

**FLORIDA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES**  
**QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING**  
Orlando Science Center, Learning Center  
Orlando, FL  
October 9, 2004

Present: President Cherie Geiger, Past President Barry Wharton, President-Elect John Trefiy, Secretary Elizabeth Hays, Treasurer Georgina Wharton, Journal Editors Barbara and Dean Martin, AAAS Delegate Leslie Lieberman, Section Chairs AI Hall (Engineering) and Allen Smith (Medical Sciences), Program Chair Jeremy Montague, FAS Webmaster Dan Odell, Ed Haddad (Consultant).

**1. Meeting Call to order; Welcome and Introductions** - Meeting called to order at 1:01pm by President Geiger who welcomed everyone. Everyone introduced themselves.

**2. Apologies for Absence** - received from Don Lovejoy, Jacci White, Richard Turner, Dave Karlen, Sanjay Sesodia, Pat Zalo, Jack Stout, Craig Duxbury

**3. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting - June 19, 2004** - (attachment A). Minutes approved as distributed and emailed.

**4. Reports**

a.) Executive Secretary - Ed Haddad spoke about plans for this position. He spoke briefly about background and current work/projects he is involved in. He has been looking at the business practices of FAS. Kristen Spotz has been serving as Executive Secretary. They want to get all data into Microsoft Access. He spoke about mission to enhance image and knowledge of F AS in the public eye. Ed is interested in doing that. He is trying to get Ed Elfner from Ohio Academy of Science to help us in strategic planning. F AS may want a committee to do some preliminary strategic planning. In regards to his work for F AS, he plans to spend 10-12 hours per week and at most 20 hours/week on F AS business. He may also need mileage and a few other expenses to be covered. F AS may need to conduct a membership drive. There is need for large mass mailing in November. There have been problems of determining membership but so far, they have erred on side of caution. Ed spoke further regarding his recommendations. He feels that 8-10 hours are needed to do routine work of the F AS. President Geiger, President Elect Trefry, Leslie Lieberman and Ed will work together over next few months to develop a plan for public relations and work to be done by Executive Director and Secretary. They will report at next meeting.

b.) Treasurer - Georgina Wharton reported that as of October 8, 2004, total assets were \$155,584.79 (attachment B1). For the 2004 year, net income is \$2033.38 (attachment B2). It was indicated that Kristen Spotz was being paid \$12/hour for her work for FAS. Approved as distributed.

c.) Journal Editors - The Martins reported (attachment C) the autumn issue of volume 47 is in press and ahead of schedule, while winter issue of volume 68 is ready to be sent to printer and they are working on spring and summer issue of next years volume. Editors did indicate they would like to see more contributions from Council members and again, expressed concern that journal is not picked up by Current Contents. Question of continuity of editorship beyond 2005 was raised. Report approved as given.

d.) Journal Business Manager - Richard Turner's report (attachment D) was discussed particularly item 2 which requested permission for him to send complete set of Academy journals to the Cuban Academy of Sciences. This item was approved by Council. Report approved as received.

e.) Section Chair Coordinator and Section Chairs - Jeremy Montague reported no meeting. Hurricane was a factor. He indicated the need to mail out call for papers. Jeremy indicated he could cut and paste directly to web site. Barry Wharton was asked to chair the Urban and Regional Planning section with assistance. Jeremy will be accepting abstracts directly for Geological and Hydrology section. Report approved as given.

f.) FJAS - no report. .

g.) Awards Committee - Betty Hays presented Sanjay Sesodia's written report (attachment E). After discussion of item 2 on posting awards on FAS website) Sanjay has or will send names to Dan Odell for posting awards on web site. Report approved as received.

h.) Charter and By-Laws Committee - Leslie was again reminded that at January) 2004 meeting the issue of the 4-year limit on student membership was referred to the By-Laws Committee. After discussion, Leslie agreed to look at this further and bring a possible change to next Council meeting.

i.) Endowment Committee - Dean Martin gave report (attachment F) indicating Endowment Fund was valued at \$112)237 and that Chevron Texaco stock bought at \$45 was now \$55 providing a \$4)000 capital gain for fund.

j.) Medalist Committee - Barry Wharton reported (attachment G 1) that the 2005 medalist nomination solicitation is in process. He also handed out an updated nominations form (attachment G2). Nominations from members are greatly appreciated.

k.) Nominating Committee - Barry Wharton/Betty Hays reported that we need nominations for President-Elect Secretary) Treasurer and Councilor-At-Large to be elected. Sanjay Sesodia's term is up in 2005. Betty Hays and Georgina Wharton expressed interest in serving another term. Dave Karlen and Gary Maddox were suggested as possible candidates for President-Elect. At this time) need to find out if Sanjay is willing to serve another term. Richard Turner's appointed term will be up in 2005. (Pat Dooris was appointed Councilor-At-Large for 2004-2006. Ralph Turingen was elected for 2004-2006 term.) Concern was raised that Ralph Turingen has not attended a meeting since being elected. President-Elect Trefry said he would follow up on this. Report approved as given.

l.) President - President Geiger reported that all her concerns had been expressed by Ed Haddad. Report approved as given.

## 5. **Old Business** - none

## 6. **New Business**

a.) Discussion of 2005 meeting - The Martins report (attachment H) was received. They indicated that they are spreading the sessions out. Ten rooms have been reserved for morning and afternoon. Discussion of program on Friday and Saturday as well as interesting members in field trips ensued. Longer than fifteen minute coffee breaks were also discussed. Report approved as given.

b.) Date of next Council meeting at USF. - January 8 was selected as date.

c.) Strategic Planning Meeting - felt there was a need for a separate meeting for this.

A committee was formed to plan this. Included were Ed Haddad, John Trefiy, Leslie Lieberman and Barry Wharton along with President Geiger. President Geiger also indicated she would email some questions from Dr. Elfner to help with this planning. One idea mentioned was the need to involve more industry in FAS.

7. **Adjournment:** at 2:37pm

Sign in sheet attached (attachment I)

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Hays Secretary

Note: Copies of attachments are available from Executive Secretary.

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