

Quarterly Council Meeting of the Florida Academy of Sciences  
Barry University – 7 March 2013  
David Karlen, FAS President, presiding

1. **Present:** Carmen Carpenter, Kym Campbell, Mark Chiappone, Stephen Dunham, David Karlen, Jeremy Montague (minutes), Sanjay Sesodia, Bibi Singh, Richard Turner, and Pat Zalo (Guests present: FAS Executive Director Ed Haddad (with Mrs. Haddad), FAS Office Manager Jenny Bouchard, and Sonia Lavina)
2. **Present by Phone Conference Call:** (phone malfunction at 7:00 pm, restored at 7:57 pm; the Secretary does not have the record of callers, but noted the emails of intent to call from Tom Arnold, Jim Barnes, Noreen Noonan, Eric Perlman, Dan Odell and Julian Bourne Smothers)
3. **Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions** – David Karlen
4. **Apologies for Absence** – lists from Jenny Bouchard and Jeremy Montague: Chris Brown, Eric Perlman, John Trefry, Pat Zalo, and Kelli Zargiel.
5. **Approval of 26 January 2013 Council Minutes** – Jeremy Montague (Secretary)
  - a. The 1-26-2013 Quarterly Council Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved by Council.
6. **Status of Council Composition for 2012-2013** – David Karlen
  - a. No change to status was noted.
7. **Reports of Officers & Chairs of Standing Committees**
  - a. **President & Executive Committee** – David Karlen
    - i. No action items.
    - ii. David Karlen noted that this would be his final quarterly report as President. He thanked Ed Haddad and Jenny Bouchard for their able assistance during his tenure.
    - iii. President & Executive Committee Report was approved by Council.
  - b. **Executive Director** – Edward Haddad
    - i. No action items.
    - ii. Ed reviewed a chart for membership numbers, which indicated that our current 2013 level is approximately the same as the FAS membership level in 2012.
    - iii. Ed noted that FAS STEM initiatives aimed at student research opportunities and avenues for student publications should bear fruit for us in the coming years. Sanjay Sesodia asked Ed to compile a listing of recent FAS STEM initiatives (Great Minds in STEM, Sci-TV, Science Cafes, *etc.*), and provide estimates of their impact on FAS memberships and contacts.
    - iv. Richard Turner asked about his motion (1-26-2013), calling for the FAS Office to contact journal subscription agencies (*e.g.*, EBSCO, *etc.*) to ensure that Florida Scientist is on each appropriate list for 2013, and that the FAS Office should contact individual librarians at libraries that have dropped their subscriptions, with two questions in mind: (1) why was the subscription dropped, and (2) would the library(ies) review and/or reconsider this decision. Council approved this motion. Ed is following up on this. Richard also recommended that the FAS Office re-build its E-News Letter format for quarterly publication.

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- v. Richard Turner reminded the FAS Office that it would be worthwhile to contact other potential subscribers (*e.g.*, SFWMD, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, DERM, *etc.*) to see if they would pick up the \$60/year subscription rate for *Florida Scientist*.
- vi. Report approved by Council.
- c. Treasurer – Stephen Dunham
  - i. No action items.
  - ii. Stephen noted that the FAS financial condition in March 2013 is about the same as its condition in March 2012. He is currently monitoring checks written for FAS vendors (which have all cleared), and for FAS checks to the E.A. Hays Student Travel Fund award winners (none of which have yet cleared). Stephen and Richard Turner noted that the FAS PayPal account seems to be operating smoothly, without any problems at this time.
  - iii. Richard Turner presented a brief assessment, and it is his opinion that FAS is maintaining a good financial structure at this time.
  - iv. Report approved by Council.
- d. Florida Endowment for the Sciences Committee – Richard Turner for Don Lovejoy
  - i. No action items.
  - ii. Richard noted that the FAS Endowment increased in value this year by \$60,000; Council lauded the work of the Endowment committee.
  - iii. Report approved by Council.
- e. Finance Committee –Richard Turner
  - i. Richard Turner noted that at the Annual Business Meeting tomorrow (8 March), Council and FAS membership will decide on the removal of funds from Endowment for operating expenses in the coming year (as noted in 7.e.1 [p. 3.] of the Quarterly Minutes from 26 January 2013, all four motions of which Council had approved on that date).
  - iii. Report approved by Council.
- f. Development Committee – Kym Campbell
  - i. No report.
- g. Florida Junior Academy of Science – Pat Zalo
  - i. No report.
  - ii. Pat expressed her gratitude to Council and to Barry University for their efforts to provide readers and judges for FJAS.
- h. Editor, *Florida Scientist* – Richard Turner (serving as Interim Editor)
  - i. Richard Turner reported for Editor James Austin (University of Florida). At this time, there are 18 manuscripts in hand, with one rejected. Issue 2 will be out in April and will contain 281 pages of content from (and paid for by) the Port Charlotte Conference.

