

FLORIDA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING
Orlando Science Center
Orlando, FL
June 10, 2006

Present: President John Trefry, President-Elect Dan Odell, Secretary Elizabeth Hays, Treasurer Georgina Wharton, Journal Editors Barbara and Dean Martin, Journal Business Manager Richard Turner, Councilor At Large Sanjay Sesodia, Councilor At Large Barry Wharton. Section Chairs (Co-Chairs): David Karlen (Biological Sciences); Al Hall (Engineering Sciences); Ramon Lopez (Physics and Space Science); FJAS Chair Pat Zalo, Program Chair Jeremy Montague, Executive Director Ed Haddad, Office Manager Julie Regier.

Absent: Past President Cherie Geiger, FAS Delegate to NAAS/By-Laws Chair Leslie Lieberman, other section chairs

Guests: Steve Harper, Hamid Rassoul

1. **Meeting Call to order; Welcome and Introductions** - Meeting called to order at 11:02pm by President Trefry who welcomed everyone. Everyone introduced themselves.
2. **Apologies for Absence** - Kathy Carvalho, Helena Giannini, Jacci White, Don Lovejoy, Leslie Lieberman and Cherie Geiger sent apologies for absence (attachment A).
3. **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting - March 9, 2006** - (attachment B). Minutes approved as emailed and distributed with correction of misspelling of Vargo under Awards Committee Report.
4. **Reports -**
 - a.) **Executive Director** - Ed Haddad reported (attachment C) on work of the office on preparation, management and follow-up from the annual meeting. While Julie is focusing primarily on day-to-day operations of the Academy office, Ed has now been able to focus on his primary job of making the Academy grow and prosper. As of June 10 there were 296 individual/business members, 100 subscribers to the Journal and approximately 100 additional distributions through UF Exchange program. Current initiatives include Newsletter, Increasing revenues and funding, expanding membership, By-Laws modifications, FAS Operations Manual and FAS Outreach efforts. Secretary Hays expressed her thanks and appreciation for the E-News and ideas for a second occasional newsletter that would be posted in the Science Center and would focus on information of interest to the general public. Some discussion occurred of the ASK THE SCIENTIST program at the Orlando Science Center with idea of possible expansion of FAS outreach to other science centers in the state with creation of membership category for the general public. Richard Turner suggested sale of journal at gift store. A presence there was part of the agreement with OSC. Ed will work with Richard on this. Report approved as distributed and given.
 - b. **Treasurer** - Georgina Wharton reported that as of March 8, 2006, total assets were \$200,671.45 (attachment D). She also indicated a current net profit of \$27,409.02. Report approved as distributed and given.
 - c.) **Journal Editors** - The Martins started their report with another pop quiz (attachment E). Again many of the attendees did not pass (Grades were not recorded; no makeup quizzes will be given). Discussion ensued on publishing electronic version and President Trefry is working on ISI inclusion issue. Report approved as distributed and given.

d.) Journal Business Manager - Richard Turner reported (attachment F) concern about increase in cost of unedited disks. They are converting to FTP service which saves money. In regards to electronic publishing, PDF files of two issues are now at least three sites. The summary of production/financial status of issue 68 was discussed and reviewed in detail. Report was approved as distributed and given.

e.) Section Chair Coordinator and Section Chairs - Program Chair Montague presented a draft of the on line abstract submittal form planned for the 2007 meeting(attachment G) and asked members to submit suggestions/comments to him ASAP.

