

Quarterly Council Meeting of the Florida Academy of Sciences
Orlando Science Center - 19 June 2010
Richard Turner, FAS President, presiding

1. Present: Tom Arnold, Pasco Avery, John Baker, Kym Rouse Campbell, Mark Chiappone, Dave Karlen, Jeremy Montague (minutes), David Pick, Julie Reiger, Sanjay Sesodia, Jack Stout, John Trefry, Richard Turner, Pat Zalo, Kelli Zargiel
2. Apologies for Absences: Siamack Bondari, Chris Brown, Carmen Carpenter, Michael DeDonno, Gil Ellis, Leslie Lieberman, Donald Lovejoy, Tom Manning, Dan Odell, Amira Shkempi, Elizabeth Strom, Barry Wharton
3. Approval of 18 March 2010 Council Minutes: No changes, Minutes accepted by Council. With the absence of Secretary Barry Wharton, Jeremy Montague agreed to serve as interim secretary for today's meeting.
4. Status of 2010-2011 Council – Richard Turner:
 - a. The 2010-2011 List of Council Members was distributed. For the Executive Committee, Dan Odell and John Trefry were approved for, respectively, First Council Member and Second Council Member.
 - b. Richard Turner noted that Council must elect at least 3 members of a Nominating Committee at the next Quarterly Council Meeting (11 September 2010) to seek nominees for the following offices to be presented at the 2011 Annual Business Meeting:
 - i. President-Elect
 - ii. Secretary
 - iii. Treasurer
 - iv. Councilor-at-Large
 - c. Richard Turner noted that the positions of Secretary and Treasurer are currently not off-set, meaning that Council has less continuity than if we replaced only one at a time.
5. Reports of Officers & Chairs of Standing Committees:
 - a. President & Executive Committee – Richard Turner:
 - i. No action items, no discussion.
 - ii. Report approved by Council.
 - b. Executive Director - Edward Haddad:
 - i. No action items.
 - ii. Edward Haddad noted that current numbers on subscriptions to Florida Scientist in his report do not include the additional 120 subscriptions going to the University of Florida Library.
 - iii. The newly established *PayPal* account for FAS is ready for modification and linkage to the FAS website; this should greatly streamline registration payments to FAS at the annual meeting.
 - iv. Edward Haddad and David Karlen discussed our current status with the Orlando Science Center; it is still a convenient arrangement for us, but we might look for a

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permanent location for both the FAS Office and the Annual Meeting (Indian River State College was mentioned as a possibility).

- v. Report approved by Council.
- c. Treasurer – Ramon Ruiz-Carus:
 - i. No action items.
 - ii. Ramon Ruiz-Carus commented again on the newly established *PayPal* account, and how it will replace many of our tasks in financial services; we don't know yet the savings we will accrue, but he is optimistic that we will benefit from this account.
 - iii. Report approved by Council.
- d. Florida Endowment for the Sciences Committee – Richard Turner for Don Lovejoy:
 - i. No action items.
 - ii. Richard Turner noted that a donation of \$6,000 was made to the endowment in 2010.
 - iii. The Elizabeth T. Hays Travel Fund now has an amount sufficient to provide \$300 per year to assist with student travel to the Annual Meeting.
 - iv. As an aside, Richard Turner noted that the FES funds do not include any shares in BP.
 - v. Report approved by Council.
- e. Finance Committee – Richard Turner:
 - i. Review of 2010 Budget (approved by Council, 23 January 2010):
 - ii. Richard Turner reviewed the budget items marked that needed Council vote for change and approval, particularly the adjustments necessary to effectuate a transfer of \$12,258 from the Florida Endowment for the Sciences to the 2010 FAS Budget.
 - iii. Richard Turner explained several budgetary concepts (*e.g.*, “*money in, money out,*” “*restricted vs. unrestricted accounts,*” *etc.*), and some discussion followed.
 - iv. Two motions to correct the budget items were made, and the corrections were then approved by Council.
 - v. The motion by the Committee to withdraw \$12,258.00 from FES to the FAS operating account was approved by Council; this was the second vote needed to accomplish the withdrawal from FES, the first vote taken at the 18 March Council meeting.
 - vi. Richard Turner noted that with the budget changes made, we project a 2010 Budget balance of \$200.31.
 - vii. Report approved by Council.
- f. Development Committee – Richard Turner:
 - i. No report, no action items.
- g. Florida Junior Academy of Science – Pat Zalo:
 - i. No action items.

