

**MINUTES OF ANAS APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> 2015, 6:30-9:00 PM**  
**DINNER AND BOARD MEETING, FAJARDO'S CAFÉ, GLENDALE AZ**

Board members in attendance (in bold): **Rob Bowker (RB-GCC)**, **Pedro Chavez (PC)**, **Karen Conzelman (KC-GCC)**, Ty Ferre (TF-UA), **Jennifer Hackney Price (JHP-ASUW)**, Shafiu Jibrin, **Bob McCord (BM-NHM)**, **Theo Manno (TM)**, **Pamela Marshall (PM-ASUW)**, Boris Poff (BP), **Paula Rivadeneira (PR-UA)**, **Angela Schwendimen (AS-GCC)**, **Florence Slater (FS-GCC)**, **Aregai Tecle (AT-NAU)** and **Brian Wainscott (BW-USN)**.

Call to order by President Pamela Marshall. Welcome of Angela Schwendiman and nominee for Director at Large position (Paula Rivadeneira) since neither had previously attended a board meeting.

**REPORTS**

1. **Treasurer's Report (KC)** –There have not been many transactions since the Annual Report published in Proceedings. We have received ~\$3000 from registration fees for Annual Meeting and another ~\$3000 from revenue sharing. We had no applicants for HS scholarship so no expenditure of those funds.
2. **Journal update:** PM stated that the journal is coming out soon. BM stated that one of the challenges he faces with JANAS is that journal submissions float around in limbo (either with reviewer or author) and often are not returned promptly for publication. BM has to get and regularly change reviewers. He has tried numerous sources for reviewers, but the bottom line is that the process is very slow and does not produce many journal articles. KC noted that this could become a problem for Academy of this continues to be an ongoing issue. In the past when our publication schedule was erratic, people stop wanting to submit because there is such a long time window between submission and publication. Board members suggested some ideas as to how the process might be expedited.
3. **Directors reports:**
  - a. **Director at Large: 2016 Annual Meeting:** BW is looking forward to hosting the 2016 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. The VP he has been working with at College of Southern Nevada and who was highly supportive of their hosting the meeting will be leaving the college soon. BW is trying to get as many things as possible signed off before the current VP leaves. A new VP will interrupt the continuity of support he has been enjoying. BM also added that Nevada's SciFest will be occurring at similar time frame as our proposed upcoming meetings and CSN will be participating. He wondered whether we want our meeting to be part of those CSN events or should we do it another time? KC suggested that we should be off sequence because we are not targeting K-12 and our meeting is not open to or appropriate for most of the general

public. Dates for the SciFest events will be set in next few weeks and that will allow us to set the date of our 2016 ANAS meeting.

- b. **Central AZ : Web Site:** JHP has been going through links on our web site (AZ and NV Science menus to try to identify broken links, update if possible, and add new links.

**Girl Scouts:** JHP also reported that the Girl Scouts had approached her/Pam" about getting involved with the Academy. Board didn't see a good fit. ????

## OLD BUSINESS

1. **Draft of By-Laws changes** has been posted online for the requisite 30 days and will be on the agenda tomorrow for approval by the membership.
2. **Newsletter. Theo needs** more information to include in newsletter . Although the old quarterly newsletters are no longer necessary because so many of the forms it used to distribute are now available online, nonetheless, a more regular newsletter provides a vehicle to help members feel like connected to the Academy and that they are getting some value for the ir membership.
3. **2015 Annual Meeting Arrangements:** Registration for ASUW meeting is inside buildings. Seven classrooms are reserved and will open at 7:30 AM. Computers will be ready and already logged on. Individuals to judge posters identified.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. None.

Meeting adjourned.