**Kentucky Academy of Science**

**Governing Board Meeting Minutes**

April 18, 2020

The KAS Governing Board Spring virtual (Zoom) meeting was convened on Saturday April 18, 2020 at 3:15 PM(EST). Members present include: Dr. Frank Ettensohn, Dr. Leslie North, Dr. Dirk Grupe, Amanda Fuller, Dr. Rodney King, Dr. Sarah Mardon, Dr. Trent Garrison, Dr. Melanie Hardin-Pierce, Dr. Marilyn Akins, Melony Stambaugh, Dr. Kate He, Jon Dixon, J. Scott Miller, Dr. Tracy Hodge, Mr. Bruce Griffis, Dr. Seyed Allameh, and Dr. Wei Song,

Not joining us: Rajiv Singh, Dr. Kelly Watson, and Dr. Walter Borowski.

The minutes of the February 15, 2020 KAS Governing Board Meeting was reviewed. Bruce Griffis 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. Frank Ettensohn thanked everybody for attending the meeting and presented his report. The key points of his report includes:

1. Amanda’s contract was reviewed with 5% raise in salary.
2. Working with Dr. Wally Borowski and Amanda related to the *Journal of Kentucky Academy of Science*
3. Thanks Amanda, Melony, and Bruce for their fabulous job in organizing virtual Junior Academy of Science on April 18, 2020.

1. Past President’s report:

Dr. Leslie North presented past president’s report. In her report, Dr. North added that the progress that has been made on updating code of ethics of KAS based on the comments and edits from members.

1. Treasurer’s report:

Dr. Rodney King presented treasurer’s report. In his report, Dr. King emphasized about the loss of revenue in first quarter of the 2020-2021. The details of his report are attached.

Dr. Dirk Grupe made the motion, seconded by Dr. Garrison. Motion was approved unanimously.

1. Journal report:

Dr. Frank Ettensohn presented the report on Journal on behalf of Dr. Wally Borowski. The key points of her report include:

1. Volume 80 of the Journal is almost complete
2. Articles are now available on website of KAS
3. Upcoming volume 81 has 3 submissions until now, which are under review
4. Need to expand the nature of the Journal to make it more inclusive by adding articles from science education and social sciences
5. Need to include more reviewers
6. Dr. Kelly Watson is stepping down from Journal co-editor’s position
7. Need to find an editor/co-editor who can take care of articles from science education and social science section as well. The position will be advertised in near future

Amanda Fuller added that newsletter will be available by the end of the May.

1. Junior Academy of Science report:

Melony Stambaugh presented her report related to the Junior Academy of Science. The main points of her report include:

1. 47 students participated in the virtual Academy of Science with one no-show
2. Despite facts that the number of participations was little less than in the previous year, it was more representative from the various regions of the commonwealth.
3. 6 finalists going to participate in National Junior Academy of Science meeting. The split of the top 6 finalist are as
	1. Top 3 physical sciences
	2. Top 3 life sciences
4. All projects were individual projects

Scott Miller forwarded the idea that would it be possible to include KCTCS Colleges and regional Universities as a site for participants for future virtual Junior Academy events.

1. Executive Director’s report:

Amanda Fuller presented Executive Director’s report. A few important points of her report include:

1. A few institutions are still to renew their subscription
2. Kentucky Wesleyan University is now enhanced member of the KAS
3. University of Cumberland is showing interest in becoming enhanced member of KAS. Talks are in progress
4. Annual meeting (2020) updates
	1. November 5-7, 2020 at EKU
	2. 2 keynote speakers have been confirmed
	3. Meeting would include a teachers’ workshop
	4. Possibilities of virtual meeting, depending on the covid-19 situation

The full report is attached.

1. Announcements:
2. New accountant located in Louisville was hired
3. Payroll taxes for 1st quarter have been filed
4. Vacancy of board member from Social Sciences

Dr. Frank Ettensohn moved to adjourn; Dr. Dirk Grupe seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.