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- ii. Richard expressed special gratitude to Ms. Julie Ott for her care and timely editing of the Port Charlotte issue.
- iii. Interim Editor report approved by Council.

Journal Business Manager – Richard Turner

- i. Richard Turner announced that the Biodiversity Heritage Library will be scanning all our old issues for digital archiving.
  - ii. Richard noted that all journal invoices are currently up to date.
  - iii. Report approved by Council.
- i. Charter & Bylaws Committee – Richard Turner for John Trefry
    - i. No report.
    - ii. Richard Turner reminded Council on the importance of tomorrow's vote at the Annual Business Meeting (see specific details in the 26 January 2013 Quarterly Minutes (7.j, items I through v., p. 4).
  - j. Honors Committee – Richard Turner
    - i. No report.
    - ii. Richard noted that the medal for the 2013 Medalist is in hand and will be presented at tomorrow evening's FAS Annual Banquet.
  - k. Nominating Committee – Jeremy Montague
    - i. No action items.
    - ii. Jeremy noted that his committee will bring three nominations to the 8 March 2013 Annual Business Meeting for three positions: (1) President-Elect; (2) Treasurer; and (3) Elected Councilor-at-Large. Nominees for all three positions have replied very positively about serving, if elected.
    - iii. Report approved by Council.
  - l. FAS Delegate to NAS/AAAS – David Karlen for Norine Noonan
    - i. David noted that Noreen Noonan attended the 15 February 2013 meeting of NAS/AAAS in Boston, MA.
    - ii. David also noted that all FAS web links for NAS/AAAS have been checked.
    - iii. Report approved by Council.
  - m. History and Archives – John Baker
    - i. No report.
  - n. Membership Committee – Sanjay Sesodia
    - i. No action items.
    - ii. Sanjay asked about Ed Haddad's progress on two items from the 26 January 2013 Quarterly minutes concerning contact with lapsed memberships (7.b.iv [p. 2] and 7.o.ii [p.

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5]. Ed reported that FAS emails had been sent, rather than written letters sent in USPS format. Richard Turner asked if there was any way to calculate a “success rate” on such email inquiries; Ed will look into this for information.

iii. Report approved by Council.

Website – Dan Odell

i. No report.

o. Awards Committee – Richard Turner

i. No action items.

ii. Richard has all the awards packages ready for the Section chairs to pick up tomorrow; all of the E. A. Hays Travel Award winners are noted.

iii. Richard is in the process of writing a manual guide for FAS Awards Chair.

iv. Report approved by Council.

r. Program Committee – Jeremy Montague

i. No action items.

ii. Jeremy noted that Ed Haddad brought the printed copies of the Program Book to tonight’s meeting.

iii. Jeremy also noted that all rooms, arrangements, and personnel for tomorrow’s meeting seem to be in place.

iv. Report approved by Council.

Local Arrangements Committee FAS 2013 – Sanjay Sesodia

i. Sanjay Sesodia reported that all rooms, events, etc., seem to be ready.

ii. Report approved by Council.

t. Section Chair Reports:

i. AGR: Steven Arthurs and Julian Bourne Smothers (no report)

ii. ANT: Gilbert Ellis (no report).

iii. AOS: Kelli Zargiel (no report)

iv. BIO: Mark Chiappone is ready for tomorrow.

v. CMS: Monika Kiss (no report) – note: former CMS Chair Siamack Bondari contacted Jeremy Montague on 4 March; Monika Kiss as resigned from Council.

vi. ENG: John Baker (no report)

vii. ENV: Eric Steimle (no report)

viii. GHS: Chris Brown (no report)

ix. MED: BiBi Singh is ready for tomorrow.

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- x. PSS: Eric Perlman (no report)
- xi. RES: Jack Stout (no report)
- xii. TCH: Tom Arnold and Carmen Carpenter: Carmen report that they are ready for tomorrow.
- xiii. SOC: Michael DeDonno (no report)
- xiv. URB: Jim Barnes (no report)

**8. Old Business**

- a. Matters arising from minutes of 26 January 2013 Council Meeting – none.

**9. New Business**

- a. David Karlen announced that University of Florida's interest in hosting FAS 2014 has disappeared; however, Indian River State College has expressed interest in hosting FAS 2014; Council will be kept apprised on the IRSC proposal during our meetings tomorrow. David Karlen requested a firm deadline of 31 March 2013 to receive a proposal from IRSC.
- b. Richard Turner made a motion that we let the FAS Executive Council have power to approve a site selection for FAS 2014 ahead of the June 2013 Quarterly Meeting; Council approved this motion.
- c. Council discussed possibilities for future hosting by University of Central Florida (Linda Walters as a contact), by USF-St. Petersburg (Noreen Noonan as a contact), and St. Leo University (Iain Duffy as contact, as per Ed Haddad).

**10. Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeremy Montague, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ 11 June 2013