

Quarterly Council Meeting of the Florida Academy of Sciences  
Wingate-Marriott/University of South Florida-Tampa - 15 March 2012  
David Karlen, FAS President, presiding

1. **Present:** Tom Arnold, Pasco Avery, John Baker, Jim Barnes, Kym Rouse Campbell, Carmen Carpenter, Kathy Carvalho-Knighton, Mark Chiappone, Tom Manning, Ramon Ruiz-Carus, Gilbert Ellis, David Karlen, Jeremy Montague (minutes), David Pick, Sanjay Sesodia, Bibi Singh, Jack Stout, Richard Turner, Pat Zalo, and Kelli Zargiel (Guests present: FAS Executive Director Ed Haddad, FAS Office Manager Jenny Bouchard)
2. **Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions** – David Karlen
3. **Apologies for Absence** – lists from Jenny Bouchard and Jeremy Montague: Chris Brown, Monika Kiss, Don Lovejoy, Eric Perlman, and John Trefry
4. **Approval of 21 January 2012 Council Minutes** – Jeremy Montague (Secretary)
  - a. The 1-21-2012 Minutes were approved by Council.
5. **Status of Council Composition for 2012-2013** – David Karlen
  - a. Council discussed the pending replacement Councilor-at-Large Dr. Mark Wade. Council must appoint a new Councilor-at-Large at the 16 June 2012 quarterly meeting (at OSC, Orlando).
  - b. Status Up-date Report was approved by Council.
6. **Reports of Officers & Chairs of Standing Committees**
  - a. President & Executive Committee – David Karlen
    - i. No action items.
    - ii. David Karlen, Kym Campbell and Mark Chiappone discussed the creation of an FAS endowed grant award for student research, similar in design to the Elizabeth A. Hays Travel Award. Richard Turner suggested that for such an award program to become successful all past FAS presidents and medalists should be contacted for support and encouragement. Council also noted that FAS student researchers should, if eligible, take advantage of the Sigma Xi Student Research Grants (\$500 awards).
    - iii. President & Executive Committee Report was approved by Council.
  - b. Executive Director – Edward Haddad
    - i. No action items.
    - ii. Ed Haddad noted that the current desktop computer in the FAS office at OSC is getting old and obsolete. We could replace the current computer with a very capable new PC for approximately \$500. One suggestion by Council was to seek a donated computer, provided it is in good condition.
    - iii. Report approved by Council.
  - c. Treasurer – Ramon Ruiz-Carus
    - i. No action items.
    - ii. Ramon noted that our financial condition remains good (we finished 2011 with a surplus of approximately \$2,700), though we have experienced several years of fluctuation in our year-end balances. Richard Turner also noted that an additional \$1,500 from 2011 invoices

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will be added in the next several weeks. Also, he noted the 120 subscriptions for the University of Florida should be taken into account.

- iii. Gil Ellis discussed the accounting for current membership fees; Council advised that the current number of members will change during the fiscal year.
- iv. Report approved by Council.
- d. Florida Endowment for the Sciences Committee – David Karlen for Don Lovejoy
  - i. No action items.
  - ii. Ed Haddad noted that the endowment has been very well-managed.
  - iii. Report approved by Council.
- e. Finance Committee –Richard Turner
  - i. No report.
- f. Development Committee – Kym Campbell
  - i. No report.
- g. Florida Junior Academy of Science – Pat Zalo
  - i. No action items.
  - ii. Pat Zalo thanked David Karlen, Tom Arnold and Jeremy Montague for assistance with FJAS 2012 activities.
  - iii. Report approved by Council.
- h. Editor, *Florida Scientist* – Tom Manning
  - i. No action items.
  - ii. Tom noted the scheduling of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Charlotte Harbor Symposium Special Issue for January 2013; the symposium has its own editor for this issue.
  - iii. Tom discussed the typical time delays in submissions during the Christmas Holiday season. He also noted that *Florida Scientist* has been traditionally rather topic-specific, and it hasn't been easy to find reviewers for some of the recent manuscripts. He hopes to continue broadening the scope of topics for the journal.
  - iv. Report approved by Council.
- i. Journal Business Manager – Richard Turner
  - i. No action items.
  - ii. Richard noted Council's decision to allow the Melbourne Mass-Mail account to lapse; we will no longer send out our mass-mailings through USPS.
  - iii. Richard discussed a new license agreement proposed for *Florida Scientist* by EBSCO (a long-time service for managing and accessing print and e-journals, e-packages, research databases, and e-books). The review of this proposal will be undertaken by the FAS Executive Committee (rather than by full Council).

