**Kentucky Academy of Science**

**Business Meeting Minutes**

November 02, 2019

The KAS Fall **Business Meeting** was convened Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 12:15 PM (Eastern Time) at Berea College (Woods Penniman Building, Room 101). Members present include- Dr. Jennifer Birriel, Rajiv Singh, Dr. Dirk Grupe, Amanda Fuller, Dr. Frank Ettensohn, Dr. Trent Garrison, Dr. Melanie Hardin-Pierce, Dr. Leslie North, Dr. Marilyn Akins, Melony Stambaugh, Dr. Kate He, Jon Dixon, J. Scott Miller, and Dr. Tracy Hodge, Dr. Wei Song, Sarah Mardon, Dr. Rodney King.

Not joining us: Dr. Seyed Allameh, Mr. Bruce Griffis, Amy Hamilton, Dr. Kelly Watson, and Dr. Walter Borowski.

1. Thank you and recognition of past presidents

Dr. Jennifer Birriel thanked everyone for their presence at the annual business meeting at Berea College. She also recognized the past presidents of KAS including Dr. K. C. Russell (present).

1. KAS code of conduct

President Dr. Leslie North emphasized about the draft of the code of conduct. important points of her address include-

1. The initial draft of the code of conduct would be sent to the board members for their comments/input by the end of the year 2019 or early 2020
2. Amanda would follow-up with email regarding feedback from the members
3. The governing board members would vote on final draft during February meeting
4. Journal transition

Dr. Frank Ettensohn presented the journal transition report on behalf of Wally and Kelly. The key points of the journal report include-

* Transition of journal from paper to on-line in order to make it easier to publish
* Enhancing the nature and reputation of the journal
* Include articles from social sciences and science education
* Make the journal more attractive
* Improving impact factor

Details of the report attached.

1. Thank you to 314 Action

Dr. Trent Garrison thanked 314 Action for their sponsorship of the Business meeting Luncheon. He emphasized the role of group 314 in the advocacy of science, engineering and education, and in supporting scientists who are running for public office.

1. Science education & outreach awards 2019

Dr. Trent Garrison presented the Excellence in Science Education Award 2019. The first award was presented to Dr. David Robinson. Dr. Robinson is from Bellarmine University, Louisville, KY. The major contribution of Dr. Robinson includes-

1. Running a YouTube science channel
2. Bench Talk Podcast
3. Caring for his students

The second award was presented to Dr. Roman Yampolskiy of J. B. Speed School of Engineering, University of Louisville, KY. for his nationally-acclaimed work in cyber security, including 5 books.

1. The 2018 winner of the Science education & outreach awards , Dr. Lenny Demoranville of Centre College, presented about his work in this area.

Announcement of new board members

Dr. Leslie North introduced new board members- Dr. Kate He from biological sciences and Jon Dixon as VP.

1. Passing of gavel

The gavel was passed from Dr. Leslie North to Dr. Frank Ettensohn.

1. Annual meeting report

Amanda Fuller presented annual meeting report on behalf of Tracy and Melony.

Key points of her report include

* Number of attendees-624
* Number of abstract-347
* Number of posters-202
* Number of talks-145
* Number of exhibitors-21

Details of her report attached.

1. Executive director report

Amanda Fuller presented the executive directors report. She reported that the next annual meeting will be held at Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond on November 5-7, 2020.

Details of her report attached.

Dr. Trent Garrison moved the motion of adjournment, seconded by Amanda Fuller. Meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm EST.