**Feb 2024 KAS Minutes**

**Feb 26, 2024**

**3:00pm- 5:00pm ET**

**Folder of materials here:** <https://mms.kyscience.org/members/filearchive_view3.php?display=/11041671/13675081>

**Zoom link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88558564818?pwd=ychlQaizcANHDTDSngmpjF4asXeWUM.1>

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Members present/absent:

Officers: Noel Novelo (President), Julie Reizner (left at 3:50) (Past President), Li Li Zyzak (President-Elect), Jessica Moon (VP), Mark Wilson (Treasurer), Laura Walther (Secretary)

Representatives: J. Scott Miller, Scott Wicker, Savannah Blair, Melissa Mefford, Ann Kingsolver(left at 4), Dirk Grupe, Grace Clark, Justin McFadden

Ex-officio: Marilyn Akins (joined at 4) (Historian), Frank Ettensohn(joined at 4) (Journal Editor in Chief), Melony Stambaugh (joined 3:30) (Jr.KAS Director), Mark de la Cerna (Newsletter Editor), Amanda Fuller (Executive Dir), Rob Weber (Comm/Policy Dir), Madison Flory (Sci Policy Specialist)

Trent Garrison (left 4:30) (Delegate to NAS)

**Welcome & Introductions** – Amanda

**November Meeting minutes** – (Secretary was absent)

*Key Decisions*: motion to pass Dirk - write out the acronyms; Scott to second – needs formatting; motion passed

[**Executive Director’s report**](https://www.kyscience.org/docs/Executive_Directors_report_Feb_2024.docx) – Amanda

Half the affiliate dues in; ach will save money; new memberships going out soon

AAAS – two students didn’t go; good group to go; DEI session

April 16 – Melony will receive Governor’s Service Award!!

*Key Decisions*: Logo change - moved to accept by Ann second by Dirk; discussion about tabling the decision. Ayes – 10; No – 2; motion passed.  
  
**Communications & Policy Director report** – Rob Weber

transition to Science Policy Specialist + Communications Specialist

KY Science trail for science sites; time for filing bills is closing; more rainy day money than ever before; growing movement about Fluoridation of water; senate – nuclear energy bill; house – Trent – change about state mineral vs. rock; maternal health – improve access; artificial intelligence – task force on AI policy and elementary/secondary school AI policies.

*Action Items*: Trent requests drop in every other Wednesday to policy meetings

**2024 Annual Meeting at KSU!** - Amanda

How to continue the conversation about student judging/ evaluations for 2024 (ad hoc group to meet & follow up?)

*Action Items*:

* Dates? Amanda to consult with Noel
* Ad hoc group to meet and follow up on student judging/evaluations – Dirk, Melissa, Ann, Melody

**Treasurer’s Report & Approval of 2024 Budget** – Mark W

Internal Controls policy - (we skipped this item in November) skipped this discussion again

Excellent income from annual meeting; standard administrative expenses; investment funds are doing very well

*Action Items:* internal controls policy

*Key Decisions*: 2024 budget – motion to pass - Dirk; second - Laura; Discussion & Questions – new category for Junior academy & PD; ayes - 11; no- 0; motion passes

**Junior Academy Report** – Melony

Good attendance and good participation

*Action Items*: need talking points for KSU; MOU’s for high school dual credit; Frankfort Ind. 40 graduates at KSU

**Grant awards** – Melissa – 18 total grants – requesting $24,941 (budgeted $27,000)

*Key Decisions*: Motion Scott Miller; second Mark Wilson; Question – Dirk to abstain due to NKU grants? Ayes – 11; motion passed

*Action Items*: recruiting reviewers of grants; need training? Maybe at annual business meeting? Registration for reviewer at registration for annual meeting; rewarding reviewers; require past recipients to review the next year? Ask board members to step up?

**Journal Editors’ Report** – Frank –

Volume 84 is published;

*Action Items*:

* Amanda will publish on KAS site.
* Need a social sciences/science ed editor.
* Need reviewers.

*Key Decisions*: From Scott Wicker – Tierra Freeman Taylor at KSU [tierra.freeman@kysu.edu](mailto:tierra.freeman@kysu.edu)

Has volunteered to be the social sciences/science ed editor.

**EPSCoR grant** – Justin, Amanda – 2 pager on the EPSCoR opportunity: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1C7lKKMehtTaITwbnp2Cth3_xO90kiv1IotA1eyaLQlY/edit?usp=sharing>; Deadline this summer. KAS is now eligible.

*Action Items*: Amanda to follow up with Scott and talk with Kim at Penzer

*Key Decisions*: is the board interested in pursuing this? General consensus - like the idea but do we know enough to make a decision? Dirk - too much to do for this July. Scott – let’s put out feelers and put together a good package for next year. Scott – one host institution will do the major lift and will expect the major money.

National Governor’s Association hosting PFAs workshops

*Action Items*: add Eclipse on April 8, 2024 to newsletter

*Key Decisions*: Motion to adjourn: Dirk second Scott

**Requests, Announcements & Upcoming Events**

**COI form** – still need one from Novelo, Mefford, Wicker, Ettensohn, Stambaugh

All are on File here – when you log in at KAS website it’s a folder in the File Archive. (Blank one is available there for download as well.)

  <https://mms.kyscience.org/members/filearchive_view3.php?display=/11041671/13676303/13677525>

FYI: Two resources for learning more about Nonprofit Conflicts of Interest:

[Brief video overview of purpose of conflict of interest policies](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_00dD2ElInE)

[National Council of Nonprofits 8-minute soundcloud micro-learning module](https://soundcloud.com/natlcouncilnps/micro-learning-module-conflicts-of-interests?utm_source=www.councilofnonprofits.org&utm_campaign=wtshare&utm_medium=widget&utm_content=https%253A%252F%252Fsoundcloud.com%252Fnatlcouncilnps%252Fmicro-learning-module-conflicts-of-interests)

**Ky Nonprofit Network** training opportunities available – we are members until April 1 <https://www.kynonprofits.org/>

**Darwin Lecture** March 6, 7pm – 1-2 people welcome to sit at a KAS table . I can send literature for you to share.  
   
**Posters at the Capitol** March 7 – Are any board members planning to be there? KAS usually sets up a table

**Volunteers for a KAS info table at KPA’s Spring conference** April 13 at KSU? Details: <https://www.kpa.org/index.php?option=com_jevents&task=icalrepeat.detail&evid=248&Itemid=115&year=2024&month=04&day=13&title=2024-kentucky-psychology-student-conference&uid=08dbae8b133ae479fe2dcf5757baa293>

**Governor’s Service Award** Tuesday, April 16, – does anyone want to represent KAS there? 2024, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Last May we participated in **Kentucky Gives Day**  – it was not a big fundraiser for us and I’m proposing we sit it out (May 7) unless a board member wants to champion this and do some setup.