



Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting, Montana Academy of Sciences

Pintler Room, Student Union Building, Montana Tech, Butte, MT

7:30 A.M., April 12, 2014

In attendance: Terri and Martha Lonner from *Intermountain Journal of Sciences*, George **McRae**, Jim **Barron**, Rick **Douglass**, Phil **Jensen**, Nate **Bickford**, Jim **Berardinelli**, Tom **Lewis**, Dan **Gretch**, Carmen **Hauck**

1. Review/Approval of Minutes from October 2013 Meeting

Minutes approved as written.

2. Treasurer's Report and Budget Review – Tom Lewis

We had a big expense last year with the *Intermountain Journal of Sciences* (\$2500). The checking account balance was \$1421.24. Doug Coffin donated \$2000 to pay toward grants or the Junior Academy. This year all of the catering for the Annual Meeting was sponsored. We should have to take \$2258.76 from the trust this year, which is less than usual.

3. Old Business

a. *Intermountain Journal of Sciences* Discussion – Terri Lonner

The Lonners presented the board with information about the new electronic version of the *Intermountain Journal of Sciences*. They discussed making the Journal appear as it did in print as well as how to use key words to search the abstracts. Each abstract will cost about \$70 to publish.

b. Position Statement for National Center of Science Education

c. Fundraising (summary of president/executive director "division of labor" presented last year)

Jim **Barron** has done a good job this year finding funds to cover the catering for this year's meeting. If we are able to keep the fundraising up at this rate we may be able to increase funding for the grant program.

d. Other

Old Business

4. Board of Directors: Terms and Membership

a. Our president's (2-year), secretary's (1-year), and treasurer's (1-year) terms expire in June.

Jensen self-nominated to extend as president, **Douglass** seconded. In discussion **Jensen** said he would happily let someone else step forward. **Hauck** volunteered last fall to continue as secretary for a full year. **Lewis** volunteered to continue as treasurer and the motion carried.

b. Nate's term expires in June.

Bickford agreed to continue. **Barron** motioned to nominate him, **Gretch** seconded.

c. New Members/Structure of Board? Renewals?

Jensen discussed the number of members per school and wondered if we should have a set number from each school. **Barron** suggested a goal of two people per school.

5. New Business

a. Setting Date of 2014 Fall Board Meeting – Last Saturday in September (9/27)?

Jensen wants to schedule now to prevent the fall email shuffle. Last year's meeting was slightly under-attended. **Jensen** moved to make the meeting September 20, **Douglass** seconded. No motion was necessary.

b. Discussion of 2015 Annual Meeting

i. Date of Annual Meeting (Same Saturday, April 11, is week *after* Easter)

Jensen suggested leaving the meeting the second weekend in April unless it conflicts with Easter. We plan to put the date on the website.

ii. Goal: Involvement of Every Four-Year Institution in Montana?

UM Western did not send anybody this year. We will have a lot of time to promote the meeting this year after our fall meeting, so hopefully we will be able to recruit more attendees. The board would like to keep trying to increase attendance by younger people.

c. Junior Academy Business

Linda Rost from Carter County High School in Ekalaka was awarded the \$1000 High School Research Grant Award. This year we have attendees from Fairfield and Simms as well as Missoula, and a paper was submitted from Corvallis.

Bickford suggested Rai Hahn from Simms High School as a board member as he has good connections with schools in the central and eastern part of the state.

d. Other New Business (Jensen, if appropriate)

Barron moved to approved expenditure for color printed letterhead. **Douglass** seconded the motion. **Jensen** amended the motion to put himself in charge of ordering it. Motion carried.

Barron is going to spearhead the discussion to change the constitution and bylaws to allow the board of directors to vote for officers, rather than the membership.

Barron also brought up discussion about how much money we have in our trust. He would like us to think about what else we can do to support science in Montana. **Bickford** suggested funding a paper-writing workshop.

6. 2014 Annual Meeting

a. Again, Going Paperless: Abstracts for Presentations Available for SmartPhones at sciencemt.org.

Abstracts and programs are online.

b. Selection of Grant Awardees– Jim Berardinelli

We had 14 applications this year. Two undergraduates require one more review.

Barron suggested making a decision via email in the next few days. **Berardinelli** will send everybody the spreadsheet when the reviews come back. **Bickford**

suggested we fund the seven we know are above the clear line separating the proposals, and go ahead and fund the other two if they are at the same level.

Bickford moved to fund the five undergraduates and two graduates above the line. **Berardinelli** seconded. Motion carried.

i. Problems to be addressed going forward?

c. Other Annual Meeting Business

Jensen is mediating the morning session in the Copper Lounge. **Berardinelli** is mediating Session 4 in the Copper Lounge. **Douglass** will mediate Session 3 in the Big Butte room. Poster awards will be discussed at lunch and oral presentations will be via email.

7. Other Business

Douglass motioned to adjourn, **Barron** seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM