

# OKLAHOMA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

## 2009 FALL NEWSLETTER



Dear Oklahoma Academy of Science Members,

We are in the process of changing from a printed paper newsletter to disseminating information in electronic form. This change was initiated, discussed, and approved by the Executive Council in November 2008, and our last printed newsletter was intended to have been the Fall 2009 edition. However, due to the recent and unexpected closing of our long-time printing company, this schedule had to be moved up, so we are now only posting information on the web site (<http://oas.uco.edu>) and notifying everyone when significant announcements are made. This should keep members more up-to-date with our activities since these updates may occur quickly (electronically) instead of waiting six months for a newsletter to appear in the mail. We are trying very hard to contact all current OAS members and make them aware of this change, but it is likely a few will be unintentionally missed. Please help us by sharing this information with colleagues and other interested individuals.

You may use the following links to the OAS web page (<http://oas.uco.edu>) to find out the latest information about upcoming OAS events and activities. Please understand that some of the information listed below will be updated over the next several weeks, so check the web site periodically.

From the OAS President – Dr. Ulrich Melcher has thoroughly examined the recently updated web page and provides a guide to help you move through it. [Click here to read it.](#)

Election of OAS Officers – The OAS Nominating Committee has nominated Dr. Craig Clifford for President-Elect and Dr. Connie Murray to serve as Recording Secretary. Some OAS members may recall Dr. Clifford served in this roll about 10 years ago. Dr. Murray currently serves as Recording Secretary and has agreed to continue for another term.

You may submit your ballot using either of the following two methods:

1. Send an e-mail message to OAS Executive Secretary-Treasurer David Bass ([dbass@uco.edu](mailto:dbass@uco.edu)), or
2. Print off a copy of your ballot and snail mail it to: Dr. David Bass, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Oklahoma Academy of Science, University of Central Oklahoma, Campus Box 90, Edmond, OK 73034

[Click here to see the ballot after 9-8-09.](#)

*Deadline to receive ballot: Wednesday November 4, 2009.*

OAS Fall Field Meeting – This will be held at Osage Hills State Park on October 9-11. [Click here for meeting information.](#)

OAS Technical Meeting – OAS will celebrate its 100-year anniversary at its Annual Technical Meeting at East Central University in Ada on Friday November 6. [Click here for meeting information.](#)

Collegiate (Undergraduate) Competition and Graduate Student Competition at Technical Meeting– If you are an undergraduate or graduate student interested taking part in the competitions at the Annual Technical Meeting in Ada, [click here for more information.](#)

Publication of papers and technical meeting abstracts in *POAS* – Please see the latest instructions and current deadlines for [submission of papers to POAS](#) and publication of 2009 OAS Technical Meeting Abstracts. Our 2009 volume of *POAS* is scheduled to be printed and mailed to all 2009 OAS members in late January 2010.

OAS Facebook Fan Page – President-Elect Ken Hobson has developed a Facebook Fan Page for OAS and hopes many people who use Facebook will be interested in joining. [Click here to join.](#)

**WE WANT TO MAKE SURE ALL OF OUR MEMBERS ARE ABLE TO RECEIVE UPDATES. PLEASE CONTACT OAS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER DAVID BASS IF YOU (OR ANOTHER MEMBER) DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO A COMPUTER AND DESIRE TO CONTINUE RECEIVING ANNOUNCEMENTS VIA POSTAGE. THIS ESPECIALLY APPLIES TO OUR HIGHLY VALUED LIFE MEMBERS AND THOSE WHO ARE NOW RETIRED.**