



OKLAHOMA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

2013 Spring Newsletter

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New OAS Web Page Address!!!

The OAS web site has been moved and we have a new web address! It is now located and managed by the Oklahoma Biological Survey in Norman. They already manage the web pages for the Oklahoma Native Plant Society and the Southwestern Association of Naturalists, so taking on the additional responsibility of managing the OAS web site has gone very well. The Academy greatly appreciates the efforts of Dr. Dallas New at UCO, who has volunteered to serve as OAS webmaster for over a decade. *Please note the new address is biosurvey.ou.edu/oas.*

From the OAS President...

OAS President Craig Clifford recognizes some of the many individuals who play major roles in OAS. [Click here to read his comments.](#)

2013 OAS Officers & Council Members

Contact information for these officers and all other members of the 2013 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.

OAS 2013 Fall Technical Meeting

The 2013 OAS Technical Meeting will be held on the campus of Cameron University in Lawton on November 9, with the Council Meeting scheduled the evening before. Mark this date on your calendars now and look for more information in the fall newsletter.

A Note Regarding the Section Formerly Known as "Fish & Wildlife Conservation"

During the Fall 2012 Executive Council meeting, Richard Butler stated that a name

change had been approved in Fall 2010 by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Section (Section G), but had not been implemented. Investigation revealed that the new name had not been recorded in the meeting's minutes. OAS Recording Secretary Dr. Valerie O'Brien the contacted past section chair, Dr. Michael Reiskind, about the name change. He replied the name to be implemented is "**Applied Ecology and Conservation.**"

Collegiate Oklahoma Academy of Science Winners Announced

The Oklahoma Academy of Science 2012 Collegiate Academy competition was held during the Technical Meeting on the campus of the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. The number of collegiate participants was the largest that we have seen in the past several years. The quality of papers/posters was excellent; thus, the judges had to make some difficult decisions with respect to the "best" papers. Both students and advisors are to be commended for their willingness to engage in research at the undergraduate level. The Collegiate Academy recognizes that research conducted by undergraduates is seldom rewarded but critical to furthering scientific education in our state. A list of award recipients and their research titles may be found by [clicking here](#).

Publication of Papers in POAS

Please see the latest instructions and current deadlines for submission of manuscripts to *POAS* on the web site. The editor wishes to remind all potential authors the deadline for electronic submission of manuscripts for consideration for publication in the 2013 volume of *POAS* is August 15. The 2012 volume of *POAS* was recently mailed to all 2012 OAS members.

OAS 2013 Spring Field Meeting

The OAS 2013 Spring Field Meeting is scheduled to be held at Lake Eufaula Nature Center during April 19-21. ***Please note electronic registration and PayPal will not be available for this event, so you need to print forms, include a payment, and mail these to the OAS Executive Director*** (Dr. David Bass, Executive Director, Oklahoma Academy of Science, University of Central Oklahoma, 100 N. University Drive, Campus Box 90, Edmond, OK 73034) ***before Tuesday, April 9.*** [Click here for the meeting announcement](#) and [click here for the meeting registration form](#).

Changes for the Oklahoma Junior Academy of Science

Oklahoma Junior Academy of Science (OJAS) is morphing again because of declining participation and lack of funding. Following several years of decline, 2012 OJAS competition had the lowest participation level in 15 or more years. Only 64 students registered online to participate in the regional meets. Regional meets were held for as few as five students. Of 64 students, 55 advanced to the state meet. Historically, 90-125 students have participated in the state OJAS meet. [Click here to learn more about](#)

[these important changes.](#)

2013 American Association for the Advancement of Science Meeting in Boston

The overall winners from the 2012 OJAS State Meeting travelled to Boston February 13-17 to present their research at the 2013 AAAS Meeting and participate in the American Junior Academy of Science (AJAS) activities. These individuals included Taylor Gaines (Biological Sciences, Miami HS) and Hayden Allen (Physical Sciences, Cascia Hall Preparatory School). [Click here for the rest of the story and photos.](#)

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 OAS Executive Director Dr. David Bass (dbass@uco.edu) for additional information.