



Board of Directors Meeting Montana Academy of Sciences

Pintler Room
Student Union Building, Montana Tech, Butte, MT
7:30 A.M., Saturday, April 9, 2016

MINUTES OF MEETING Prepared and Submitted by Dan Gretch

Call to Order – Jim Berardinelli, 7:30 am

Roll Call – Jim Berardinelli, Members present: Jim Berardinelli, Jim Barron, Chrissie Carpenter, Rick Douglas, Dan Gretch, Carmen Hauck, Tom Lewis, Khalid Miah, Matt Queen, and Jennifer Swanson

Approval of the Agenda - Jim Berardinelli

Jim Barron moved for approval of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Tom Lewis and passed unanimously.

Review and Approval of the Minutes from October 2015 BOD Meeting – Jim Berardinelli

Jim Barron moved for approval of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Tom Lewis and passed unanimously.

Finance Report – Matt Queen, Treasurer and Tom Lewis

The Board agreed that the allowed signatures for the First Interstate Bank account should include: Matt Queen, Jim Barron, and Tom Lewis

Tom Lewis presented the financial report.

- An adjustment should be noted for 2/15/2016 in the amount of \$1040.00 to IJS for page/abstract charges.
- There is an anticipated need for an additional withdrawal of \$2500.00 from the trust to cover expenses.
- The estimated expense for grant awards was adjusted from \$5000.00 to \$7500.00.
- Matt Queen will set up electronic access to the checking account.
- Tom Lewis will submit an amended report for later approval.

Executive Director's Report – Jim Barron

- Jim Barron announced \$2200.00 in donations to support the meeting.
- The current trust balance is \$141,173.94
- Jim Barron, Jim Berardinelli, and Matt Queen have signature authorization for the trust.

- Jim Barron made a motion that the Board accept the recommendations of Fred Stewart Financial to reallocate trust funds within the existing portfolio. Chrissie Carpenter seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Board of Director: Terms and Membership

- Rick Douglas announced that he will be resigning his position. The Board formally recognized Rick's committed service and asked him to stay involved as an ad hoc member.
- Recording secretary: Dan Gretch will continue to serve as the recording secretary
- New membership: Jim Barron made a motion for the Board to approve Khalid Miah and Jennifer Swanson as at large campus representatives. Matt Queen seconded the motion and it passed.
- Rick Douglas suggested that we consider re-implementation of active section vice-presidents to recruit meeting speakers. This will be discussed at the fall meeting.

New Business

- Fall meeting: The tentative date for the fall meeting was set for September 24th, 2016.
- Annual meeting: The date for the next annual meeting will be Friday/Saturday April 7th and 8th of 2017.
- Junior Academy – Carmen Hauck: Jeremy Heng of Missoula Hellgate and Timothy Small of Simms were the national meeting participants for this year. There were no grant applicants for this year's application cycle.
- Annual meeting participation: Discussion focused on the need to find ways to encourage greater meeting participation, particularly from the MSU and UM campuses.
- Conversation regarding grant competition and a seminar series was tabled until a later date.

2016 Annual Meeting

- Student grants: All awardees of grants from 2015 have come to present at the 2016 meeting. There are 14 current applications for 2016 awards and review will occur over the next two weeks.
- Best poster presentations: Medora Lachman (MSU-Bozeman) was awarded the best graduate poster. The best undergraduate poster was awarded to Oscar Machado (MSU-Bozeman).
- Best oral presentations: Rashelle Herrygers (MSU-Bozeman) was awarded the best graduate presentation. The best undergraduate oral presentation was awarded to Jordan Foster (MT Tech-UM).

Other Business

- Newsletter: Jim Barron is working on the first issue of the newsletter.
- Abstracts to IJS: Jim Barron has agreed to take care of the abstracts to IJS.

- IJS: Rick Douglas discussed IJS becoming open access and the issue of a back-log of old issues that would need to go online. He also suggested a formatting of abstracts so that they contain an indication of the results of the studies.

Adjourn

Jim Barron moved to adjourn. Tom Lewis seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:58 AM

Post-meeting Electronic Votes

Grant Cycle Awards

On 5/7/16 Jim Berardinelli contacted the Board via email and presented the results of the grant application scoring process. Mindful of a strong set of applications representing multiple institutions, Jim made a motion to: “Increase the number of awards for this grant cycle to 8, increase the total funding for this year’s grant to \$8,584, and approve the rankings and funding rates listed in the table.” Chrissie Carpenter seconded the motion. Dan Gretch reported on 5/9/16 that the motion had passed.

Fund transfer from the Trust to the First Interstate account

On 5/19/2016 Jim Barron notified the Board via email of pending expenses including grant awards, catering costs, and tax services. To cover those expenditures he moved to: “Transfer \$3000 from the trust to our First Interstate account to give us enough money to work with until our next Board meeting”. Carmen Hauck seconded the motion. Dan Gretch reported on 5/26/16 that the motion had passed.