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## VIRGINIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

### Minutes of the Council Meeting

### November 2, 2002

### Science Museum of Virginia, Richmond

#### Attendance

Sheryl Baldwin, Rosemary Barra, Jerry Bass, Susan Booth, Martin Buonckistiani, Arthur Burke, Rae Carpenter, Carolyn Conway, John Hess, Paul Homsher, Jim Martin, Lisa Martin, Ali Mohamed, Judy Niehaus, Jerry Taylor, Ertle Thompson, Bob Willis, Werner Wieland, Walter Witschey

#### Call to Order

President Ali Mohamed called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m.

#### Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the May 24, 2002 meeting were distributed via e-mail. It was agreed that approval of the minutes would be delayed pending distribution of printed documents at the next meeting.

#### Officer Reports

*President Ali Mohamed:* President Mohamed reported on the fall retreat at Chanco. One issue discussed at the retreat was the strength of each of the sections of VAS. Jeff Blank hosted a site visit to the University of Virginia, the venue for next spring's meeting. Preliminary plans and a cost analysis were discussed with UVA Conference Services. Future sites for VAS meetings were discussed with reference to James Madison University's offer to host the meeting every other year. Committee chairs for VAS have been appointed with the exception of Archives and Membership, which need chairs. Where appropriate, committee chairs should select additional members for their committees and report the names to President Mohamed. A printed copy of the VAS Directory is a goal espoused by a consensus of members who attended the Chanco retreat. Rae Carpenter was nominated by Jerry Taylor to be reappointed as a member of the Trust Committee. The nomination was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

*President-elect Walter Witschey:* The Commonwealth of Virginia continues to plan for Science Museums throughout the state.

*Vice President Marion Lobstein:* According to the reported submitted in absentia, the Flora of Virginia Symposium at the 2002 annual meeting was a great success with five presentations and approximately fifty participants. A symposium on nanotechnology is being planned for the 2003 meeting. Marion's notes from the Chanco retreat are available by e-mail upon request. The South Carolina Academy of Science is being contacted for ideas on how to enhance the VAS.

*Secretary Judy Niehaus:* The minutes from the May 2002 meeting will be sent to Council via e-mail and will also be presented in printed form at the next meeting. Until the new printed directory is available, the on-line directory is a valuable source of current information.

*Treasurer Sheryl Baldwin:* A bill from the National Academy of Science was forwarded to the central VAS office for payment. Art Burke requested time to report that proceeds from the Vera Remsburg gift will be used to fund a scholarship for a rising senior at Longwood. The Remsburg award will be presented at the May 2003



meeting. Art Burke also presented a 1984 report in which Council approved requiring that VAS checks of \$500 or more have two signatures. Art Burke made a motion that the VJAS loan of \$40,000 for awards be returned to the general operating fund. The motion died for lack of a second. Jerry Taylor moved that the sum of \$4,000 per year for a period of ten years be moved from the VJAS budget and transferred to the general fund or Fund for the Future. Susan Booth seconded the motion. Rosemary Barra suggested as a friendly amendment that the term "general fund" be omitted and the monies be transferred to Fund for the Future. Walter Witschey noted that there is really only one budget for the two academies. The amendment passed by a margin of 8 to 5. The original motion then passed by a vote of 10 to 6. As a result, \$4,000 will be moved each year for 10 years from the junior academy budget to Fund for the Future.

#### **Directors and Academy Representatives Reports**

*Budget Report Paul Homsher:* The proposed budget was presented with minor modifications: up to \$3,000 from the Research fund may be used for the Virginia Flora project, at the discretion of the Research committee. The amount of \$300 will be put back into the Flora Committee, which is a part of VAS. Also, actual salaries will be shown as a line item to distinguish salaries from service fees. Potential salary increases of 2.5% for the administrative assistant and Director of the VJAS will also be included in the proposed budget. Actual increases will depend upon receipt of evaluations. Funds for the Future is not listed as a line item at this time because there are no funds budgeted. Paul Homsher moved that the budget be accepted as revised. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

*Trust Committee Report Rae Carpenter:* The following motion was made to reaffirm the Fund for the Future:

The first period for determining VJAS membership shall be Fall 2001 through Summer 2002. The Academy office shall report the VJAS membership for this period and shall transmit to the Trust Committee before 1 Dec. 02 a sum equal to this membership times \$5.

Before 1 Dec. 02, the office shall transmit to the Trust Committee a sum equal to \$5 times the number of VJAS meeting registrants at the May 2002 meeting.

Before 15 Dec. 02, the chair of the Trust Committee shall place the above sums in a Trust Committee account labeled **Fund for the Future** and shall cause to be transferred from every other account under the purview of the Trust Committee a sum equal to 1% of the market value of that fund on 31 Dec. 2001.

The above procedure shall be repeated in Dec. 03 with the per person amounts above being \$6.

Repeat in Dec. 04, Dec. 05, and Dec. 06 with per person amounts being \$7, 8, and 9 respectively. Thereafter, such annual transfers shall be at the rate of \$9 until Council recommends a change.

Also added to the **Fund for the Future** shall be 10% of the initial amount of every new gift received after 31 Dec. 02 for any fund under the purview of the Trust Committee except such amounts as are transferred into the General Fund from the Executive Secretary-Treasurer. Also, this shall not apply to dividends or short term or long term capital gains declared by the investment vehicles used by the Trust Committee.

The motion was seconded. A question about Rosemary Barra proposed an amendment to the motion being raised from the current \$3 to \$5, the amount to be not \$5, and the amount in part *d* should be \$4, and the amendment was passed by unanimous voice vote. The motion was approved but part *f* could be changed if the tran motion was seconded and approved with one "no" vote. The following Intent Statement presented in Rae Carpenter's motion.

