

Quarterly Council Meeting of the Florida Academy of Sciences
Orlando Science Center - 10 March 2011
Richard Turner, FAS President, presiding

1. **Present:** Tom Arnold, Pasco Avery, John Baker, Kym Rouse Campbell, Carmen Carpenter, Mark Chiappone, Gilbert Ellis, David Karlen, Leslie Lieberman, Jeremy Montague (minutes), Eric Perlman, David Pick, Sanjay Sesodia, BiBi Singh, Jack Stout, John Trefry, Richard Turner, Mark Wade, Pat Zalo, Kelli Zargiel. (Guests present: FAS Executive Director Ed Haddad, FAS Office manager Jenny Bouchard, and former FAS Office Manager Julie Regier)
2. **Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions** – Richard Turner
3. **Apologies for Absence** – Jenny Bouchard: Christopher Brown, George Dooris, Patricia Dooris, Thomas Manning, Michael Reiter, Armira Shkempi, and Barry Wharton
4. **Approval of 22 January 2011 Council Minutes** – Jeremy Montague (Interim Secretary)
 - a. Minor correction to a date was proposed and made.
 - b. The 1-22-2011 Minutes were approved by Council.
5. **Status of Council Composition for 2010-2011** – Richard Turner
6. **Reports of Officers & Chairs of Standing Committees** [Note: submitted reports were not read or summarized; only matters requiring Council action were presented]
 - a. President & Executive Committee – Richard Turner
 - i. No action items were included in the President’s Report.
 - ii. President-Elect David Karlen circulated copies of his re-written “*Position Statement from the Florida Academy of Sciences on Florida Senate Bill 1854 (an act relating to required instruction in the public schools; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.)*” The purpose of this statement is to articulate FAS opposition to any Florida State legislation that mandates so-called “*critical analysis*” of the theory of evolution or the inclusion of so-called “*Intelligent-Design theories*” to be part of Florida public school curricula (this mandate is promoted particularly by the Seattle-based Discovery Institute, and has been declared unconstitutional in several other states, including *Kitzmiller et al. v. Dover Area School District 2005* in Pennsylvania). David proposed to send copies of this position statement to all Florida State Senators. Council approved the position statement and its distribution to Florida State Senators.
 - iii. President & Executive Committee Reports were approved by Council.
 - b. Executive Director – Edward Haddad
 - i. No action items.
 - ii. Ed Haddad made a correction to the number of current full members of FAS: 233 (not 186, as reported in an earlier draft of his report) is the correct number as of 10 March 2011.
 - iii. Report approved by Council.
 - c. Treasurer – Ramon Ruiz-Carus
 - i. No action items.
 - ii. Ramon noted that the printing cost for the FAS 2011 Program Book is reflected in his report.

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- iii. Report approved by Council.
- d. Florida Endowment for the Sciences Committee – Don Lovejoy
 - i. No action items, no discussion.
 - ii. Report approved by Council.
- e. Finance Committee – Richard Turner
 - i. Richard Turner noted an item in the 1996 FAS 60th Anniversary Meeting Program Book that apparently referenced a “60th Anniversary Fund for the Endowment” and a “FJAS Fund for the Endowment;” neither is in operation.
 - ii. The 2011 FAS Program Book printing ran \$742.13 over budget. A hoped-for increase in meeting attendance might cover this over-run.
 - iii. Richard Turner noted that the travel funds for the FAS 2011 Plenary Speaker Dr. Thomas Shirley are covered by the Florida Sea Grant, but an honorarium is not. Richard made a motion to provide Dr. Shirley with an honorarium of between \$100-\$500 to be determined at the FAS 2011 June Quarterly Meeting based upon the financial status of the FAS 2011 Annual Meeting in March.
 - iv. Council inquired if this would set a precedent; several members noted that \$100 seemed a low amount for an honorarium.
 - v. Tom Arnold recommended that FAS award a Life-Membership to the Plenary Speaker rather than a cash honorarium. This would be in the form of an “*in-kind*” contribution from FAS valued at \$500. Richard noted that such an arrangement would be a good idea, but we would have to absorb the \$19/year cost of mailing the *Florida Scientist* issues to the Plenary Speaker. With this in mind, Richard presented the new motion that our honorarium award to the Plenary Speaker shall be a Life Membership in the Academy. Council approved the motion.
 - vi. The Finance Committee Report was 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. Pat Zalo noted that all her judges for FJAS are in place, and she thanked those Council members who volunteered their time.
 - ii. Report approved by Council.
- h. Editor, *Florida Scientist* – Richard Turner for Tom Manning
 - i. No action items. Richard Turner noted that Tom had sent two reports: the first (dated February 2011) was his Quarterly Editor Report to Council, while the second (dated March 2011) was the Editor’s Annual Report to the 2011 FAS Business Meeting (11 March 2011).
 - ii. Council asked if the Editor’s Quarterly Report to Council could start to include counts of: (1) manuscripts submitted to review, (2) completed reviews, (3) manuscripts rejected *vs.*