He also reported that only 36 survey forms were returned at meeting and, since sample was so small, he felt data analysis would be meaningless. He will try again in 2007 meeting. He reported a new section chair for social sciences and that Environmental Science section chair may need help for the next meeting. Barry Wharton will continue as Urban and Regional Planning section chair while Geology and Hydrology has no chair and no one has expressed an interest in doing so. Dave Karlen introduced Steve Harper who may be interested in becoming a future chair. Dave also proposed a special session for 2007 meeting focusing on Tampa Bay. Dave would handle the Tampa Bay symposium and Helena Giannini and Steve Harper would do regular papers. Some discussion of separate poster session with a special room for the next meeting occurred. Three section chairs were present at this meeting. Report was approved as given and submitted.

f.) FJAS - Pat Zalo reported (attachment H) results of March meeting with some students eligible for national meeting in San Francisco. She also indicated that FJAS competitors (20 of 29) had significantly larger placing at State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida. Seven presented at Intel International Science and Engineering Fair as two placed. Report was approved as given and circulated.

g.) Awards Committee - Councilor-at-Large Sesodia's report (attachment I) indicated that awards processing went more smoothly than previously this year. No information has been received from FIO regarding Behrens Award. Report accepted as given and distributed.

h.) Charter and By-Laws Committee - No report. Revised By-Laws are on web site.

i.) Endowment Committee - Dean Martin gave report (attachment J) from Committee which indicated total assets as of May 31, 2006 as \$123,247. Report approved as distributed and given.

j.) Medalist Committee - Barry Wharton indicated committee is looking for nominations of individuals who have made major contributions to science research in Florida. Report approved as given.

k.) Nominating Committee - Betty Hays presented Committee report (attachment K) with recommendation that Barry Wharton be reappointed as Councilor-At-Large for term of 2006-2008. Appointment was made. Members of Committee requested that suggestions for Chair-Elect and elected Councilor-At-Large positions for March 2007 be sent to Betty Hays, Barry Wharton or Jeremy Montague. Report approved as given and circulated.

l.) President - John Trefry reported (attachment L) that membership is now at 508. Next year's meeting at USF in St Pete is being finalized. At moment, he is 90% certain 2008 meeting will be in Jacksonville. He indicated that ASK THE SCIENTIST hard to find on OSC web site. He and staff are working very hard to foster more cooperation with OSC. He has applied for ISI listing. Report approved as circulated and given.

m. Delegate to NAAS/AAAS - No report.

Lunch Break taken at 12:10pm. Meeting resumed at 1pm.

5. Old Business -

Committee for Future Editor Determination - With the term of current editors soon

to be completed and the Martins indicating this would be their last term, an ad draft has been prepared for review by Committee members (Richard Turner, Dan Odell, John Trefry, Jeremy Montague and the Martins). Committee is looking for places to put ad. Committee will pick a chair by next Council meeting.

6. New Business

- a.) 2006 Annual Meeting.** President Trefry reviewed some added points that included more socialization time, creation of hour time for posters. Other ideas are welcomed.
- b.) Additional Funding Opportunities and Membership Drive - 1).** There are now 300 people members based on information provided by Ed Haddad from data base. There are currently seven sponsors and are looking for more. Membership by institution (attachment M1) was given. A proposal for membership goals by institution (attachment M2) was also given out by Ed. Finally, a copy of the FAS brochure (attachment M3) was also distributed. 2). A number of ideas for additional funding were presented and getting businesses to sponsor memberships for students was seen as a good idea to be explored. The Sponsors program needs to be revisited as a viable program. The Finance Committee needs to meet to work on ideas for increasing income into FAS.
- c.) Quarterly Council Meetings -** Sanjay Sesodia presented a suggestion that Council consider making the two quarterly meetings at OSC as phone conference meetings to increase participation of section chairs. This will be considered in future.
- d) 2008 site for Annual Meeting.** 2007 meeting will be March 16-17th at USF at St. Pete. Jacksonville and joint Georgia meeting date has not been confirmed but Jacksonville University looks likely as tentative site.
- e). Date/location of next Council meeting -** Next meeting is scheduled for 11am, Saturday, September 30th at OSC.
- f). Golf Shirts for FAS -** Dan Odell, Ed Haddad and John Trefry will look into feasibility of selling logo shirts to members/others.

7. Adjournment: at 2:02pm

Sign in sheet attached (attachment N)
Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Hays
Secretary

Note: Copies of attachments are available from Executive Secretary.

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