**Kentucky Academy of Science**

**Business Meeting Minutes**

November 06, 2020

The KAS Business virtual (Zoom) meeting was convened on Friday November 06, 2020 at 4:30 PM(EST). Members present include: Dr. Frank Ettensohn, Dr. Dirk Grupe, Amanda Fuller, Dr. Rodney King, Dr. Trent Garrison, Dr. Kate He, Dr. Wei Song, Jon Dixon, Dr. Seyed Allameh, Melanie Hardin-Pierce, J. Scott Miller, Melony Stambaugh, Dr. Julie Ann Reizner, Dr. Rachel Pritchard, Dr. Justin McFadden, and Rajiv Singh.

1. Welcome:

Dr. Frank Ettensohn welcomed everybody to the annual KAS business meeting (virtual). Dr. Ettensohn also welcomed and introduced new board members. The new board members are:

Dr. Julie Ann Reizner- Vice President

Dr. Rachel Pritchard- at-large

Dr. Justin McFadden- Social Science

Additionally, Dr. Ettensohn thanked the sponsors for their support for the annual KAS meeting. The sponsors include-

1. Sullivan University College of Pharmacy
2. Eastern Kentucky University Graduate School
3. Murray State Jones College of Science Engineering & Technology
4. Eastern Kentucky University College of Science
5. Kentucky Science Center
6. KAS Code of Ethics:

Dr. Trent Garrison updated about the code of ethics. Key points of his updates includes:

1. The members have voted on the code of ethics
2. Sent out to the members for final comments
3. Updated document would be available on the KAS website
4. Journal Updates:

Dr. Frank Ettensohn presented Journal updates. The important point of the journal report includes:

1. Journal is publishing regularly digitally
2. Added Social Science
3. Shauna Reilly from NKU would overlook social science division
4. Wally Borowski would continue as a physical science editor
5. Need to enhance the reputation/impact factor of the journal
6. Encouraged members to submit articles to the KAS journal
7. Kentucky Science Education & Outreach Award:

Jon Dixon announced the winner of the KY Science Education & Outreach Award. The award winner is Dr. Nathan Vanderford, Assistant Professor, University of Kentucky, Department of Toxicology and Cancer Biology. In his acceptance speech, Dr. Vanderford emphasized his outreach to engage high school students from the Appalachian region to pursue career in cancer research as well as motivate them in the field of STEM education.

1. Annual Meeting Report:

Amanda Fuller presented annual meeting report. The key points of her reports include-

1. Everything went smoothly
2. Had 390 registrations
3. Almost 200 abstracts
4. Fall 2021 meeting would be at EKU
5. Executive Director’s Report:

Amanda Fuller presented Executive Director’s report. Detailed report is attached.

1. Thanks to Outgoing Members:

Dr. Frank Ettensohn thanked the outgoing members-Leslie North, Tracy Hodge for their outstanding contribution to the KAS.

1. Announcements:

Dr. Rodney King needs help reviewing grant proposals

Scott Miller moved motion to adjourn; Dirk Grupe seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.