

Minutes of Florida Academy of Sciences Council – March 9, 2017

Hampton Inn
Main Meeting Room
Lakeland, FL
7:00 pm

Call to Order, Council Attendance and Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by president Jeremy Montague. Dr. Thomas Smith, Ave Maria University and Ms. Jenny Bouchard, FAS Office Manager were recognized as guests.

The following Council members were in attendance: Jeremy Montague, Tom Arnold, Carmen Carpenter, David Karlen, Norine Noonan, Richard Turner, Daren Bell, Geuorgui Bourov, John Baker, Iain Duffy, Kelli Hunsucker, Ricardo Jimenez, Ana Jimenez, Richard Smith, David Karlen, Alvan Karlin, Sesha Srinivasan, Laura Mudd.

The following Council members sent apologies for being absent: Sumera Ackbarali, Dan Odell, Sanjay Sesodia, Jack Stout.

President Montague noted that the Minutes of the January 7, 2017 meeting were provided via email. The Minutes were approved.

Reports of Officers and Committees

President's Report: the president reported that the Treasurer, Sumera Ackbarali, will be stepping down as of the annual meeting on March 10, 2017. He will bring a nomination to the floor at the Annual Meeting. Dr. Montague also reported that Dan Odell will be stepping down as FAS Web Administrator in June. The Council may want to consider contracting with Florida Tech IT services for website maintenance. President Montague reported that the 2018 meeting will be at Barry University. He thanked the Council for its support as he steps into the role of past-president and Dr. Kelli Hunsucker assumes the presidency tomorrow. The report was accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The report was distributed by email. There is still explanation needed for a \$19,000 discrepancy.

Endowment Committee: the president reported on behalf of the Endowment Committee. There are several actions that need to be taken over the next couple of months and that he would be working with the other two trustees, Dr. George Dooris and Dr. Dean Martin to complete these actions. This includes a review of Morgan Stanley's performance as investment manager and perhaps a discussion about management fees. The report was accepted.

Finance Committee: No report.

Development Committee: No Report.

Florida Junior Academy of Science: Ms. Leya Joykuty, the new FJAS director reported that her membership has grown slightly from 2016. She also reported that 139 papers were accepted for presentation (83 high school; 47 middle school). She thanked the paper reviewers and those that had agreed to judge the FJAS presentations. The report was accepted.

Editor's Report: Dr. Austin reported that volume 80 is being printed. The report was accepted.

Journal Business Manager: Dr. Turner reported that because of the Charlotte Harbor issue, the total cost of printing the journal in 2016 was \$400. He also reported that the journal was now fully online via EBSCO Host/ProQuest (and soon JSTOR). The report was accepted. Dr. Turner recommended two actions:

1. That the Journal Business Manager be allowed to reduce stock of issues of Florida Scientist 69(1)–77(4) to 10 archival copies and 10 additional copies to fill future requests for back issues.
2. That the practice of stock reduction continue for all issues older than 2 years.

Dr. Turner explained the reasoning behind these recommendations and his plan for implementation. His report was considered as a motion which was seconded and the Council voted unanimously in favor.

Charter and By-Laws Committee: No Report

Honors Committee: Dr. David Karlen reported that the 2016 Medalist will be in attendance to give his address and that the 2017 Medalist has been selected. The report was accepted.

Nominating Committee: Dr. Montague reported that he will bring forward the name of Dr. Tom Smith, Ave Maria University, to replace Sumera Ackbarali as FAS Treasurer. Dr. Smith has agreed to accept the nomination. In addition, he will bring forward a name to place in nomination as president-elect. The report was accepted

FAS Delegate to NAAS/AAAS: Dr. Noonan reported that she attended the 2017 AAAS Annual Meeting in Washington, DC and attended the annual meeting of the NAAS as the FAS delegate. The report was accepted. History and Archives Committee: No report

Membership Committee: No report.

Website: Dr. Dan Odell reported that he will step down in June 2017.

Awards Committee: Dr. Hunsucker reported that the five Hays travel awards had been dispersed – one to a UF student, 2 each to students from Barry University and Florida Institute of Technology. The report was accepted.

2017 Program Chairman: Dr. Karlen reported that the total number of presentations was 169 (81 oral presentations and 88 posters). This is significantly higher than in 2016 and also higher than 2015. Most presenters (136/169) were students. He also reported that there were some problems with notification of acceptance of abstracts to presenters which resulted in a couple of cancellations. He recommended that the submission process include a verification email that abstracts were received. He will also set up a separate email account for the Program Chair to prevent confusion with his work email and facilitate communication to presenters. The report was accepted.

Local Arrangements Committee: Dr. Srinivasan reported that he had raised about \$5,000 to cover the cost of easels for poster presentations, breakfasts, poster reception, box lunches for FJAS Judges and some other costs. He thanked FAS for agreeing to waive the conference registration fees for representatives of the major sponsors which included Hitachi, Mosaic, Pasco Scientific, FIPRI, and IVHCO. He thanked the various campus units for their assistance and reviewed the logistics for the Annual Meeting (parking, food services, plenary, IT, etc.). The report was accepted.

Section Chairs

All section chairs in attendance reported that they were ready for the meeting. A new section chair for AOS is needed.

Old Business

The proposed By-Laws change regarding the combining of the sections on Geology and Hydrologic Sciences with Urban and Regional Planning into a new “Geosciences” section will be voted on at the Annual Meeting, appropriate notice having been given.

New Business The next FAS Council Meeting will be on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at Florida Institute of Technology.