2008 COUNCIL MEETING  
Saturday March 29, 2008  
Science Museum of Virginia

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.
• Reduction of fees for Funds for the Future 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 presented at AAAS
  - Shared the NAAS recent resolution

• VJAS: Susan Booth
  - Reported the numbers of papers received are less than previous year
  - A few sections have to be merged
  - Requested to encourage faculty to sign up for judges

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

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

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

**Publication – Jim Martin**

- The last issue of 2007 is two-weeks away from publication

**Research**

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

**Science Advisory – Alan Griffith**

- No report

**Trust – Elsa Falls**

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

**VRSN – David Hagan**

- Report is attached

- Motion and approval of nomination of Dr. David Elm as academy fellow
32. 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 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.