**Kentucky Academy of Science**

**Governing Board Meeting Minutes**

April 28, 2018

Kentucky State University, Frankfort, KY

The KAS Governing Board met at Kentucky State University, Hathaway Hall 112 on Saturday April 28, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.Members present included: Dr. Jennifer Birriel, Dr. Frank Ettenson, Rajiv Singh, Dr. Dirk Grupe, Dr. Rodney King, Dr. Nancy Martin, Amanda Fuller, Melony Stambaugh, Dr. Trent Garrison, Dr. Richard, and Dr. Marilyn Akins. Joining by phone were Dr. Kerrie McDaniel, Dr. Maggie Whitson, and Dr. Tracy Hodge. Not present Dr Melanie Hardin-Pierce, Dr. Richard Gelderman, Dr. Darrin Smith, Dr. Leslie North, Dr. Wally Borowski, Dr. Kelly Watson, and Sarah Mardon

1. Welcome to New Secretary
2. President report

Dr. Jennifer Birriel presented her report.

1. Treasurer’s report

Dr. Rodney King conducted a financial audit. Dr. King said that the main revenue sources are-affiliates, meeting, and journal. For details, please see the attachment. Dirk Grupe made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report and second by Rajiv Singh. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Executive director’s report

Amanda Fuller presented executive director’s report. The main points of the report includes:

* Increase in the membership
* Two more schools have been included
* Increase in the revenue
* Update in the profile of board members
1. Junior academy report
* Ruth Beattie has submitted her resignation as Director of the Junior Academy of Science
* Registration and representation from different schools are up this year
1. Historian’s report

Dr. Marilyn Akins presented the historians report. The key points of her report includes:

* There are stacks of journals at University of Kentucky.
* UK is willing to take all documents that are currently at EKU.
* Updates of records and holdings
* Older list of members
* Started looking at the archive featuring a decade events
* Frank asked a question-do we have archive since 1990. Marilyn added that journals would go to archive at UK.

1. Advocacy & Educational Committee report

Trent Garrison presented the Advocacy & Educational Committee report. The main points of his report includes:

* His visit to the state capital and conversation with state representatives and senators
* Letters sent to the legislatures opposing recent cuts in the science budget
* Tenured professors can go if program eliminated
* Status of Statewide elimination of 70 programs from various colleges
1. Newsletter Editor’s report

Amanda Fuller presented Newsletter report on behalf of Sarah Mardon. The key points of her report includes:

* Main purpose of newsletter service
* Kind of things publicized
* Kinds of things served
* New edition of newsletter would be available in May 2018
* Scientific related articles would be given priority
1. Journal report

Amanda Fuller presented journal report in place of Journal Editors. She said that KAS journal is in 2 years delay. The 2016 edition mailed to the members a couple of months ago. The editorial group is currently working on 2017 edition. She added that the 2018 edition would published in 2018 as well. Dr. Frank Ettensohn asked about the number of articles rejected in latest edition. Proposal was made that grant awardees need to submit their manuscripts – and further discussion continued about the role of the journal going forward. Amanda will add a couple questions about the journal to the survey that will go out soon to members about newsletter & communications.

1. Annual meeting committee report (and proposed budget)

Annual meeting committee report presented by Program Coordinator Melony Stambaugh. There were 336 abstracts presented in annual KAS meeting at Murray. The next annual meeting would be hosted by Western Kentucky University in November 2018. Ecological end Environmental science has decided to split.

1. Discussion of spending Athey fund money

Nancy Martin made motion to increase our budget for Junior Academy so that 10% of participants of Kentucky Junior Academy of Science would attend the American Junior Academy of Science. However, the total cost should not exceed $8000. (Did the board approve this? If we go forward with this we may need to alter judging slightly so that we identify 4th and 5th place finalists)

1. Discussion of student competitions

Board decided to eliminate graduate student competitions entirely and to continue considerations about undergraduate competitions vs. alternative evaluation mechanisms.

The next KAS Governing Board meeting will be via conference call in August.

 Dirk Grupe moved the motion to adjourn the motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Rajiv Singh. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.