



OKLAHOMA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

2014 Spring Newsletter

biosurvey.ou.edu/oas

From the OAS President...

OAS President Stan Rice shares his thoughts about OAS. [Click here to read his comments.](#)

2014 OAS Officers & Council Members

Contact information for these officers and all other members of the 2014 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 a couple of sections that have no vice-chairs, so please contact the section chair and volunteer your services if that is of interest.

Changes Approved to OAS Constitution

Collegiate Oklahoma Academy of Science Winners Announced

The Oklahoma Academy of Science 2013 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 2014 volume of *POAS* is August 15. The 2013 volume of *POAS* was recently mailed to all 2013 OAS members.

OAS 2014 Spring Field Meeting

The OAS 2014 Spring Field Meeting is scheduled to be held at Lake Murray State Park Group Site #3 during April 4-6. ***Please note all early registration is electronic and this all early registration payment is via PayPal. The deadline for early registration is Tuesday March 25.*** Registration will also be available on site during the meeting – note on-site registration payment is only with cash or check. [Click here for the meeting announcement](#) and [click here for the meeting registration](#).

2014 OAS Fall Meeting Dates

The OAS 2014 Fall Field Meeting is scheduled to be held at Black Mesa State Park during September 19-21.

The 2014 OAS Technical Meeting will be held on the Broken Arrow campus of Northeastern State University on November 7, with the Council Meeting scheduled the evening before.

Mark these dates on your calendars now and look for more information in the fall newsletter.

2014 American Association for the Advancement of Science Meeting in Chicago

Two of the top students, as determined by OJAS judges, from the 2013 Oklahoma State Science & Engineering Fair travelled to Chicago February 12-16 to present their research at the 2014 AAAS Meeting and participate in the American Junior Academy of Science (AJAS) activities. These individuals included Hannah Pagels (Biological Sciences, Miami HS) and Micha Dunkleberger (Physical Sciences, Skiatook). [Click here for the rest of the story and photos](#).

OAS Facebook Fan Page

Ken Hobson and Mia Revels manage our Facebook Fan Page for OAS and hope 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 or Mia 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.