



OKLAHOMA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

2013 Fall Newsletter

biosurvey.ou.edu/oas

New OAS Web Page Address!!!

The OAS web site has been moved and we have a new web address! It is now located and managed by the Oklahoma Biological Survey in Norman. They already manage the web pages for the Oklahoma Native Plant Society and the Southwestern Association of Naturalists, so taking on the additional responsibility of managing the OAS web site has gone very well. *Please note the new address is biosurvey.ou.edu/oas.*

From the OAS President

Dr. Craig Clifford has written his latest "OAS President's Column" for this newsletter. See his comments based on a recent conversation with a former student and how we make often make a difference in the lives of others. [Click here to read it.](#)

2013 OAS Fall Field Meeting

This will be held at Beavers Bend State Park near Broken Bow in southeast Oklahoma on September 20-22. [Click here for field meeting information](#) and [click here for field meeting registration.](#)

2013 OAS Annual Technical Meeting

The 2013 OAS Annual Technical Meeting will be held on Friday November 8 at the campus of Cameron University in Lawton. Registration and meeting information will be posted by early September [Click here for technical meeting information, including registration and presentation submission.](#)

Election of New OAS Officers

It is now time to choose a President-Elect and A Recording Secretary for 2014-15. The current President-Elect, Dr. Stanley Rice. will become president as Dr. Craig Clifford moves

into the position of Immediate Past President. Candidates for President-Elect are Dr. Terry Conley and Dr. Akhtar Ali while Dr. Valerie O'Brien is running for re-election as Recording Secretary. Good luck to all and thanks for your continued support of OAS. [Click here for candidate biographies and a ballot.](#) Be sure to submit your ballot to David Bass by noon on November 7.

2013 OAS Officers & Council Members

Contact information for these officers and all other members of the 2013 OAS Executive Council, including section chairs and vice-chairs, has been posted on the web page. [Click here to view names and contact information.](#) You will notice there are still several sections that have no vice-chairs, so please contact the section chair and volunteer your services if that is of interest. Also, each section will elect a new vice-chair during their respective section meetings at the technical meeting in November.

Proceedings of the Oklahoma Academy of Science

Please consider submitting your research to the Proceedings of the Oklahoma Academy of Science, the official publication of the Oklahoma Academy of Science. *POAS* is a multi-disciplinary journal with the aim of publishing manuscripts of interest to the broader scientific community in the State of Oklahoma and beyond. The journal is in the process of digitalizing its content to enhance the visibility of published manuscripts. The 2013 volume should be available in early 2014. Instructions for authors and deadlines for submission could be found at <http://biosurvey.ou.edu/oas/EdPol&Pro.html>. Feel free to contact Dr. Mostafa Elshahed (Mostafa@Okstate.edu) with your questions and inquiries.

Oklahoma Junior Academy of Science Update

OJAS suffered from a severe lack of funding to hold its annual competition last spring, but managed to present awards to deserving students at the Oklahoma State Science and Engineering Fair in Ada. See how Dr. Rahmona Thompson, OJAS Director, accomplished this by [clicking here.](#)

OAS Membership Form

Be sure to continue supporting OAS with your annual membership. [Click here to access a membership form.](#) Simply complete the form, print it, and mail the form with your payment (check or cash) to: Dr. David Bass, OAS Executive Director, University of Central Oklahoma, Campus Box 90, Edmond, OK 73034. If payment is made using [PayPal](#), please include a copy of your PayPal receipt with the membership form.

Consider Leaving a Portion of Your Estate to the Academy

Have you thought about how you will be remembered by future generations? Please consider leaving something from your estate to the Academy. Both OAS and OJAS have benefited greatly from generous individuals, such as Mr. Jimmie Pigg, Dr. Larry Magrath, Dr. Paul Buck, and Dr. Kathleen Donovan, who left portions of their estate to our academies. These contributions have come in the form of cash, insurance policies, royalties, memorial donations, etc. Donations of these kinds are placed into accounts where the principle is never spent; only the interest is used and it mostly goes to

support student awards. These gifts make a difference in the lives of many young scientists. Contact Dr. David Bass (dbass@uco.edu) for additional information.

OAS Facebook Fan Page

The OAS Council hopes many people who use Facebook will be interested in joining the Facebook Fan Page for OAS [Click here to join](#).