

AGENDA  
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
OKLAHOMA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE  
OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR HEALTH SCIENCE  
4 NOVEMBER 2016

- 1) Call to Order: President Conley—11.34 AM
- 2) Introduction and Welcome

--Thank you for promoting science in Oklahoma, thanks for bringing students, thanks for taking time to come.

--Introduction of Executive Committee (Conley, Mather, Ryburn, Rice) and Barber, Sharon Young, David Bass.

- 3) Special thanks to:

- a. Meeting organizers:

--Earl Blewett as meeting organizer; First time to host for OSU Center for Health Science.  
Thanks for their generosity in first time hosting.

- b. University administrators

--Johnny Stephens, Interim Director of Research; Bruce Benjamin, a key player in providing support. We asked for rooms, a place to meet and meals for the Executive Council, snacks and beverages for meeting.

- 4) Minutes of the last meeting (Recording Secretary)

---Reviewed by the Academy for any errors in spelling; presented on screen

--Ryburn move to approve; second

--Passes unanimously with voice vote

--We now post minutes and agendas on website; Thanks to Adam Ryburn for working on this; Please bring errors to our attention.

- 5) Financial Report (Executive Director)

--Detailed financial report with different accounts, where money is coming and going from

--Summary of Financial Status

--The checking account moves money in and out for event, the rest stay stable

--We are doing well. We have a higher amount in checking this year. We should be several thousand dollars ahead; Last year to this year is same point in billing cycle. We are stable, plus. The Junior

Academy account is dwindling. We need to pay for AAAS Junior meeting for two students soon. We hope to get funding from state or somewhere else to offset in the future.

--Comment: Hoffmeister is asking for money in a grant to help with some of this (Barber)

--Comment: Did the new online registration help membership? Executive Director Bass: We have not checked yet but it probably helped.

--President Conley: The Executive Council voted to support those two students at AAAS with \$500.

--Motion to approve budget

--Second

--Approved

--Discussion

--Vote passes (unanimously) voice vote

6) Future Meetings of OAS

--Spring Field Meeting at Robber's cave (March 31-April 2)

--Fall 2017 Quartz Mountain to be confirmed (September 29-October 1)

--We need a host institute for the Fall Technical meeting in 2017

--Technical Meeting November 8, 2018, at SWOSU

7) Academy Reports, Proposals, Questions, and Discussions

--President Conley reported on POAS, that it is in process of publication, currently has 18 high quality submissions to be printed, has increased quality under Editor Elshahed's good editorship. Please consider encouraging students and please encourage abstracts (we are extending the abstract deadline to November 30<sup>th</sup>; \$38 covers page charge)

--Collegiate Academy: This will be in both the morning and afternoon, with some in Founder's Hall. We need judges, but not professionals in any particular discipline. The section is divided into 5 areas, and judges evaluate 6-8 presentations, not all 36. We have 30 graduate oral presentations, 46 undergraduate oral presentations. We have seen a three year trend where posters are stable but oral presentations are increasing. We will set up anyone with each moderator and section chair if anyone is interested in judging.

8) Old Business (President)

a. Campus liaisons--We would like to build a network of OAS Campus Liaisons.

--Social media: Please contact Conley or Ryburn if interested in being involved with the social media content. Please send photographs, anything you wish to write, etc. Adam can give direct access to upload if needed.

b. Website: We are adding an OAS donation button on website. We will have a list of items to designate donation to or as unrestricted gifts. This may be good for the Junior Academy. Endowment earnings are decreasing. Ryburn: This is not for the general operating fund, but for things like awards for student research.

9) New Business (President)

- a. Executive Committee (and other interested parties) to meet at Oklahoma Research Day. The Oklahoma Research Day Executive Council Meeting was good, and we will do it again in Enid next year. It will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday before spring break
  
- b. Spring symposium/workshop event to replace Spring Field Meeting (2018)  
Field meetings: There is a drop off in attendance at the late season spring field meetings. We have previously discussed having more outreach to keep members engaged. We want to be inclusive within all sciences. The Executive Council discussed moving to a Spring Symposium, keeping the Fall Field Meeting, and replacing the Spring Field Meeting. A symposium would have different topics and locations (e.g., the History of Science collection, Storm Center, Noble Foundation in Ardmore, Kerr Farming). The symposium will take on the form of a mini-meeting with a speaker, tours, and run from mid-morning to mid-afternoon.
  
- c. Any section business to announce?
- d. Remember to give/send new chair/vice-chair election results to David Bass.

10) Announcements

- a. Banquet Luncheon
- b. Upcoming meetings of interest:
  - Spring Cameron SWAN meeting
  - NCUR meeting at UCO April 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. It is usually held on the east or west coast, but will be right here at UCO. This is a great opportunity for your students to interact with 5,000 students.
- c. Poster session 1:30-3:00, and we need judges (see above)
- d. Afternoon session-we need judges (see above)
- e. We need a Vice-Chair for Microbiology section
- f. Discussion of Section Realignment
  - Comment: Biochemistry/Biophysics combine with Biomedical Sciences
  - Comment: Sections discussed it and said it is fine to combine
  - Was the below portion related to the above discussion or a separate discussion for Geology?**
  - Bass: There is a formal process that the sections will take it to the Executive Councils
  - Comment: Do department heads in Oklahoma need to be polled?
  - Conley: This needs to be done
  - Comment: Perhaps attendance is poor, but increasing attendance that might be the better priority.
  - Comment: Only three presentations in one, were related to the other, people couldn't attend both.

Open call for announcements

--Bass: Section chairs need to turn in forms for new Chair and Vice-Chair; If there is no update, the current chair remains chair.

Adjourn

12:04 PM