

# OKLAHOMA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

## 2012 SPRING NEWSLETTER



### Hello OAS Members and Friends

You may use the following links to the OAS web page (<http://biosurvey.ou.edu/oas>) 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. **PLEASE NOTE: YOU MAY NEED TO HOLD DOWN THE 'CTRL' KEY AS YOU CLICK ON THE WEB SITE LINKS!**

### From the OAS President

Dr. Craig Clifford re-introduces himself to Academy members and encourages all of us to make a commitment to furthering education in Oklahoma. [Click here to read his comments.](#)

### 2012 OAS Officers & Council Members

Contact information for these officers and all other members of the 2012 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.

### Publication of Papers in *POAS*

Please see the latest instructions and current deadlines for submission of papers to [POAS](#). The editor wishes to remind all potential authors the deadline for electronic submission of manuscripts for consideration for publication in the 2012 volume of *POAS* is August 15. Our 2011 volume of *POAS* is scheduled to be mailed to all 2011 OAS members later this spring.

### OAS is Seeking a New *POAS* Editor

The Oklahoma Academy of Science is currently seeking a new editor for the *Proceedings of the Oklahoma Academy of Science*. Dr. Kurits Koll, the current editor, will be stepping down from the position upon completion of the volume in press. On behalf of the entire Academy, I want to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to Dr. Koll for his five years of service to the *POAS* and the other activities of the Academy. Anyone who would like to be considered for this position is requested to send a letter of interest

to Dr. Craig Clifford. E-mail to [clifford@nsuok.edu](mailto:clifford@nsuok.edu) or mail to Dr. Craig Clifford, OAS President, Northeastern State University, 611 N. Grand Avenue, Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74464 by March 30, 2012.

### **2011 Collegiate Academy Awards & Graduate Student Award Recipients**

Congratulations to all students who presented a paper or poster at the 2011 Annual Technical Meeting at the Southeastern Oklahoma State University and participated in the Oklahoma Collegiate Academy Competition. The winners and their research topics may be found by [clicking here](#). Special thanks are extended to Dr. Nick Cheper, OCAS Director, and Dr. Craig Clifford, OAS President, for organizing the judging of each category. Also, thanks are extended to all of those who served as judges for the presentations.

### **2012 American Association for the Advancement of Science / American Junior Academy of Science Meetings**

The AJAS annual meeting was held in conjunction with the AAAS annual meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia during mid-February. Dr. David Bass (OAS Executive Director, UCO) travelled to this 2012 event with the two top students from the 2011 OJAS meeting. These students included Ashley Sowder (Moore High School) and Taylor Gaines (Miami High School). [Click here for the rest of the story and photos.](#)

### **2012 OJAS State Meeting**

The OJAS State Meeting is scheduled for March 8-10 at East Central University in Ada. Judges are needed to evaluate secondary school student papers and presentations on March 8-9. It is quite interesting and stimulating to see these talented young scientists discuss their research endeavors. *All food and lodging is provided to the judges and your help would be greatly appreciated.* Contact OJAS Director Dr. Rahmona Thompson ([rthompsn@ecok.edu](mailto:rthompsn@ecok.edu)) and [click here](#) for additional information.

### **2012 OAS Spring Field Meeting**

This will be held at Sequoyah State Park on April 20-22. [Click here for meeting information.](#) **2012 OAS Technical Meeting** OAS will meet for its next Annual Technical Meeting at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond on Friday, 9 November 2012. Dr. Brooke Stabler has volunteered to serve as the local meeting coordinator. Additional meeting information will be described in the fall newsletter and posted on the web page as the date approaches (probably early in September).

### **OESE and OAS to Sponsor Public Information Session**

Oklahomans for Excellence in Science Education and the Oklahoma Academy of Sciences will sponsor a public information session about global warming and climate change on the evening of Thursday, May 17 at the Aaronson Auditorium at the Central Library in Tulsa. Global climate change has become a new point of attack upon science, along with evolution. Details are pending. If you want further information, contact Stanley Rice at [srice@se.edu](mailto:srice@se.edu).

### **Oklahoma Microscopy Society 2012 Spring Meeting**

The Oklahoma Microscopy Society (OMS) will hold its spring meeting at the Noble Foundation on 27 April 2012. Attached is a [flyer](#) announcing the meeting ([www.regonline.com/oms](http://www.regonline.com/oms)). Although it is a microscopy type of meeting, the program in the afternoon would also allow attendees tours of the Noble Foundation campus, which houses some interesting biological laboratories. Contact Dr. Elison Blancaflor for additional meeting information.

### **OAS Facebook Fan Page**

Past President Ken Hobson runs our Facebook Fan Page for OAS and hopes many people who use Facebook will be interested in joining. [Click here to join](#). If you have photos from recent meetings, send them to Ken so they may be posted.

### **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](mailto:dbass@uco.edu)) for additional information.