**Kentucky Academy of Science**

**Governing Board Meeting Minutes**

February 05, 2021

The KAS Board virtual (Zoom) meeting was convened on Friday February 05, 2021 at 3:00 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, and Rajiv Singh.

Members absent: Dr. Walter Borowski, Dr. Shauna Reilly, Dr. Justin McFadden, Bruce Griffis, Mark Vincent Dela Cerna, and Dr. Marilyn Akins

1. Welcome:

Dr. Trent Garrison welcomed everybody to the winter KAS board meeting (virtual).

1. Grant recommendations:

Dr. Rodney King provided the updates regarding the grant recommendation. Key points of his updates include:

1. Overall, 17 applications for the research grants from different fields
2. Two applications tied for the top score (92 each). Applicants have requested for a grant money of $4306 and $5000 respectively.
3. The second ranking application has the score of 91

Board meeting proposed to categories the grants and approve each grant separately. Dr. Dirk Grupe made the motion to fund top proposals, seconded by Jon Dixon. Motion carried unanimously. The grants was categorized as follow-

* Athey outreach grant: Available amount $2500

Average score of the grant proposal was 96. There was only one proposal under this grant. Dr. Dirk Grupe made the motion, seconded by Dr. Trent garrison. Motion carried unanimously.

* Undergraduate summer research grant: Available amount $3000

Dr. Trent Garrison made the motion to approve the amount, seconded by Dr. Dirk Grupe. Motion carried unanimously.

* Marcia Athey Botany grant:

The board proposed to offer funding to both proposals with reduced amount. Scott Miller made motion to offer reduced funding to both entries, seconded by Dr. Frank Ettensohn. Motion carried unanimously

1. Treasurer’s report:

Dr. Rodney King presented treasurer’s report. The main points of his report include-

* $1100 spent since last meeting
* President’s account is available to new president Dr. Garrison
* The outgoing president has contributed $100 to the KAS

Details of the treasurer’s report is attached. Dr. Trent Garrison made the motion to approve the treasurer’s report, seconded by Dr. Seyed Allameh. Motion carried unanimously. Jon Dixon made a motion to make committee on budget allocation, seconded by Scott Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Journal report:

Dr. Frank Ettensohn presented Journal updates. The details of the report is attached.

1. Junior academy report:

Amanda Fuller presented junior academy of science report. Key points of Amanda’s report include-

* American junior academy meeting is happening right now
* 6 winning students would participate in the national meeting
* 5 out of 6 students have already registered for the meeting
* Planning for the virtual meeting in April 2021

1. Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund (KHLFC) report:

Amanda Fuller presented the KHLFC report. Details of the report attached.

1. Education & Advocacy report:

Dr. Trent Garrison presented Education & Advocacy report. The details of the report is attached.

1. Executive Director’s Report:

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

Thanks to Outgoing Members Amanda Fuller thanked the outgoing KAS volunteers-Richie Kessler served as our representative to the Ky Heritage Land Conservation Fund for many years and Nancy Martin has served as our representative to AAAS & NAAS. We appreciate their outstanding service to the KAS. President Garrison is responsible for appointing a new representative for AAAS and he is interested in serving this role himself. Shannon Galbraith Kent has already been appointed by the Governor’s office to the KHLCF board.

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