

MAS board of director meeting April 12, 2013, 4 pm, University Relations Center, Montana Tech University.

Attending: Jim **Berardinelli**, Tom **Lewis**, Dan **Gretch**, Phil **Jensen**, Rick **Douglass**, Carmen **Hauck**, Laurie **Henneman**, Chrissie **Carpenter**, Jim **Harkins**.

1. Board approved the minutes for October meeting.

2. Treasurer's report from **Lewis**

- We need a transfer \$2500 from the trust to checking, to cover a one-time fee to the Intermountain Journal of Science. Board approved.

- **Berardinelli** made a motion that Fred Stuart be permitted to move some money around in the trust, seconded by **Henneman**. Trust is performing well, and board approved the motion.

3. Old Business

a. *Intermountain Journal of Sciences*: Archives will be all online by this fall, and this has received funding from various sources, including MAS. **Douglass** (editor) suggests we all recommend to students etc. to submit papers to the IJS.

b. Logo: **Jensen** suggests paying the logo artist \$100, although she did it pro bono. **Berardinelli** made a motion so, and **Douglass** seconded it. Motion was approved.

4. Board of directors:

Expiring member terms: **Henneman** will end term as secretary and turn it over at-large position to another Montana Western faculty member, probably Eric Dyreson (who will eventually assume webmaster duties). **Lewis** volunteered to stay as treasurer, nominated by **Berardinelli** and approved by **Douglass**, passed. **Hauck** volunteered to take over as secretary officially from **Henneman**. **Henneman** nominated **Hauck**, **Berardinelli** seconded, approved by the board. Rick **Douglass** is not sure yet if he will stay.

5. New Business

a. Date of fall meeting: We have scheduled it tentatively for September 28.

b. **Jensen** floated the idea of a one-day annual meeting, since the symposium hasn't taken off. It was discussed, mainly with regard to when the board will meet.

Annual meeting tentatively scheduled for same weekend next year (April 11-12, 2014).

Representation: do we want the big schools more involved with MAS? **Jensen**

suggests we work on that.

c. Statement regarding Evolution Education: **Jensen** spoke in Helena against the anti-evolution house bill, as a representative of MAS. (Bill failed, everyone spoke in opposition, nobody in favor.) Should we produce a statement regarding evolution teaching (as per recommendation of Joshua Rosenau, Program Director for the National Center for Science Education)? **Jensen** is willing to do it. Motion by **Lewis** for MAS to produce a document in support of evolution science teaching, seconded by **Berardinelli**, approved. **Jensen** will send draft to board (the statement will be signed by the board of the MAS).

d. Should we send a letter to the Louisiana Academy of Sciences encouraging their support in helping repeal Louisiana's anti-evolution law? (Requested by the National Center for Science Education.) The board declined to take such an active role, but the NCSE is welcome to pass along the statement that we produce.

e. Fundraising: We need to do some, but currently aren't. **Jensen** discussed a plan to divide labor between President and Executive Director, with the latter more responsible for fundraising, and the former more with minutiae of running the MAS.

Looking ahead to 2013-2014 budget: It would be good to get more revenue. Would a one-day meeting cut costs? Can we do the meeting more cheaply somewhere else, even though we like the central location of Tech? Can we raise money through the Junior Academy? **Lewis**: Is it time to eliminate the travel award, because we don't need it to get people to the meeting anymore? **Jensen** suggests discussing this in detail during the fall meeting.

Will Doug **Coffin** pay for breakfast? He has offered in the past and so we'll see if we can follow up on that.

6. 2013 Annual Meeting

a. Going paperless: Abstracts are available online in pdf form, no paper copies available.

b. Thanks to Jim **Berardinelli** for all the work on small grants. He has developed template for reviews that can be used in the future. **Berardinelli**: 22 proposals were submitted, and **Berardinelli** found reviewers. One grant was not sent for review, because rules of the RFA were not followed. Six PhDs, 8 Masters, and 7 undergrads submitted. There was good distribution of different levels in the highest scores. Proposals were ranked by score and level -- top two each of PhDs, Masters, and undergrads. We had approved a system in the fall for top two undergrads from undergrad-only institutions, two more undergrads at large, and then the next top two at large.

Based on this: Awardees are Samantha Essig, UMW; Cary Phelan, Carroll; Kayla Baisch, RMC; Kelly Christensen, MSU (Bozeman) (all undergrads); Russell Kaehler, UM; Heidi Clark, MSU (masters students). Note: Cary Phelan was a previous

Junior Academy standout who was awarded travel to two national meetings.

c. Committees for Best Undergraduate and Graduate Posters and Oral Presentations were decided among the board. **Berardinelli** made up evaluation sheets.

d. Junior Academy. **Hauck** brought thank-you letters from funded students. **Henneman** will do a web page of Junior Academy feedback and post the letters. The JA awardees especially love the breakfast with prominent scientists. **Hauck** thanked Keith **Parker** (UM) for evaluating Junior Academy proposals. He found them to be high caliber. There have been 5 cancellations of high school students out of 22 registrants. The JA will award top two students who have travel funded to the national meeting, and two more students are invited to present at the meeting but will not receive funding. **Hauck**: Can we make JA registration separate? **Henneman** will do that to make it easier for Junior Academy registrants to apply, and pay later.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.