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accepted, and (4) pages per issue to be published. John Trefry agreed to write a letter to Tom with this request.

- iii. Council asked about current turnaround time (time between acceptance and publication). The Fall 2009 Special Issue for Charlotte Harbor Symposium had created a large backlog of manuscripts in press. Tom Manning hopes to have this backlog reduce during 2011-2012, and to have less than a year of turnaround time. John Trefry noted that an eight-nine month turnaround time is not unusually in peer-review journals today.
 - iv. Council asked about current policies on selection and appointment of reviewers. With regard to the current state of reviewers, John Trefry noted that his recently published article in *Florida Scientist* (Spring 2011) had two reviewers who responded in a very timely manner, and John said both had done a good job.
 - v. Report approved by Council.
- i. Journal Business Manager – Richard Turner
 - i. Richard discussed a copyright form developed by the Biological Society of Washington which our journal might adopt. Currently, federal agencies do not allow transfer of copyright.
 - ii. Richard recommended that Council refer this copyright form to the Editor, Journal Business Manager, and Executive Committee for consideration of future adoption of Council, such committee to be an *ad Hoc* Committee on Copyright for 2011-2012.
 - iii. Report approved by Council.
 - j. Council broke briefly to present a Plaque of Appreciation to retiring FAS Office Manager Julie Regier, and to introduce and welcome incoming Office Manager Jenny Bouchard
 - k. Charter & Bylaws Committee – Leslie Lieberman
 - i. No report, no action items.
 - l. Honors Committee – John Trefry
 - i. No report, no action items.
 - ii. Richard Turner noted that the main task for the Honors Committee (President, 1st Past President, 2nd Past President, 3rd Past President, former Medalist, non-voting President-Elect, and non-voting Executive Director) is to nominate and select the Medalist for the year; the 2011 Medalist is Michael Greenburg. The Medalist Committee need not seek approval from Council ahead of time for their selection.
 - iii. Report approved by Council.
 - m. Nominating Committee – Jeremy Montague
 - i. No report.
 - ii. The Nominating Committee (Jeremy Montague, Sanjay Sesodia and Mark Wade) will present a slate of nominations (see below) for election at the 3:30 pm FAS Business Meeting tomorrow (Friday, 11 March 2011). All nominees have been contacted and have consented to nomination.

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1. President-Elect (2011-2013)
 2. Secretary (2011-2014)
 3. Treasurer (2011-2013)
 4. Elected Councilor-at-Large (2011-2013)
- iii. The terms of Secretary and Treasurer should now be staggered to ensure that in the future we will not have to hold an election for both positions in the same year. This means that for 2011 only, we will elect one officer for a three-year term and the other for a two-year term. The nominees for these offices have communicated with one another, and by agreement, the Secretary position will be, for this term only, the three-year term.
- n. FAS Delegate to NAS/AAAS –Leslie Lieberman
- i. No report, no action items.
 - ii. Leslie announced that she is stepping down as Chair for this committee, effective 11 March 2011. President-Elect David Karlen will have the task of filling this position for 2011-2012. Leslie also took the opportunity to thank Pat Zalo for her many years of help, travel companionship and good fellowship in this committee.
 - iii. Report approved by Council.
- o. History and Archives – Leslie Lieberman
- i. Leslie and John Baker reported on their 75th Anniversary Meeting celebration activities (poster presentation, video presentation) for the Olin Building Lobby (11 March 2011). John Trefry noted that he had driven to Miami this morning to pick up the specially-ordered 75th Anniversary Meeting commemorative coffee cups (beautiful blue cups with gold lettering). Council members expressed their gratitude for all efforts by Leslie, John and John.
 - ii. Report approved by Council.
- p. Membership Committee – Dave Karlen
- i. No report, no action items.
- q. Website – Dan Odell
- i. No report, no action items.
- r. Awards Committee – Richard Turner
- i. No action items.
 - ii. Richard distributed and discussed copies of the awards evaluation reporting forms for papers and posters, and reviewed the instructions to the Section Chairs concerning the return of all completed forms to FAS before leaving tomorrow afternoon (11 March).
 - iii. Report approved by Council.
- s. Program Committee – Jeremy Montague
- i. No action items.

