

Oklahoma Academy of Science
Annual Business Meeting
Oklahoma City University
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
13 November 2015

The meeting was called to order by Stan Rice, President of OAS. There were 39 members and officers in attendance.

President's Report:

Stan Rice thanked Adam Ryburn and Tony Stancampiano for hosting the meeting. He also introduced the new president of OAS, Terry Conley.

Secretary's Report:

The Minutes from the 2014 meeting were approved as presented.

Financial Report:

David Bass, Executive Director, distributed a financial report and reported that OAS financials are similar to what we have had in the past several years – we are flat, neither losing nor gaining. We should be a bit ahead of last year after paying the bills from this meeting. As long as we remain steady, we will not need to increase our dues or eliminate programs. OJAS has a small amount of grant money. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Future Meetings of OAS:

Field Meetings

Spring – Beaver's Bend State Park, April 8 – 10, 2016

Mike Shaughnessey, Coordinator

Fall – TBA

105th Annual Technical Meeting

OSU Center for Health Sciences, Tulsa, OK, November 4th, 2016

Earl Blewett, Coordinator

Academy Reports, Proposals, Questions and Discussions:

Moustafa Elshahed, Editor, *Proceedings of the Oklahoma Academy of Science*, reported that the journal is growing, and we welcome both research and review articles. Please continue to submit manuscripts, we would like to continue to grow. We need reviewers in all disciplines, particularly botany and parasitology. A sign-up sheet for potential reviewers was sent around.

Collegiate Academy: Adam Ryburn encouraged judges to submit forms to him prior to leaving. There are 69 oral presentations and 30 posters.

Old Business: (Stan Rice)

- We have a List-serv; make sure you are on it to receive announcements from OAS.

- OAS would like to have Campus Liasons, who would be a contact person for OAS at their campus that publicizes information. Campus Liason names would be listed on the website next to their college/campus. Contact David Bass to be a liason.
- Ingo Schlupp, from the University of Oklahoma, will be our banquet speaker today.
- There are many things happening in the afternoon; please stay for the Microbiology section, the climate symposium, or the poster session.
- Consider presenting next year in the Science Education section.

New Business:

Stan Rice:

- Remember to get your information on new Section Chairs to David Bass.
- We have a blog, and you are welcome to submit articles to the blog – any member of the Executive Council can submit, or send your submission to Stan Rice and he will put it up.
- Remember to send your students to OAS field meetings.

Terry Conley:

- We have a new web domain name, oklahomaacademyofscience.org. We intend to improve the website and make it more user-friendly.
- Our membership survey is completed. We will put it up as a pdf on the website. We had good participation in the survey.
- We hope to reach out with our new Campus Liasons.
- We intend to fix membership enrollment and renewal process.
- Have decided to meet the Executive Council two times per year, at the Technical Meeting and at Oklahoma Research Day.
- In an effort to increase student participation in OAS, we have decided to drop the requirement that students must join OAS in order to present or attend the Annual Technical Meeting. New student fees will be \$10 to attend, \$20 to register and present.

Stan Rice:

- Thanks to Dan Hough for his work on the website.
- SWAN will be held at Cameron University in Spring 2017.

David Bass: the following officers were elected; Adam Ryburn is president-elect, and Bobby Mather is our new recording secretary.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie O'Brien
Recording Secretary

Minutes approved at the OAS Business Meeting, November 4, 2016