

**MINUTES OF ANAS NOVEMBER 14TH 2015 BOARD MEETING  
10:00 AM-12:00 PM CONFERENCE CALL**

ATTENDANCE:

Members in attendance (in bold) at phone conference: **Rob Bowker** (RB-GCC), **Pedro Chavez** (PC), **Karen Conzelman** (KC-GCC), Ty Ferre (TF-UA), Jennifer Hackney Price (JHP-ASUW), **Theo Manno** (TM-CFHS), **Bob McCord** (BM-ANHM), **Pamela Marshall** (PM-ASUW), Boris Poff (BP), **Paula Rivadeneira** (PR-UA), Angela Schwendimen (AS-GCC), **Florence Slater** (FS-GCC), **Aregai Tecele** (AT-NAU), and **Brian Wainscott** (BW-CSN).

Call to order by President Theo Manno

MINUTES. Minutes were approved from last meeting.

REPORTS

1. **KC Treasurers Report.** Our financial status is as follows:
  - General Fund (Wells Fargo Checking) for operating expenses is \$43,420.38;
  - Short Term Reserve account (Vanguard Money Market) has \$27,028.87;
  - Educational Endowment Fund (Vanguard Index 500 Fund) has \$48,540.68ANAS SUBTOTAL: \$118,989.93.
  - Science Olympiad Account (Wells Fargo Checking) has \$71,355.50
  - Science Olympiad CD has \$20,796.27SCIENCE OLYMPIAD SUBTOTAL: \$92,151.77.  
TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS: \$211,141.70.

Science Olympiad tournament received a grant for \$8500 (plus \$1500 in kind services) from SRP. Part of Science Olympiad balance includes money given by Charles Hoyt's estate.

2. **Membership Secretary Report:** Angela Schwendimen (reported by KC), recommended that we do membership on the academic year instead of the calendar year. After some discussion, we decided to keep our current membership calendar to minimize confusion with journal subscription terms. KC recommended that Membership Secretary send our membership renewal reminders at start of academic year and also at the end of the calendar year.
3. **Journal Editor Report:** BM has some publications in process but he has having difficulty getting reviewers to respond in a timely manner and in some cases, getting revised manuscripts back from the authors. Encourages board members to solicit more submissions.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. **Annual meeting** at U of Southern Nevada (West Charleston Campus-6375 W Charleston Blvd) on April 16<sup>th</sup>. There are several room assignments confirmed. The college had committed to paying for the food, but because of low enrollment they may be backing out to save money. KC suggested we may be able to share the cost. Meeting Hotel (AZ Charlies' Decateur) has had rooms (15) reserved for a special rate \$61.60. The poster session will likely be in the hallway near lecture rooms, but sound overflow may become a problem. Details still have to be worked out for timing and where posters will be attached/ stood.

Where should we meet for the board meeting? It was mostly decided that bringing food into a conference room would be best. The host school has not offered to cater for this meeting. We should also consider that there are enough people driving to this meeting to perhaps still use a local restaurant. Brian will investigate what is best and will e-mail the options out to the board.

We do not offer an honorarium for guest speakers as we have not offered this in the past. Brian will seek out potential speakers.

We need a secondary education teacher for teacher recognition and somebody for outstanding leadership awards.

We seem to have more than enough classrooms to cover the various sessions we offer.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. **New Forensics Group.** PM stated that here in AZ there are three universities (ASU, GCU, Embrey-Riddle U) that have programs in forensics. ASU West (Lara Ferrer) is holding a meeting at ASU's CA center and they are requesting that the Academy co-sponsor the event. (email appended below)

Need additional information to make make an informed decision

- What are they trying to get from us? Do we somehow give them legitimacy? our non-profit status? web space?
- How will this co-sponsorship work?
- What is the benefit to us?

If we decide to do this, we would require that they put at least one person on our board to organize and report on this event.

PM will explore this further and send out an e-mail with any new information.

Group is also interested in having a Forensics section at Annual Meeting. No objections to their pursuit of this.

2. **New Webmaster:** . Rhett Michelson(RN), CSN , is interested in taking over the Academy's webpage. KC- As long as he is willing to keep information current, she supports this change in webmaster. Rhett's draft web design is highly regarded by all. PR supports the idea since website is our main public interface , and RN's design looks more up to date and professional than current layout. Question was raised as to why he would want to do this. BW suggested that he just enjoyed doing websites and also since CSN has a merit-based salary schedule, he could benefit from saying he is our webmaster . General consensus was that he would need to become a member.of ANAS. KC said she would continue in interim capacity until RH's site was up. RH suggested a different service provider (\$10/year fee) and said it would be easy to migrate our domain name. KC reported that she while this was much less than bluehost (current provider), she had just paid for annual renewal She will work with Rhett to make the transition. The board approved RN as our webmaster.
3. **Newsletter:**. TM suggested that we discontinue our printed newsletter since website provides most of the information that newsletter used to communicate. PM moved to stop the newsletter and focus on website as mode of communication to our membership and others.. Approved without objection.
4. **NAAS (National Association of Academies of Science) annual membership dues.** KC reported that our dues are \$75 and it is already included in our budget. Consensus of the board that since this membership affiliates us to national and regional scientific associations including AAAS, we should continue to pay.
5. **Science Olympiad.**  
The Academy has only ever been affiliated with the HS division of the state tournament (Division C). There is also a Middle School competition (Division B) that is held separately. Current Division B director (Reina Gomez) is interested in merging both groups under her leadership (so we would have a single state tournament for both as is the case in many states). Also, ASU is interested in hosting the National competition in 2020 and do so national Science Olympiad organization is requiring them to demonstrate that they can successfully host a joint state tournament. They plan to do so in 2017 (primarily under Reina's leadership). KC and Aggie (State Director) hope that this will be a permanent transition. No one else has expressed interest in organizing the Division C tournament or taking over the State Director position (and Aggie would like to retire).

KC recommends that ANAS remain involved financially , maintaining our SO bank accounts specifically for Division C (since we have moneys that were given specifically for Division C by Hoyt estate and also Arizona Alliance for Science, Technology and Mathematics [non-profit that sponsored the tournament until ANAS took over]). She suggested these funds could be used travel grants, "seed" and prize money specifically for

high school teams. Division B does not have non-profit status at this time, but they are apparently applying for it and we have no intention of taking on that role for the middle school group.

There are still many things to be worked out (e.g., Division B has different tournament schedule [including invitational and regional tournaments], different membership dues and policies [multiple teams from a single school allowed by C but not B] and later date for state competition). Hopefully this can be done in a way such that Division C teams have as positive an experience at the combined tournament as they do currently. and continue to participate with the same enthusiasm. KC is worried about how well organized the 2017 tournament will be and about getting event supervisors for Division C events (since most GCC supervisors are unlikely to participate if not held in their laboratories and classrooms); however, we are just going to have to let it go and be what it becomes. PM plans to identify who at ASU is going to take this new duty, invite them to the 2016 tournament so they can have a better idea of what is involved. KC has already contacted the parties involved and shared preliminary organizational information.

6. **Section Chairs for Annual Meeting:** : FS usually contacts these individuals in January. Recommendation of the board that BW try to find some interested individuals at CSN and/or UNLV who could at least help “drum up” interest locally if not take over/share the chair position.

Meeting adjourned.