**KAS board meeting minutes**

submitted by Amanda Fuller

February 11 2020, 4-6pm EST, Conference Call

Not calling in: Leslie North, Dirk Grupe, Rajiv Singh, Melanie Hardin-Pierce, Amy Hamilton, Tracy Hodge, Jon Dixon, Wally Borowski, Kelly Watson

Participating on the call: Rodney King, Frank Ettensohn, Kate He, Wei Song, Amanda Fuller, Scott Miller, Sarah Mardon Trent Garrison, Seyed Allameh, Nancy Martin, Marilyn Akins, Melony Stambaugh

**Review & approve minutes from** November 1 board meeting

Scott moved to approve minutes, Wei seconded; approved.

**Code of Ethics** update – Leslie had sent to us and Amanda forwarded. Board members actually did not receive this email in advance, so Amanda is resending. Comments should go to Leslie or Amanda with approval by end of Feb. Then Amanda will send board proposed version to Membership March 1. We should be able to approve final version April 18 at spring board meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report –** Rodney

Windfall of $27000 from Athey - We need to now make sure we’re distributing 5% of our foundation’s assets to keep Foundation in legal standing. We can distribute more in grants, and check with our accountants to make sure we’re doing what we’re supposed to.

Frank move to approve and Scott seconded; Approved.

**Committee reports** – We encourage each board member to serve on one of our working committees

* **Science Education & Advocacy** (need new chair or co-chairs) – Has compiled bills to watch as the legislative update. Next call will be on Wednesday 2/12 at 2pm. Trent has to step back having taken a job in the Environment Cabinet, and group will seek another chair.
* **Public Engagement** (Scott is chair? Correction: records show that Seyed has volunteered to Chair. )- Bench Talk is one thing members are working on. We can recruit more folks to participate. Speakers Bureau is part of this committee; we are getting requests and fulfilling requests. Scott will step up as chair if Amanda will re-send info for how to communicate with committee. We should round up existing members & request new members- we’ll put an announcement in the upcoming newsletter.
* **Annual Meeting / Junior Academy** 2019 recap & 2020 update– Amanda & Melony

Financial outcome good from Berea mtg, 2019 Evaluations available: <https://www.kyscience.org/docs/2019_Annual_Meeting_Evalution.docx>

Planning started for 2020 mtg with KSTA. Joint sessions presented by teachers & scientists; 2 keynotes confirmed. Starting to loop in members at EKU to help & advise.

Junior Academy confirmed for April 18. Registration should be open this week or next; Deadline will be March 18. Updates are being posted to <https://www.kyscience.org/kentucky_junior_academy_of_sci.php>

* **Grants / Awards** (Rodney is chair) – Committee recommendations for 2020 grants (see reports)

Special Research: 2 awards $3464 + $4946
Athey Outreach: 2 awards $2275+ $2475

Undergraduate Summer Research: 1 award $3000

Undergraduate supply grants: 2 awards $468.80+ $380

Athey & Botany 1 award $2307.20 (some discussion about possible second grant which was a close second but decided to stay with only one)

Committee recommendations total: $19,426

Rodney moves to approve, Scott second; approved.

Amanda will notify & send copies to Rodney to send with checks

Amanda will generate spreadsheet report of grants funded

Accountability? We get final reports from winners and they are strongly encouraged to present at the Annual Meeting.

**Junior Academy 2020**

Confirmed for Saturday April 18 at KSU which will also be our spring in-person board meeting.

Registration will open shortly & we’ll send announcements.

Deadline March 18. Recruitment – Ignite Academy. Flyers, outreach, Regional science fairs

Amanda will share Teacher contacts list with Kate & others and send announcement/ flyer that board members can share after registration is open.

**Sections** - We have a few that have not been representing at the Annual Meeting. Can Division leaders help us decide if some sections are not sections anymore? Should these be combined with another section? Are they interested in recruiting or rejuvenating?

* Engineering – Hopefully Seyed can help communicate to the Engineering section ? Amanda will follow up
* Anthropology & Sociology – Wei (social sciences) will help. Amanda will share contact list for that section.
* Botany – Kate is a botanist and wants to keep it and would serve as Section leader. Yes she will also contact members.

See list of Section leaders here; <https://www.kyscience.org/directory_of_section_leaders.php> Inactive sections are grayed out.

**Executive Director’s report—Amanda (see report with updates in red)**

Annual Meeting 2019 & 2020

Affiliates

Accountants- when to switch if we do? Next filing is end of March For 1Q. Should have second quote soon and can decide with the Exec Committee. We can send information over to new accountants at any time about doing our 2019 filing. Amanda will send around 2 quotes & schedule phone call to talk to Exec committee.

Speakers Bureau

Carbon offsets

**Darwin Lecture at UK**  The AIPG (Ky chapter of American Institute of Professional Geologists) is asking $100 for the lecture. Lee Dugatkin was the speaker and they may be actually booking a new speaker as Dugatkin may now be unavailable Frank motions, Scott seconds. Approved.

**Personnel** – Board discussing Amanda’s contract renewal after Amanda got off the phone.

Meeting adjourned approximately 5:45 pm