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- iv. Report approved by Council.
- j. Charter & Bylaws Committee – David Karlen for John Trefry
  - i. No report.
- k. Honors Committee –Richard Turner
  - i. Richard noted that the 2011 Medalist Dr. Michael Greenburg will give present the FAS 2012 Banquet Address. The 2012 Medalist will be announced at the FAS 2012 Banquet.
  - ii. Report approved by Council.
- l. Nominating Committee – Jeremy Montague
  - i. No report.
- m. FAS Delegate to NAS/AAAS – Gilbert Ellis
  - i. No action items.
  - ii. Gilbert Ellis announced his plan to attend the 2013 AAAS/NAS Annual Meeting in Boston.
  - iii. Jeremy Montague agreed to write a letter of thanks from Council to Leslie Lieberman for her many years of service as FAS AAAS/NAS Representative.
  - iv. Report approved by Council.
- n. History and Archives – John Baker
  - i. No report.
- o. Membership Committee – Sanjay Sesodia
  - i. No report.
- p. Website – David Karlen for Dan Odell
  - i. No report.
- q. Awards Committee – Richard Turner
  - i. No action items.
  - ii. Richard noted that a scheduled FIT student presenter (Tyler Sloan) had to withdraw from FAS 2012 due to his recent serious car accident; Dr. Ralph Turingan will make Tyler's oral presentation.
  - iii. Report approved by Council.
- Program Committee – Jeremy Montague
  - i. No action items.
  - ii. Jeremy noted the FAS 2012 Online Abstracts pdf file will go online after the meeting.
  - iii. Jeremy also noted a glitch in his gmail-contact data with the FAS 2012 Advance Oral Presentations pdf released in late February 2012; hopefully the error has been corrected.
  - iv. Report approved by Council.

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- r. Local Arrangements Committee FAS 2011 – David Karlen
  - i. No action items.
  - ii. David noted that planning and preparation for FAS 2012 is now complete; he thanked Jenny Bouchard, Ed Haddad and Jeremy Montague for their assistance.
  - iii. David acknowledged the support of the USF Department of Electrical Engineering for their loan of poster easels.
  - iv. All computer log-in information has been printed and placed in front of the classroom computers for easy access; also printed is the IT help phone number.
  - v. David noted final counts of 65 poster presentations, and 92 registrants for the banquet.
  - vi. Report approved by Council.

Section Chair Reports:

- i. AGR: Pasco Avery and David Pick; Avery noted that he and David will seek a new AGR Section Chair during tomorrow's AGR Section business meeting.
- ii. ANT: (no report)
- iii. AOS: Kelli Zargiel (no report)
- iv. BIO: Kym Campbell noted one cancellation for the BIO orals.
  - v. CMS: Monika Kiss (no report)
  - vi. ENG: John Baker (no report)
  - vii. ENV: Eric Steimle (no report)
  - viii. GHS: Chris Brown (no report)
  - ix. MED: BiBi Singh (no report)
  - x. PSS: Eric Perlman (no report)
  - xi. RES: Jack Stout (no report)
  - xii. TCH: Tom Arnold and Carmen Carpenter (no report)
  - xiii. SOC: Michael DeDonno (no report)
  - xiv. URB: Jim Barnes; Jim and Jeremy Montague discussed plans for revision to the URB oral sessions that would comply with state and/or national certification criteria, and thus allow professional urban planners to travel and present at FAS 2013.

**7. Old Business**

- a. Matters arising from minutes of 24 September 2011 Council Meeting – none (note Section 6.1, item ii on p. 2 concerning the lapse of the USPS Mass-Mailing account).

**8. New Business**

- a. David Karlen announced that the University of Florida-Gainseville has tentatively agreed to host FAS 2013.

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- b. Ed Haddad discussed his progress on the STEM Sci-Five series on Orange County TV; the first production is ready to begin.
- c. Richard Turner made a motion to have Executive Council approve the appointment of a One-Year Interim Treasurer to complete Ramon Ruiz-Carus' 2012-2013 year term (the last of his two-year service). Jeremy Montague, Sanjay Sedia, and Bibi Singh discussed the willingness of Steve Dunham (Barry University) to serve as the One-Year Interim Treasurer. Richard's motion was discussed and passed by Council.
- d. Ramon discussed the need for Council to approve the move of our bank account to an institution (a bank or credit union) that does not charge fees to non-profit organizations such as FAS. He advised that it will take four to five weeks of time and paperwork for FAS to switch banks.
- e. Ed Haddad noted that we are now down to our last 150 FAS bumper stickers, and he will check on prices for a new order. One suggestion was that we give away the bumper-stickers to avoid taxes. Kathy Carvalho-Knighton suggested we look also at windshield decals for FAS. Ramon Ruiz-Carus suggested that we might use a "*Student Competition*" for a new FAS bumper-sticker or decal; the winning design would award that student free registration for FAS 2013. This competition could be designed and included in the "Call for Abstracts for FAS 2013" to be released in October 2012. Council tabled this discussion for the June 2012 Quarterly Meeting.
- f. Date for the next quarterly meeting: Saturday (11 am), 16 June 2012 at OCS in Orlando.

**9. Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeremy Montague, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ 3 June 2012