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- ii. Pat Zalo noted her recent communications with the American Junior Academies of Science, and reported that the FJAS participants continue to place highly at the Florida State Science Fair.
- iii. The FJAS will meet during 11-12 March 2011 at the FAS 2011 Annual Meeting hosted by Florida Institute of Technology; Pat Zalo noted that the FJAS Meeting will not be in any scheduling conflict with the Florida State Science Fair.
- iv. Pat Zalo thanked FAS for the valuable service provided in judging FJAS papers and presentations.
- v. Report approved by Council.
- h. Editor, *Florida Scientist* – Richard Turner for Tom Manning:
 - i. No action items.
 - ii. Richard Turner noted that 2009 publication of the Charlotte Harbor special issue had created a backlog of accepted manuscripts; such a backlog might discourage authors from submitting new manuscripts. John Trefry agreed to work with Tom Manning on calculating the pages that might be involved in clearing the current backlog.
 - iii. Richard Turner noted a recent anonymous donation that makes possible the publication of a sizable issue of papers this year; this donation should help greatly in reducing the current backlog.
 - iv. Report approved by Council.
- i. Journal Business Manager – Richard Turner:
 - i. No action items, no discussion.
 - ii. Report approved by Council.
- j. *Ad Hoc* Electronic Journal Committee – Richard Turner:
 - i. The *ProQuest* proposal for converting *Florida Scientist* into an online journal was discussed. Richard Turner, John Trefry, David Karlen, Tom Manning and Barry Wharton have been working on this proposal for some time.
 - ii. *ProQuest* can upload the full-text pdf files of articles from Volume 69 forward, with a one-year embargo. There were discussions concerning royalties, opt-outs, *etc.*
 - iii. The motion was made to accept the current *ProQuest* proposal, and it was then approved by Council.
 - iv. Report approved by Council.
- k. Charter & Bylaws Committee:
 - i. No report, no action items.
- l. Honors Committee – John Trefry for Dan Odell:
 - i. No report, no action items.

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- ii. John Trefry noted that the 2011 Honors Committee does not have a former Medalist appointed to it the President will make this appointment and report it at the 11 September Quarterly Council Meeting.
- iii. Council members are encouraged to nominate candidates for the 2011 Medalist.
- m. Nominating Committee – Richard Turner:
 - i. No report, no action items.
 - ii. Council members were asked to consider individuals for election at the 11 September meeting.
- n. FAS Delegate to NAS/AAAS – Richard Turner for Leslie Lieberman:
 - i. No report, no action items.
 - ii. Edward Haddad noted that he will be sitting in on a teleconference meeting of the State Academies of Sciences on 26 June 2010; Council members were encouraged to send comments or concerns to Edward prior to the teleconference.
- o. History & Archives Committee – Richard Turner:
 - i. No report, no action items.
 - ii. Richard Turner noted that due to an unexpected personal commitment, Dr. Ernie Estevez has had to preclude his involvement with commemorating the 75th Annual Meeting of FAS (11-12 March 2011 at Florida Institute of Technology); Edward Haddad and Leslie Lieberman have agreed to continue planning for the commemoration of this 75th Anniversary.
 - iii. John Baker volunteered his assistance in producing an appropriate poster for commemorating the 75th Annual Meeting.
- p. Membership Committee – Dave Karlen:
 - i. No report, no action items.
 - ii. Pasco Avery raised the issue of registration and membership for High School students who have coauthored abstracts in FAS; such coauthorships are rare, but the Program Chair (Jeremy Montague) has accepted approximately five such abstracts over the past three years.
 - iii. Pat Zalo recommended that any High School students interested in presenting original research ought to begin with FJAS, but FAS should also invite all FJAS presenters, faculty mentors and family members to attend the FAS presentations. Julie Reiger recommended that registered FJAS Saturday participants might be released from an entry fee to the Friday FAS sections.
 - iv. Edward Haddad distributed stacks of the FAS “*Support Science*” bumper stickers to interested Council members; members should ask for a \$2 donation per bumper sticker.
- q. Website – Richard Turner for Dan Odell:
 - i. No report, no action items.

