**Kentucky Academy of Science**

**Governing Board Meeting Minutes**

February 27, 2019

The KAS Governing Board Spring meeting convened on Wednesday February 27, 2019 at 5:15 pm (Eastern Time) via conference call.Members present include- Dr. Leslie North, Dr. Frank Ettensohn, Dr. Trent Garrison, Dr. Jennifer Birriel, Rajiv Singh, Dr. Rodney King, Amanda Fuller, Melony Stambaugh, Dr. Nancy Martin, Scott Miller, Dr. Maggie Whitson, Dr. Melanie Hardin-Pierce, Dr. Seyed Allameh, Amy Hamilton, Dr. Dirk Grupe, Dr. Tracy Hodge, and Dr. Marilyn Akins.

Not joining us: Dr. Kelly Watson, Dr. Walter Borowski, Sarah Mardon, and Dr. Wei Song

The minutes of the November KAS Governing Board Meeting and KAS Business meeting were reviewed. Dr. Leslie North moved the motion to approve and was seconded by Dr. Trent Garrison, motion carried and minutes were approved unanimously as submitted.

1. President’s report

Dr. Leslie North thanked everybody for attending the meeting and presented her report. The key points of her report includes:

1. Emphasis on development of code of ethics
2. Make the annual KAS meeting participation more inclusive
3. Encourage colleagues in KAS activities
4. President elect report

Dr. Frank Ettensohn presented his report. The key point of his report includes:

1. Talked to Berea college regarding 2019 annual KAS meeting
2. Proposed for field trips and professional field trips during annual KAS meeting at Berea College
3. Outcome of annual KAS meeting evaluation
* Improve the participation of graduate students
* Improve some inconsistency in judging and proposed solutions
1. Academy would take care of recruiting judges for posters and presentations
2. Make sure that all oral presentations are on same day
3. Working w/ Berea College so that we have enough spaces for each posters.

President North added that Governing Board would take the responsibilities of recruiting judges for posters and presentations.

1. Vice President’s report

Dr. Trent Garrison presented his report. In his report, he emphasized the importance of social media on advertisement of KAS. He added that we should make more postings on social media. Dr. Garrison proposed a fund of $365/yr to be spent for one year only on advertisement of KAS on social media (Facebook, Instagram, twitter etc.). Scott Miller moved to approve the motion seconded by Dr. Maggie Whitson, motion approved unanimously.

1. Treasurer’s report Dr. Rodney King

Dr. Rodney King presented the treasurer’s report. The key points of Dr. King’s report includes:

1. Account update
2. Increase in treasurers account balance from last year same time
3. Executive and President’s account balance are same as last year balance
4. Increase in Athey fund
5. Annual meeting at WKU cost around $32000
6. Revenue from registration and other source was roughly $33000
7. Detailed report attached

Dr. Trent Garrison moved the motion to approve the treasurer’s report and was seconded by Scott Miller, motion carried unanimously as submitted.

1. Secretary report

Rajiv Singh presented secretary report. Main points of his report includes:

1. Maintained annual KAS board/business meeting at WKU, Bowling Green
2. Maintained minutes for both meetings
3. Contacted local High Schools and Middle Schools regarding their participation in annual KJAS meeting at Frankfort on April 27, 2019.
4. Received positive response from High Schools and Middle Schools
5. Executive director report presented by Amanda Fuller. Key points of her report includes:
6. Went to Washington DC with Melony and Nancy to attend annual meeting of National Association of Academies of Sciences (NAAS)
7. Amanda elected as the President- Elect of NAAS
8. Amanda was congratulated on her election to the President of NAAS
9. Amanda would be bringing more updates in the future
10. Amanda proposed approval of $100.00 fund for the co-sponsorship of 2019 Darwin Lecture of American Institute of Professional Geologists given by the guest speaker. The proposal was approved unanimously

Details of Amanda’s report attached.

1. Old Business

2019 Annual Meeting update

1. Melony and Amanda will be scheduling a visit to Berea College sometime in spring semester
2. More information to follow

2020 Annual Meeting- EKU has pitched as host institution. Amanda would be meeting with Kim Zeidler-Watters of EKU to finalize the dates for the annual meeting.

1. Journal Editors report- Amanda presented report on behalf of Dr. Kelly Watson
2. Journal is finished and is in press
3. Should be sent out to mail box soon
4. This would be the last printed version and the future editions would be on-line only
5. Public Engagement Committee- Dr. Seyed Allameh elected chair of committee unanimously.
6. Grant Committee report

Dr. Rodney King presented grant committee report. The main points of his report includes:

1. 12 applicants submitted their applications
2. The number of application was enough
3. Proposed for a special grant.

Details of grant committee report attached.

Dr. Trent Garrison move the motion for approval of the report, seconded by Scott Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Kentucky Junior Academy of Science report

Melony Stambaugh presented the report. Key points of her report includes:

1. Annual meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2019 from 10:00 am at KSU Frankfort
2. Needs volunteers for judging
3. Collaborating with more schools to accommodate more students
4. Social Sciences Division report

Amy Hamilton presented social sciences report. Key points of her report includes:

1. Working on increase in participation in annual meeting by contacting members
2. Emphasis on importance of social science
3. Contacted several members and waiting on their responses
4. Developing a code of ethics for KAS

Dr. Leslie North discussed about the code of ethics for KAS. She emphasized on:

1. Transparency
2. Need of opinions
3. Getting feedback regarding code of ethics

Dr. Leslie North moved to adjourn; Amanda Fuller seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.