**KAS Board meeting draft minutes February 2/3/18 – 11am-1:10pm**

On the call: Jennifer, Frank, Richard, Maggie, Trent, Amanda, Rodney, Ruth, Melony, Leslie, Marilyn, Darrin, Nancy

* **Approve Minutes from November Board & Business meetings** 
  + Approved unanimously
* **Ask for someone to record minutes since we have no secretary?**
  + Trent Garrison will record
* **Special election to recruit a secretary?**
  + Will put out a call soon (bylaws stipulate 30-days)

**Officers Reports**

* + **President** – KAS annual meeting recap
  + **Pres-Elect** –proposed 2018 meeting 1st weekend in Nov at WKU. Proposal accepted. Poster session on Friday evening, then shuttle to Corvette museum after. Meeting Friday-Saturday.
  + **Vice Pres** – No report. Clarification of VP duties – science education and outreach award.
  + **Treasurer** – After a lengthy report and discussion of incoming deposits and investments, the report was approved.

**Committee Reports**

* **Education and advocacy** – due to state budget, committee is working on a statement
* **Public engagement** - NA
* **Internal communications -** NA
* **Grants and awards** – Recommending fund top 3 in special research (of 22), top 2 in AP Botany, top 2 summer undergrad, and all undergrad. Research Supply Grants. Vote approved.

**Executive Director’s Report**–

* Will set up template on webpage for board members. NAAS will be meeting in Austin in Feb. Amanda and Nancy will attend. Memberleap will be discussed.
* **Junior Academy -** KAS has been contributing $500 per year to junior academy in Feb. Approved continuing $500 for junior academy.
* **KAS Grants Chair –** Already discussed
* **Kentucky Science Center** – Looking for speakers. KAS member will be honored Kris Rau, neuroscientist at U of L.
* **Posters at the Capitol** – Amanda will attend – Feb. 7th (HS students) and 8th.
* **Proposal from U of L Science Policy & Outreach Group for summer student funding** (see attached)
* **KHLCF –**status report on KAS’ nomination to the Ky Heritage Land Conservation Fund board and Governor’s budget proposal to sweep all the funds out of it (they already swept half in 2015). (<http://heritageland.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx>). Next KHLCF fund meeting is Monday Feb 12 in Frankfort (10am?)
* **Budget from 2017 meeting –** Positive
* **Member update –** increased (see chart)

**Historian –** Will report at next meeting on project

**Junior Academy** – Will be held at KSU on April 28 (Saturday). Will need judges.

**Newsletter Editor –**Sarah Mardon will be the new editor.

**Athey fund adjustment (see attachments)**

*“In January we learned that there has been an adjustment and more funds should have been distributed to us from the Raymond Athey Trust in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 that were not distributed. IRS requires for charitable trusts that 5% be distributed each year. We received a check for the difference in the amounts plus interest, totaling $107,6356.28. What would the board like to do with these funds? See attached doc with guidelines from the establishment of the fund in 1986*.” **General agreement that some extra money should be used for outreach.**

**Annual Financial review -**

**“Article XIII Section 5.** Annual Financial Review. “*The Governing Board must require the performance of an annual financial review that must involve the services of a trusted person with bookkeeping or accounting skills and knowledge, and which does not rely upon the services of the person who does the financial bookkeeping for the organization, or the person(s) who sign the checks for the organization. This financial review need not be formal, but must at least review and reconcile the checkbook entries, bank statements, deposit slips, receipts and expense documentation. The Governing Board may authorize a full formal audit as necessary.”* **Committee will convene in April to discuss**.

**Darwin lecture request for funding** (Trent Garrison) - $200 for KY-AIPG [Darwin Lecture](http://ky.aipg.org/PDF/Complete%20Alley%20ad.pdf) approved.

**Annual Meeting Competitions donation request** (Jennifer) – Board requests more information.

**Annual Meeting Competitions –** Jennifer opening conversation about competitions

Things go wrong every year. Not enough judges, behavior of judges, questions about legitimacy,

Small sections effectively have no competitions, can’t judge bc same institution has conflict of interest

Other meetings don’t have competitions. Can we offer constructive feedback instead?

Solutions/alternatives/ ideas:

·         Group Life sciences together to help small sections problems

·         honor outstanding abstracts in a separate place / session

·         Discovery based competition (scavenger hunt )

·         Fewer awards?

·         Judges could come from outside the section – anyone should be able to understand/evaluate- and could foster cross- communication among sections

·         Involve section officers in decision about competitions… do they want it? How do get people to take responsibility?

·         Strengthen leaders of sections – they USED to actually recruit papers, give them more support / training

·         How many other state academies have competitions at their meetings?

·         Continue brainstorming, revisit April 28

Meeting ended at 1:10pm