

Oklahoma Academy of Science  
Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting  
1 Nov 2023  
University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, Chickasha, OK

**Those in Attendance:** Adam Ryburn, Karen Williams, Robert Mather, Cheyanne Olsen, Erika Lutter, Jason Shaw, Mostafa Elshahed, Amanda Nichols, Mark Peaden, John Geiger Hanna King, Feng Feng, Gang Xu, Rickey Cothran, Dustin Williams, Hyacinthe, Janaki Iyer, Nesreen Alsbou.

1. Meeting Called to Order at 5:00 PM
2. Introduction – Everyone
3. Approval of 2023 meeting minutes - approved
4. Meeting updates:
  - a. 220 pre-registered members.
  - b. Poster presentation numbers are up compared to 2022.
  - c. Parking is a concern, but parking available from across Austin hall on campus.
  - d. Tables will be available for graduate program advertisement.
5. Special thanks to University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma for hosting OAS meeting. Approved and passed.
6. Financial report: As of Nov 1, 2023.
  - a. Will be discussed in detail at the technical meeting.
  - b. Net revenues collected is down.
  - c. Discussed updating membership and encouraging lifetime memberships.
7. Academy Reports, Proposal, Questions, and Discussion
  - a. 2023 POAS – 15 papers accepted.
  - b. New page charges will apply to the 2023 accepted papers.
  - c. 44 talks, 86 posters. Need better turnout for judging posters and presentations.
  - d. David Bass has retired from OJAS. Need someone to take over this role. This position allows us membership access to AAAS and AJAS.
  - e. 2023 Fall Field Meeting – keep holding it in first week of October. ~100 people attended, 60% were OAS members, attendance was also from Oklahoma Native Plant Society members.
  - f. Discussed duties of section chairs and vice chairs.
  - g. Section Reports
    - i. Biological Sciences – Jason Shaw (Looking for a vice-chair)
    - ii. Geology – No presentation currently scheduled.
    - iii. Physical Sciences – Ben Tayo willing to server as chair for another year, but there is a need for a new chair. Ben has been asked to introduce the science communication talks.
    - iv. Social Sciences – Dustin Williams has agreed to be vice chair. John Geiger will rotate off and Dustin will become chair.
    - v. Science Communication and Education – looking for a chair.
    - vi. Geography – No presentations scheduled.
    - vii. Applied Ecology and Conservation – Cothran and Bosque will both be in attendance. There is a good
    - viii. Microbiology – Erika Lutter is willing to serve another year as chair.
    - ix. Engineering – No talks, but many posters and all from UCO. Reach out to other universities to send their engineering students. Combining engineering with computer sciences.
    - x. Biochemistry and Biophysics – April will chair, Feng cannot attend.
    - xi. Microscopy – No presentations scheduled.
    - xii. Math, Computer Science & Statistics – Hyacinthe Aboudja and Tiako are chair and vice chair. This is a new section.
    - xiii. Environmental Sciences & Planning – Both chair and vice chair will attend.
    - xiv. Biomedical Sciences – Hannah King will serve as chair for another year.
8. New Business – Nothing to report
9. Future meeting – 2024 will be held at OUHSC.
10. Announcements: new vice chair names need to be sent to Adam.
11. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.