

Oklahoma Academy of Science
Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting
5 Nov 2020

Meeting Called to Order at 1:00 PM

1. Introductions
2. Meeting updates/Announcements from host coordinator - Adam Ryburn
The first virtual meeting of the Academy went fairly well. Thanks to all the section moderators for their assistance. Attendance was down compared to previous. Obviously due to virtual setting and COVID delays with research.
3. Minutes of the November 7, 2019 Executive Council Meeting - Approved
4. Financial Report - Adam Ryburn. - Approved
5. Spring Field Event - Robert Mather. Discussion of the Oklahoma Science and Engineering Fair.
6. Fall Field Meeting - Robert Mather. If COVID allows, scheduled for 3rd weekend of September 2021 at Lake Eufaula State Park.
7. Fall Technical Meeting - Robert Mather. . If COVID allows, scheduled for November 5th, 2021 at East Central University, Ada.
8. Academy Reports
 - a. POAS - Mostafa Elshehad, Editor.
The number of POAS articles are up slightly this year compared to previous. The number of abstracts from the Technical Meeting is down, likely due to virtual meeting.
 - b. Collegiate Academy - Jerry Bowen. 78 presentations, with 62 student presentations.
 - c. JOAS - David Bass. 1 student to AAAS Meeting in Seattle, interesting note: 13 Feb, took a tour of the Infectious Virus Labs.
 - 2021 AAAS to be held virtually 8-11 Feb.
 - 2022 AAAS scheduled for Philadelphia.
9. Section Reports
 - A. Biological Sciences - Nothing to report
 - B. Geology - Nothing to report/Section Chairs not present
 - C. Physical Sciences - 16 presentations
 - D. Social Sciences - 11 presentations and posters
 - E. Science Communication and Education - Nothing to report/Section Chairs not present
 - F. Geography - Nothing to report/Section Chairs not present
 - G. Applied Biology and Conservation - 16 presentations
 - H. Microbiology - 10 presentations
 - I. Engineering Sciences - Nothing to report/Section Chairs not present
 - J. Biochemistry and Biophysics - Nothing to report/Section Chairs not present
 - K. Microscopy - Nothing to report/Section Chairs not present
 - L. Computer Science and Statistics - Nothing to report/Section Chairs not present
 - M. Environmental Sciences - Nothing to report/Section Chairs not present
 - N. Biomedical Sciences - 7 presentations
10. Old Business - Adam Ryburn

- a. Discussion for increasing registration or membership fees
 - b. David Bass suggested leaving things as they are for now
11. New Business - Adam Ryburn
- a. The Executive Council approved the formation of an Audit Committee to replace the need for an Accountant to audit the Academy's financial records. We plan to review the effectiveness of this process in years to come.
 - b. Lindsey Long discussed the idea of Professional Development for faculty, such as workshops, as the Technical Meetings.
 - c. Brief reminder to elect new Section Chairs and Vice-Chairs and send the information to Adam Ryburn

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.