Call to Order: The Academy Council Meeting called to order at 11:12 AM

Approval of Minutes: A draft of minutes of Council meeting held on November 18, 2007 was presented for approval. The minutes were approved with the following Corrections:

Under Reports –
- Awards: “One nomination reported” should read as “One nomination for fellow has been received”
- “Constitution & Bye-laws – Gerry Taylor
  - Minor changes proposed (Appendix B – Constitution & Byelaws Committee Report to Council)*. It is to be done during Spring 2008 meeting” should read as
  “Constitution & By-laws – Jerry Taylor
  - Report submitted clarifying issues (Appendix B – Constitution & Bylaws Committee Report to Council)*”
- Environment:
  - “Mary Washington University” should read as “University of Mary Washington.”
- Fellows: the only minute should read as
  - “Dr. Kenneth R. Lawless donated about 3000 pictures. Dr. Lawless, who was an academy fellow died in August 2007. He was 85.”
- Fund Raising: the minute should read as
  - “Requested advise from the Council for exploring a plan for fund-raising campaign with 90th anniversary celebration.”
- Under New Business: the third bullet should read as
  - “Names proposed for Research Committee – Joe D. Rudmin, Allison Baski, Lisa Alty, William Starnes”

Financial Report:
- Jerry presented the financial report and pointed that the income from the annual meeting held at James Madison University were down because of two reasons: Poor attendance and per person charge
- He indicated that to make the accounting simpler trust description has been changed
- Nothing significant change from previous year

Annual Meeting update:
- Dr. Harvey will deliver Jeffers Memorial Lecture on Tuesday night. The
details has to be sent to Jim O'Brian for newsletter.

Reports:
- Archives: Jeff Zadeh: Nothing to report
- Awards: Carolyn Conway
  - The committee consisting of Jim O'Brien, Victor Townsend and Andrew Dolby, nominated Dr. David G. Elmes of Washington and Lee University for the Academic Fellow.
- Constitution & By-laws: Jerry Taylor
  - Elsa Q. Falls, Chair Trust Committee serves as representative to Finance & Endowment committee
  - Arthur W. Burke, Jr. is chair of Finance & Endowment Committee
  - Two members are to be nominated for terms ending the following years
- Environment: Michael L. Bass
  - Reported that he has represented Academy at various conferences
- Fellows
  - Jim reported Rae could not be there and will not be there at the May's meeting either
- Finance & Endowment: Arthur W. Burke, Jr.
  - Expressed concern about reduced income
  - Reminded academy to stop spending from Trust funds
  - Reduction of fees (?) from 10% - to 5-7% was discussed as other institutions have around 4-5%
  - Seek more outside funding
  - Raising the meeting fees was discussed
- Flora of Virginia: Marion Lobstein
  - Updated on the *Flora of Virginia* Project
- Fund Raising: Jim O'Brien
  - Bruner Family
  - Approach Private Philanthropies using slides and material
  - TCC is not listed as a member institution
  - Various issues were presents at AAAS
  - Shared the NAAS recent resolution
- VJAS: Susan Booth
  - Reported the numbers of papers received are less than previous year
• Few sections have to be merged
• Requested to encourage faculty to sign up for judges

• Long Range Planning – Werner Wieland
  o Next annual meeting at VCU is on track
  o Chanco retreat September 19-20, 08
  o ODU contact person Paul Homsher

• Membership – Richard Groover
  o Report on Membership submitted in the last council meeting

  Nominations –
  o Slate of nomination recommended by Executive Committee was presented and approved
  o Darcy Mays is replacing Bob Willis for president-elect

• Publication – Jim Martin
  o The last issue of 2007 is two-weeks away from publication

• Research
  o received one paper for Shelton Horsley Research Award which has been forwarded to the Chair, research committee Dr. Mohamed
  o He is still willing to involve with academy work

• Science Advisory – Alan Griffith
  o No report

• Trust – Elsa Falls

  Following hand-outs, including reports from Chair, Trust Committee Ms. Falls were distributed:

  o Summary of Receipts, Disbursements and Year-end Balances for 2007
  o Income/Expense Comparison by Category – 2006 (1-1-06 through 12-31-07)
  o Historical account balance as of 12-31-2007 from American Funds
  o Virginia Academy of Science Endowment Funds (12-31-07)
  o Income/Expense Comparison by Category YTD-2 (1-1-2007 through 3-25-2008)
  o VJAS Endowment – Accounting for Awards held in Endowment Mar 2008
Senior Academy Awards and Funds March 2008

- VRSN – David Hagan
  - No Report
- Discussion about motion for nomination of Dr. David Elm as academy fellow

Section Reports:

- Aeronautical & Aerospace Sciences - No Report
- Agricultural, Forestry, and Aquaculture - No Report
- Archeology - No Report
- Astronomy, Math, Physics, with Material Science - No Report
- Biology with Microbiology - No Report
- Biomedical & General Engineering - No Report
- Botany: Michael H. Renfroe
  - Has full schedule
- Chemistry: Tomas C. DeVore
  - Planning to open Dr. Urasa’s symposium to all the attendees
- Environmental Science: Michael L. Bass
  - Among presentations received most of them are posters and two are papers
- Molecular Biology: Now included in “Biology with Microbiology”
- Natural History & Biodiversity: Leeanna Pletcher
  - Werner reported that Has a full program
- Psychology: Perry M. Duncan
  - Full morning session. Only one-third of what we had in past.
- Statistics
  - No Report

Old Business

- No Old Business

New Business

- No new business

Adjournment: The council adjourned at 1:05 PM.