

Oklahoma Academy of Science
Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting
5 Nov 2020

Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 PM

Those in Attendance: Robert Mather, Karen Williams, Adam Ryburn, Weldon Wilson, Lindsey Long, Shelley Xia, Daniel McInnis, Mostafa Elshehad, Alisha Howard, Adam Randall, Mark Peaden, Charles Biles, David Bass, Michelle Lastrina, Charles Crittall, Randall Maples, Earl Blewett, Jerry Bowen, Rachel Jones, Erika Lutter, Mehmet Aktas, Julia Reid, and Richard Butler (Recording Secretary)

7 Sections of presentations, with Biology and Applied Ecology combined

1. Introductions
2. Meeting updates/Announcements from host coordinator - Adam Ryburn
3. Minutes of the November 7, 2019 Executive Council Meeting - Richard Butler
4. Financial Report - Adam Ryburn. Mark Peaden made a motion to approve the financial report, Adam Randall seconded.
5. Spring Field Event - Robert Mather. Discussion of the Oklahoma Science and Engineering Fair.
6. Fall Field Meeting - Robert Mather. Discussion for Eufaula State Park.
7. Fall Technical Meeting - Robert Mather. Discussion for East Central University, Ada.
8. Academy Reports
 - a. POAS - Mostafa Elshehad, Editor.
 - 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. Discussion about an Accountant, per the by-laws. Adam Ryburn recommended the formation of an Audit Committee. It would require revision of the by-laws. Earl Blewitt made a motion to proceed with the formation of an Audit Committee, Jerry Bowen seconded. Unanimous vote in favor of a resolution to create an Audit Committee.
- 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.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.