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- ii. Jeremy Montague recommended that the *Florida Scientist* Editor might recommend two-three articles per issue and post them to a “*Recommended Articles*” link on the FAS website.
- r. Awards Committee – Richard Turner for Barry Wharton:
 - i. No report, no action items.
 - ii. Barry Wharton is still writing up the FAS 2010 awards results.
- s. Program Committee – Jeremy Montague:
 - i. No action items.
 - ii. Jeremy Montague discussed updates on Section Chairs for FAS 2011.
 - iii. Chris Brown (GHS Section chair) proposed that his group Taylor Engineering Research Institute (TERI) co-sponsor the FAS 2011 meeting; John Baker agreed to communicate with Chris Brown on this proposal, and also encourage TERI members to submit abstracts to FAS 2011.
 - iv. Ramon Ruiz-Carus discussed FAS’s invitation to Dr. Francisco Ayala (2010 Templeton Award Winner) to serve as keynote speaker at FAS 2011; we have yet to hear back.
 - v. Report approved by Council.
- t. Local Arrangements Committee – John Trefry:
 - i. No action items.
 - ii. John Trefry has arranged for 13 rooms on Friday (11 March) and 10 rooms on Saturday (12 March) on the Florida Institute of Technology campus.
 - iii. John Windsor and Richard Tankersley (FIT) will develop a NSF K-12 sub-section within TCH.
 - iv. Council discussed the possibility of developing a special session on the Impact of the Gulf Oil Spill.
 - v. Report approved by Council.
- u. Section Chair Reports:
 - i. AGR – Pasco Avery & David Pick discussed plans on recruitment for abstracts.
 - ii. AOS – Kelli Zargiel discussed possibilities for her section in FAS 2011.
 - iii. BIO – Mark Chiappone suggested the possibility that the anniversary FAS 2011 would be an opportune time to reconstruct the historical changes to Florida coastlines.
 - iv. ENG – John Baker again addressed Chris Brown’s proposal for TERI to co-sponsor FAS 2011.
 - v. MED – Sanjay Sesodia noted the advantages of small, intimate settings for FAS 2011 faculty-student interactions.
 - vi. RES – Jack Stout discussed plans to build on the successful RES abstracts in 2010, in particular, he hopes to make new contacts from Florida Gulf Coast University.

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- vii. TCH – Tom Arnold discussed plans to build up participation in TCH by Community College science faculty; he also mentioned his plan to recruit mainly south of I-4 while TCH Co-Chair Carmen Carpenter will focus mainly north of I-4.

6. Old Business:

a. Matters arising from minutes of 18 March 2010:

- i. Richard Turner discussed our attempts to have the University of Florida restore its *Sigma Xi* chapter's section award; Gil Ellis has been looking into this.
- ii. Council will need to appoint a new Councilor-at-large.

7. New Business:

- a. Next Quarterly Council Meeting: 11 September 2010 at Orlando Science Center (11 am)
- b. David Karlen discussed the possibility of the USF-St. Petersburg campus hosting the FAS 2012 Annual Meeting.

8. Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Montague,
Interim Secretary
10 September 2010