**Kentucky Academy of Science**

**Governing Board Meeting Minutes**

April 23, 2021

The KAS Board virtual (Zoom) meeting was convened on Friday April 23, 2021 at 2:00 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, Dr. Justin McFadden, Mark Vincent Dela Cerna, Dr. Marilyn Akins and Rajiv Singh.

Members absent: Dr. Walter Borowski, Dr. Shauna Reilly, and Bruce Griffis

1. Welcome:

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

1. February meeting minutes:

Dr. Seyed Allameh made the motion for approval, seconded by Dr. Wei Song. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Treasurer’s report:

Dr. Rodney King presented treasurer’s report. Details of the report is attached.

Dr. Dirk Grupe made the motion to approve the treasurer’s report, seconded by Rajiv Singh. Motion carried unanimously.

1. President’s report:

Dr. Trent Garrison presented president’s report. The key points of his report include

* Had Financial Planning meeting recently
* Proposing a part-time staff member who can do better communications with the science communities, state-level science policy work and can also do fund raising
* Doing research on other Science & technology policy fellowship programs
* Recalling campaign for a science museum. Dr. Frank Ettensohn added that the funding would be a challenge.
* A few new ideas for the annual meeting
  + Tentatively planning for an in-person meeting Nov 5-6
  + Considering a famous national speaker
  + May cost money (up to $35,000) depending on the type of speaker
  + Several names are under consideration. Dr. Rodney King proposed to partner with the hosting University to lower the financial cost. Jon Dixon proposed considering book release kind of events by a renowned scientist would lower the cost of the speaker

1. Junior academy report:

Melony Stambaugh presented junior academy of science report. Key points of Melony’s report include-

* Junior Academy of Science meeting was virtual
* Less participation (less than 50 students) worked on several projects
* 7 (due to the tie between 6th and 7th position) winning students were selected to participate in the national meeting
* Requesting additional $750 for 7th student’s participation at national meeting. Dr. Dirk Grupe made motion to fund additional student seconded by Dr. Seyed Allameh. Motion passed unanimously

1. Journal report:

Dr Frank Ettensohn presented Journal report Key points of the report include-

* Volume 81 is complete and can be accessed online
* Received $5000 from Bio One
* 2 papers in social science and 1 paper in science have been submitted for next volume
* Encouraged everyone to submit articles.

1. Science Standards Review Committee report:

Amanda Fuller reported that Les Pesterfield from WKU is participating at statewide review committee meeting that is happening now under department of education. Les would provide his report after end of the meeting.

1. Executive Director’s report:

Amanda Fuller presented executive director’s report Key points of her report includes-

* University of Kentucky and Morehead State University have not paid their annual dues yet
* Asbury did not pay their annual due since 2019
* Annual KAS meeting 2021 would be at EKU on November 5-6, 2021.
* Melony and Amanda would visit EKU by the end of May to plan about the annual meeting 2021
* Review officer’s responsibilities
* No change in registration fees
* Several events

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1. Other Reports & Announcements:

Shannon Galbraith-Kentis KAS’ representative on Ky Heritage Land Conservation Fund.

1. Newsletter deadline:

Despite the deadline is April 26, Mark would accept letters until early May. Mark encourage everyone to limit newsletter up to 10 items. Seeking names of members who would be featured on the newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 2:22 pm.