The **Fund for the Future** was designed to meet salary, and any benefits subsequently authorized by Council. This dictated its application to VJAS members and not to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer. The Fund for the Future is capable of supporting more than the salary of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer. It shall not preclude use to fund part or all of the salary of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer. It shall also be understood that the Fund for the Future is an unrestricted fund in the sense that Council may charge it as financial exigencies may require.

The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote. A question about raising dues for senior academy members, but the motion was not seconded.

*AAAS Representative Ertle Thompson:* No report from Ertle Thompson stepping down from his post after 2003, and Jim O'Connell recognized Ertle Thompson's contributions to the Academy.

*Science Museum of Virginia Rae Carpenter:* Walter Witschey, who reported on the shared history of the Academy, progress in building science museums across Virginia, and the progress in building science museums across Virginia in the upcoming General Obligation Bond issue.

*Director of the Virginia Junior Academy of Science:* Students from China will visit with representative of the Academy in December 2.

*VSRN Representative Jerry Taylor:* Funds for Council's state budget cuts; as a result, the speakers bureau has been cancelled, and evening programs for teachers were cancelled.

*Jeffress and Gwathmey Memorial Trust Allocation:* The allocation of the Jeffress and Gwathmey Memorial Trust will be discussed at the next meeting.

#### **Old Business**

*Final Report for the annual meeting at Hampton, VA:* The annual meeting at Hampton, VA, was approximately \$52,000 for the Academy. Suggestions for continuing to have a large display map to help participants having contracts focus on costs; being careful of ground late arrivals of students; having enough projectors. The meeting was held at Hampton University for hosting the meeting.

*October Research Awards meeting, Rosemary Barra:* Presentations at the fall conference. Each winner received a certificate.

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The motion was seconded. A question about the legality of part *f* was raised. Rosemary Barra proposed an amendment to the motion: that since the VJAS dues are being raised from the current \$3 to \$5, the amount transferred in part *a* should read \$3, not \$5, and the amount in part *d* should be \$4, and part *e* should be \$5, 6, and 7. The amendment was passed by unanimous voice vote. Jerry Taylor moved that parts *a-f* be approved but part *f* could be changed if the transfer is found not to be legal. The motion was seconded and approved with one "no" vote. Walter Witschey moved that the following Intent Statement presented in Rae Carpenter's report also be included in the motion.

The **Fund for the Future** was designed to meet the need for funding the annual salary, and any benefits subsequently authorized by Council, of the VJAS Director. This dictated its application to VJAS members and registrants. Subsequently, Council voted a salary to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer. Therefore, to the extent the Fund for the Future is capable of supporting more than the salary of the VJAS Director it shall not preclude use to fund part or all of the salary and benefits of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer. It shall also be understood that the Fund for the Future is an unrestricted fund in the sense that Council may change the above intent at a later date as financial exigencies may require.

The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote. There was some discussion about raising dues for senior academy members, but no action was taken.

*AAAS Representative Ertle Thompson:* No report. Art Burke reported that Ertle is stepping down from his post after 2003, and Jim O'Brien will go the 2004 meeting. Council recognized Ertle Thompson's contributions to AAAS.

*Science Museum of Virginia Rae Carpenter:* Carpenter deferred to Walter Witschey, who reported on the shared history of the Museum and the Academy, the progress in building science museums across Virginia, and funds proposed for museums in the upcoming General Obligation Bond issue.

*Director of the Virginia Junior Academy of Science Susan Booth:* A group of students from China will visit with representatives from the junior academy on December 2.

*VSRN Representative Jerry Taylor:* Funds for CIT were diminished by the recent state budget cuts; as a result, the speakers bureau has been eliminated and the Thursday evening programs for teachers were cancelled.

*Jeffress and Gwathmey Memorial Trust Allocation Trust:* No report.

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*October Research Awards meeting, Rosemary Barra:* Nineteen students made presentations at the fall conference. Each winner received \$500, and runners-up, \$100.

Jerry Taylor indicated that the Academy should change the name of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer to Executive Director or Executive Officer. The matter was remanded to the Constitution and By-laws committee. For now, the title remains Executive Secretary-Treasurer.



### **Standing Committee Reports**

*VAS Site Selection Committee, Bob Willis:* A list of academy needs will be sent to academic institutions considering hosting the annual meeting.

*Trust Committee, Rae Carpenter:* A copy of the awards budget was distributed. Due to current market forces, the reported actual value of the fund is less than the expected value, and last year the fund earned less than the amount awarded to winners. However, no action was recommended, as the market is likely to rise in the future.

### **New Business**

*Chanco Report, Art Burke:* A copy of the report was conveyed via e-mail. Highlights were an expressed interest in science education (though this emphasis was later questioned via an e-mail from Harold Marshall), endorsed production of a printed version of the Directory and membership brochure, contact with other state academies, more electronic communication, establishment of Funds for the Future, and possibly introducing sections on nanotechnology and bioinformatics as well as eliminating or combining other sections. A special retreat was proposed for spring 2003.

Rosemary Barra made a motion that an *ad hoc* committee be formed to report at the spring meeting on a proposal for what goes into the directory and the cost of printing. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Sites for future annual meetings were discussed. There was a consensus that a spring retreat would best be held at UVA, the site of the May meeting. President Mohamed suggested that the two recent Nobel Prize winners from Virginia might speak at the UVA meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy H. Niehaus

Secretary