Kentucky Academy of Sciences
Governing Board Meeting
Northern Kentucky University Student Union
14 November 2009

The 2009 KAS Annual Business Meeting was called to order by President Robin Cooper at 5:30 p.m. Fifty-five KAS members and guests were in attendance.

President’s Report
Dr. Cooper welcomed the KAS membership and thanked Northern Kentucky University for their hospitality.

President Elect’s Report
President Elect Nancy Martin addressed the membership and noted this is the largest Annual Business Meeting in recent history, if not of all time most likely due to scheduling the meeting prior to the Awards Banquet. President Elect Martin requested input from the membership regarding any KAS issues they would like her to address during her term as KAS President. During 2010 Dr. Martin would like KAS to be the Voice of Science in Kentucky.

Treasurer’s Report (handout filed with minutes)
Ken estimates for the 2009 KAS budget will end with approximately $107K in revenue and $106K expenses for a positive end of year balance.

Total current assets for Athey Trust account and the Wachovia savings account are approximately $1.4 million yielding approximate income of $50K in 2009. For new KAS members, Ken gave a brief overview of the Athey Trust.

Executive Director’s Report
Jeanne Harris reported KAS membership is now 1869 and this is a dramatic increase over the past four years. KAS Annual Meeting pre registrations was also a record 756.

JKAS Editor Report
David White was not able to attend. Robin Cooper shared a motion approved by the Board at the November 13 board meeting increasing the page charge rate for the JKAS to $40/page for KAS members and $50 for non members beginning with Volume 71.

KJAS Executive Director Report
Ruth Beattie reported the KJAS Annual Meeting will be April 17 at the University of Kentucky. She requested support from the membership in serving as judges for this event.

Newsletter Editor
Susan Templeton encouraged the membership forward to her information for the KAS newsletters.

Committee on Distribution of Research Funds
George Antonious reported he has received a large number of proposals for KAS research grants.

Legislative Committee Chair Report
Blaine Ferrell reported the Kentucky Department of Education, working with the Council for Post-secondary Education, is developing state standards in mathematics as a first priority, with literacy and other sciences to follow. They are working toward a narrower focus of topics and greater depth of understanding by students (as opposed to rote memorization). Dr. Ferrell believes the department has a wealth of good data to work from, but stated that attainment of the math/science goals is not yet assured.

Dr. Ferrell said there are some other bills working their way into this legislative session that KAS should follow closely. The legislature is trying to make general education homogeneous throughout the public universities in the Commonwealth in order to promote transferability of courses. The rationale is that transferability will help more students graduate in four years. He has not seen the final draft of this bill yet, but promised to keep us informed.
2009 KAS Board Member Election Results

Sean Reilley, Chair of the Nominations shared the 2010 KAS Governing Board election results:

-At Large Representative-Mary Janssen, KCTCS
-Biological Sciences Representative-Ron Jones, Eastern Kentucky University
-Vice President -Dawn Anderson, Berea College

Recognition of Outgoing Board Members

Robin Cooper thanked George Antonious for his outstanding service to KAS. Outgoing board members, Sean O'Keefe and John Mateja were unable to attend but their service to KAS was also acknowledged at the Annual Business Meeting.

President Elect Nancy Martin thanked President Robin Cooper for his service over the past year and presented a plaque to him from the Academy. Robin Cooper assed the KAS Presidential gavel to Nancy Martin, and presented the traditional $100 gift to the President’s Fund as his final act of service to KAS.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Kingsolver        Jeanne Harris
KAS Board Secretary   KAS Executive Director
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