

Virginia Academy of Science, Executive Committee Meeting
Saturday, March 29, 2008
Science Museum of Virginia
Presiding: Werner Wieland

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of November 18, 2007 Executive Committee recommended for approval with changes

Local Arrangements Committee:

Based on the conference site visit held on March 28, 2008 Dr. Whitney, chair of the local arrangements committee reported the

- The arrangements for meal and room assignments are finalized.
- Though all equipments are continue to be tracked down there does not seem to be any problem.
- Working on confirmation of availability of the tech support
- A separate telephone number be available for the conference
- Dr. Harvey will deliver Jeffers Memorial Lecture on Tuesday night.
- Dr. Roger Crouch, astronaut from NASA will speak on Wednesday evening for VJAS at the Virginia Air and Space Center
- Sidney S. Negus Memorial Lecture will be deliver by Dr. Pat McCormick on Thursday
- Prof. Willis is working on the program book
- Final version of drafts of various forms, including electron payment form is underway
- Few details are to be worked out about hotel accommodations

Jerry asked for the names of any guests who would make remarks during the meetings so that their names can be included in the program book, or a separate table can be reserved for them.

Officers Report:

President:

- Reiterated the items from the report by chair of the local arrangement committee about his conference site visit on March 28, 2008
- Issue of paper presentation by members/non-members under "statistics" category was discussed

President Elect:

- Working on few missing information in the academy directory including dates

- Reported that NAAS has approved a resolution on State Science & Technology Policy February 18, 2008 (Appendix A)
- Several suggestions were made to generate interest for increasing the number of academy members including organizing a symposium in 2009

Vice President:

- Annual Meeting Program book is almost complete and will send to some members for review
- Needs clarification on few items from VJAS director Mrs. Booth and chair, local arrangement committee Dr. Whitney before finalizing the program book
- Sessions on Geography and Geology not needed and material science is "Astronomy, Mathematics and Physics"
- Because of low numbers multiple sessions on Medical Science is cropped of

Secretary: Minutes from last meeting was submitted for approval

Treasurer: No report

Executive Officer:

Reported that:

- the tax papers are ready to be filed
- the funds have been transferred to funds for the future
- the meeting with new director of Science Museum was cordial and we are well supported by the museum, a copy of history of the Academy was presented to the new director
- retreat reservation has been made for Sept 19, 2008 for 15-20 people. Reporting Friday evening and retreat finishes Saturday afternoon. Jim will put a tight agenda for retreat
- received one paper for Shelton Horsley Research Award which has been forwarded to the Chair, research committee Dr. Mohamed
- UG research symposium held in Fall has helped recruit students and faculty (?)

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

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

- VJAS Endowment – Accounting for Awards held in Endowment Mar 2008
- Senior Academy Awards and Funds March 2008

Better breakup for Trust category was requested

VJAS Director:

- 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

Old Business:

Future Meetings sites:

- 2008 – Hampton University – site visit completed on March 28, 2008
- 2009 – VCU - Confirmed
- 2010 – JMU – No paper work is done yet; not to have meeting on memorial day weekend; during Wednesday – Friday
- 2011 – Radford University
- 2012 – Christopher Newport University
- Old Dominion University can be approached

New Business:

Following slate of nominations for offices is approved:

Jim Martin: President
Darcy Mays: President-Elect
Arun Verma: Vice-President
Michael Renfro: Secretary and
Rodney J. Dyer: Treasurer

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am