

Minutes of ANAS Board of Governors Meeting

January 25th 2014

11:00 am-12:45 pm conference call

Attendance: Members in attendance (in bold) at phone conference: **Rob Bowker**, Boyd Campbell, **Pedro Chavez**, Karen Conzelman, **Shafiu Jibrin**, **Bob McCord**, **Theo Manno**, **Pamela Marshall**, **Boris Poff**, **Florence Slater**, **Aregai Tecle**, Angela Schwendimen, Anthony Brazel, and **Brian Wainscott**.

General welcome and phone connects

Call to order by President Pamela Marshall

Minutes from the Sept meeting approved with minor changes.
Spelling corrections to names. The XXX? in item 4 should be "various agencies".

REPORTS

1. **Treasurer (KC)**-Accounts have not changed significantly since yearend report (attached). Closed account at ASU at the end of 2013 since we will no longer be printing / mailing the journal through ASU. Science Olympiad funds make up a significant amount of our assets; about \$25,000 (in a CD) was an endowment from previous affiliated nonprofit when they ceased operation. Those funds are reserved to run the tournament if other funding is absent. Schools memberships go towards national dues as well as basic tournament expenses. Without the Science Olympiad and Science Bowl accounts, the Academy has about \$50K in liquid assets; also have investment funds (educational endowment fund) in large cap stocks mutual fund which thus has fluctuating value; at year's end, its value was about \$41K. Report approved.
AT-Do we have a budget for annual meeting? KC - We are okay on annual meetings if no unexpected expenses arise. Income is from registration mostly.
2. **Proceedings Editor (FS)**: We have no section chairs for Geography unless someone steps forward. There will be no Science Education, Anthropology, or Conservation Biology sections. We are currently unsure if Math is participating or having a section. Participation looks promising for many sections as invites are out to AZGF, NAU, BioTech, and ASUWest. ASUW is even bringing students in vans, but will come only in the morning as hotel expenses are not covered. Poster sessions will be in the lobby. AT requested that FS send him a number of sections as soon as possible so he knows how many rooms to reserve.
3. **President (PM)**: PM is trying to advertise and to get more applications for scholarships and grants. Last grant cycle had only one HS applicant. KC commented that it is interesting that the few applicants we get for our pre-college grants and teaching awards are typically from NV; not sure what the reason is. Board suggested that we send mailing to schools; KC commented that doing this generally does not reach the right individuals in the school. We have been trying to get announcements of scholarships,

grants and awards into things that teachers read such as ASTA newsletter and to Science Olympiad coaches. PM suggested that we consider opening scholarship to students at all stages of their education not just first time freshmen (still limiting to AZNV high school graduates attending in-state school). KC suggested that we have students submit a screening application and then invite selected individuals to submit complete application. Consensus was that if necessary, committee could make a first cut based on GPA and other objective criteria from existing application.

PC and SJ will work on revision of application and scholarship web page for the board to review at next meeting.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

2014 Annual Meeting:

1. Meeting date and location: April 12th at NAU
2. Discussion about a phrase for the theme. PM suggested: "Educating the next generation of scientists in AZ & NEV" which rest of board thought was appropriate.
3. FS suggested we need at least 3 rooms with a max of 4 rooms. AT reserved 7 rooms at NAU, one conference room at Forestry making it 8 rooms. We should have more than enough rooms. All rooms have AV. We need to reserve a hotel, but perhaps this is not a high priority. A couple of local hotels will be approached. PM, KC, TM, FS, RB (probably will not), BM, BP, BW, Kathy Lauckner, Gottfried, Ffolliott, (12 to 15 people likely) will be there night before and likely need a hotel.
4. AT-Had some fund raising (\$1000) from NAU School of Forestry. Pursuing some additional sponsors. Luncheon will be in Dubois room where we had it before.
5. One possibility for a speaker is Laura Henikey from NAU.
6. Meeting Poster. AT suggested making up something that could be used to help advertise the meeting. KC said she would see if GCC BIO department admin assistant could draft something up. Asked for definition of parameters: size? method of distribution? Members indicated that if they received a pdf file, they could print at their institution. and KC will put on website. Will try to incorporate theme.
7. Former board member, Kathy Lauckner was in contact with AT and might be able to help get more participation from folks at UNLV since she is still affiliated. Recommended that Boris be a contact.
8. TM will review by-laws and suggest grammatical edits. Per by-law 15.10 amendments need to be distributed to membership by March 12 (one month before meeting) at the latest in order to be on the voting agenda at annual business meeting.

Journal:

1. Editorial transition from AB to BM is in process. They worked together on last issue and BM has now taken over. He has most of the articles already for next issue.
2. Since AB has retired, printing and mailing can no longer be managed by ASU staff. KC has a quote from vendor who has been doing the Proceedings to take over JANAS printing, and she will coordinate work-study students to do the mailing. ASU account has been closed but KC is still awaiting a check for the residual balance. .
3. PM-There has been significant revenue from BioOne and JSTOR royalties. Most recent Proceedings are now on-line through U of A library digital repository.. There are still a few subscribing libraries but many are no longer storing hard copies and subscribing to digital indexing services instead.
4. PC asked how interested reviewers could get involved. BM indicated that he was identifying reviewers based on topics; authors were generally asked to suggest potential reviewers.

Board Membership

1. President-elect still needed. The purpose of this position is to allow for someone to be on the board for two years before assuming presidency, but office has already been unfilled for a year. KC asked where we are looking to draw candidates from other than current board. BW was suggested but he indicated that it was still a little premature for him to take this office since he is relatively new to ANAS and just joined board.. BP was suggested, but declined.
2. Another opening has likely been created with BC leaving the state. Tom Jones (from AZ Game and Fish) was suggested as a possibility. RB to investigate his interest.

Next board meeting was tentatively set for April 11th at 6:00 PM in Flagstaff.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Rob Bowker, Recording Secretary

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