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

2. **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 & Bylaws – Gerry Taylor**
     
       - Minor changes proposed (Appendix B – Constitution & Bylaws 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"

7. **Financial Report:**
Jerry presented the financial report and pointed out that the income from the annual meeting held at James Madison University was down for two reasons: Poor attendance and per person charge.

He indicated that to make the accounting simpler, trust description has been changed.

No significant change from previous year.

11. **Annual Meeting update:**

Dr. Harvey will deliver Jeffers Memorial Lecture on Tuesday night. Details to be sent to Jim O'Brian for newsletter.

13. **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
o Reduction of fees for Funds for the Future from 10% - to 5-7% was discussed as other institutions have around 4-5%

o Seek more outside funding

o Raising the meeting fees was discussed

• Flora of Virginia: Marion Lobstein
  o Updated on the Flora of Virginia Project

• Fund Raising: Jim O’Brien
  o Bruner Family
  o Approach Private Philanthropies using slides and material
  o TCC is not listed as a member institution
  o Various issues were presents at AAAS
  o Shared the NAAS recent resolution

• VJAS: Susan Booth
  o Reported the numbers of papers received are less than previous year
  o A few sections have to be merged
  o 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 officers recommended by Executive Committee was presented and approved
• 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
    o Senior Academy Awards and Funds March 2008

• VRSN – David Hagan
  o Report is attached

• Motion and approval of nomination of Dr. David Elm as academy fellow
32. Section Reports:

- Aeronautical & Aerospace Sciences
  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 a full program

- Psychology: Perry M. Duncan
  Full morning session. Only one-third of what we had in past.

- Statistics
  No Report
COUNCIL MINUTES

46. **OLD BUSINESS**
- No Old Business

48. **NEW BUSINESS**
- No new business

2. **Adjournment:** The council adjourned at 1:05 PM.