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- ii. Jeremy reminded all Section Chairs of the duties in running their Section Business Meetings at the conclusion of the sessions; he asked all Section Chairs to report to him concerning election of new chairs or retention of current chairs. Council complimented Jeremy for his efforts with FAS 2011.
- iii. Report approved by Council.
- t. Local Arrangements Committee – John Trefry
 - i. No report, no action items.
 - ii. John used slides to review important information concerning registration desk logistics, building locations, schedule updates, student aides, computer passwords, AV and audio equipment, poster locations, banquet tickets, *etc.* Richard Turner and Council complimented John on his excellent preparation and follow-through with FAS 2011.
 - iii. Report approved by Council.
- u. Section Chair Reports
 - i. AGR – Pasco Avery (no discussion).
 - ii. ANT – Gilbert Ellis (no discussion).
 - iii. AOS – Kelli Zargiel (no discussion).
 - iv. BIO – Mark Chiappone (no discussion).
 - v. CMS – Siamack Bondiari, Amira Shkemi (no discussion).
 - vi. ENG – John Baker (no discussion).
 - vii. ENV – Eric Steimle (no discussion)
 - viii. GHS – Chris Brown (no discussion).
 - ix. MED – Sanjay Sesodia (no discussion).
 - x. RES – Jack Stout (no discussion).
 - xi. TCH – Tom Arnold and Carmen Carpenter (no discussion).
 - xii. SOC – Michael DeDonno (no discussion).
 - xiii. URB – Elizabeth Strom (no discussion).

7. Old Business

- a. Matters arising from minutes of 22 January 2011 Council Meeting – Richard Turner
 - i. Ed Haddad and Leslie Lieberman discussed the formation of a FAS Advisory Committee as follow-up to an earlier discussion (22 January 2011); this proposed Advisory Committee would coordinate with outside professionals and professional/legislative organizations at the state level in advancing the work and interests of FAS, as well as in implementing the Executive Director's Five-Year Strategic Plan for FAS. One major goal would be for FAS to become a line item in the Florida State budget.

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- ii. Leslie Lieberman suggested that FAS invite the 22 members of the National Academies of Science currently residing in the State of Florida to join as external advisors to this proposed Advisory Committee.
- iii. Richard Turner noted that this proposed Advisory Committee might fall under the oversight of the Council Development Committee.

8. New Business

- a. Ed Haddad noted the good work by our new Office Manager Jenny Bouchard. He also read a letter of welcome to the 75th Anniversary Meeting of FAS from Florida Governor Rick Scott.
- b. Next Quarterly Council Meeting: Saturday, 11 June 2011 at Orlando Science Center (11 am).
- c. Date/Location of FAS 2012 Annual Meeting.
 - i. FAS 2012 will meet 16-17 March 2012 at University of South Florida (Tampa campus). David Karlen announced that Dr. James Garey (Cell, Molecular and Microbiology Department) will have the CMM serve as the sponsor for the meeting, and David will serve as Local Arrangements Chair.
 - ii. Mark Wade discussed his communications with Indian River State College concerning the use of IRSC's new STEM building complex as a possible site for FAS 2013. Council complimented Mark for his continuing efforts.

9. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy Montague, Interim Secretary _____ 6 June 2011