wharton’s report (attachment D1, D2, D3) indicated a net loss as of December 31, 2007 of \$19,680.06. Revenue from dues is down, Overall membership revenue is down. Total assets as of December 31, 2007 were 174,435.23 down from \$194,050.73 at end of previous year. Some discussion of reasons occurred such as more sponsorship money may be expected and Richard Turner indicated the journal is on the plus side with regards to exchange income, outstanding invoices, and about 25 billed page charges. Report accepted as distributed and given. (Al Hall arrived at 11:15am)
- d.) Journal Editors – Dean and Barbara Martin’s report (attachment E) indicated they have submitted copy for volume 71 issue 2. They are in their 25th year of service as Editors of *Florida Scientist*. Appreciation was given to Richard Turner, John Trefry, Dan Odell and Jeremy Montague. Report accepted as distributed.
- e.) Journal Business Manager – Richard Turner reported (attachment F) that postal accounts in Melbourne and Lawrence KS remain active. Currently, only \$779 in outstanding invoices. Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program has requested either a special issue or one of the regular issue be devoted to conference in March, 2008. They would cover all costs and Richard Turner in his report made the following recommendation: That the Business Manager, Co-Editors, and Dr. Catherine Corbett work on a memorandum of understanding to produce an issue of *Florida Scientist* to include those papers from the next Charlotte Harbor Symposium, scheduled for March, 2008, that pass peer review, with an editorial board to be established by Dr. Corbett, the guest editor of the dedicated issue, with a projected publication date of summer or fall 2009. It was moved to make this one of the four regular issues. Motion approved. Report approved as distributed and given. (Eric Perlman arrived at 11:20am)
- f.) Section Chair Coordinator & Section Chairs – Jeremy Montague reported on program count as of now of 121 from Florida and 100 from Georgia. He expects to wind up with 150-180 from Florida. He also indicated there had been no submissions for Rare and Endangered section. Section Chair Albano, USDA Lab at Fort Pierce made the following suggestions: 1) encouraging posters with need to improve the posters; 2) he wants to get technical staff involvement and wants to consider developing a workshop for technical staff. Eric Perlman and Joe Albano will work together on this. Biological Sciences Section Chair Karlen reported he is in contact with Georgia section chairs. Report approved as given.
- g.) FJAS - Patricia Zalo reported (attachment G) reported 11 chapters and 23 at large members. The meeting will be primarily in early afternoon in Jacksonville. As usual she needs judges for Jacksonville. Report accepted as distributed.
- h.) Awards Committee - Barry Wharton raised a question as to poster judging for this year’s meeting. GAS has more specific criteria for orals than posters. We may want to use Georgia’s criteria for this year. The poster session will be from 6-7:30pm during the Friday cash bar. President Odell and Past President Trefry will judge this year’s posters. Report approved as given.

- i.) Charter & Bylaws Committee – Leslie Lieberman – no report
- j.) Endowment Committee – Trustee report (attachment H) indicated a value as of December 31, 2007 of \$201,811 up from \$155,865 as of December 31, 2006. Income increased from \$5176 to \$10,116. Report approved as distributed.
- k.) Medalist Committee - John Trefry reported that John Lawrence, marine biologist at USF was this year's winner. Report approved as given.
- l.) Nominating Committee – John Trefry indicated that Elizabeth Hays has agreed to run for another term as secretary. Treasurer Wharton has indicated she will not run and elected Councilor-at-large McCarthy will run for another term. Committee needs to find a candidate for Treasurer by the Annual meeting. Report approved as given.
- m.) Representative to NAAS/AAS – Leslie Lieberman – no report
- n.) Finance Committee – Dan Odell – no report but it was felt that committee needs to meet and President Odell will set up a meeting in near future.
- o.) Membership Committee – Richard Turner – no report. It was indicated that membership drives need to be done on individual campuses.
- p.) Annual Meeting Program Chair – Jeremy Montague has already reported above 4f.
- q.) Annual Meeting Local Arrangements Chair – Dan McCarthy reported he has two helpers with him. He went over some of the logistics for the meeting. He indicated that FAS annual business meeting will be at 5:15pm on Friday. Luncheon speaker will be on Saturday. Parking was questioned and Dan indicated that should not be a problem. Report approved as given.

Lunch break taken at 12:30pm. Meeting reconvened at 2pm.

5. Old Business

- a.) Web Site redesign – Patrick Draves, Ed Haddad, Dan Odell – nothing seems to be happening at this time.
- b.) GAS report – Bob McDonough expressed concern about lateness of getting abstracts in and need to link with FAS web site. He thanked us for having him here and doing this joint endeavor.
- c.) FAS events schedule and checklist – Ed Haddad and Julie Regier indicated it was in good shape and up to date.
- d.) Site for 2009 annual meeting – St. Leo is still in offering. For 2010, Joseph Albano will check out Indian River Community College in Fort Pierce.
- e.) Sponsorships – President Odell and Ed Haddad will work on tables in Gooding.
- f.) Poster judging session and ground rules – previously discussed. See 4H.
- g.) Video Grants – Members asked to look at material (attachment I) and get feedback to Dan Odell ASAP.
- h.) Date/Location of next Council Meeting – Jacksonville University, March 14th, 10am-12noon.
- i.) Consideration of resolution on science standards was presented by Dave Karlen and Barry Wharton (attachment J). A number of changes were proposed and accepted by members. Members were asked to review revision to be sent to Council and to return any last changes. Approved resolution is appendix to these minutes.

j.) As a final bit of new business, sincere thanks was offered to Georgina Wharton for her nine years of service as treasurer of FAS.

6. Adjournment – at 2:55pm.

Next Council meeting tentatively set for Friday, March 14th at 10am at Jacksonville University.

Attendance sheet (attachment K)

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Hays

Secretary

Revised Minutes-3-4-08

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RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE FLORIDA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

REGARDING THE PROPOSED STATE SCIENCE EDUCATION STANDARDS

WHEREAS, the Florida Academy of Sciences, founded in 1936, is the only organization in Florida that represents all disciplines of science;

WHEREAS, the mission of the Florida Academy of Sciences is to promote scientific research, stimulate interest in the sciences, encourage the diffusion of scientific knowledge and to foster public and governmental understanding and appreciation of the sciences and the industries that apply them;

WHEREAS, the Florida Academy of Sciences sponsors the Florida Junior Academy of Science which encourages Junior and Senior High School students to conduct scientific research and pursue careers in science, mathematics, engineering, and technology;

WHEREAS, scientific literacy is essential to the economic well being of the State of Florida;

WHEREAS, the nature of science is a method of investigation based on observation, inference, hypothesis testing, and theory building that explains the natural world in terms that can be tested, revised and falsified;

WHEREAS, the theory of evolution is recognized as the central unifying concept in biology, and had led to major advances in agriculture, medicine, environmental sciences and all other fields of the life sciences;

WHEREAS, the proposed revisions to the Florida Department of Education's Science Standards for K-12 students incorporate the concepts of biological evolution and the nature of science and scientific inquiry.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Florida Academy of Sciences endorses the proposed revisions with respect to origins and biological evolution as embodied in the Florida State Science Standards for K-12 (December 2007 draft).

Respectfully submitted by:

Daniel K. Odell, President
Florida Academy of Sciences
January 19, 2008