

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of The Montana Academy of Science

April 11, 2015

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

The meeting began at 7:42 AM

In attendance were: Jim Barron, Jim Berardinelli, Chrissie Carpenter, Dan Gretch, Carmen Hauck, Phil Jensen, and Tom Lewis,

1) It was moved by Jim Barron and seconded by Chrissie Carpenter that the minutes of the September 2014 meeting be approved as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

2) Finance Report –Tom Lewis

- a) The finances for 2014 were reviewed and the budget for 2015 was presented
- b) Trust earnings and sponsorships are compensating for expenditures
- c) There has been an ongoing \$250.00 per year sponsorship of the IJS journal. There is uncertainty if IJS is publishing hard-copies or exclusively in an online format. This raises the question of if we publish our abstracts, will there be page charges. If so, it would likely be \$1200 per year (with a 10 year submission that is \$12,000)
- d) It was moved by Jim Barron and seconded by Jim Berardinelli that \$1200 be tentatively approved as an expenditure to publish this year's abstracts pending Jim Barron researching the cost and affirming that it will be \$1200. The motion passed.

3) Executive Directors Report – Jim Barron

Fundraising: \$1000 has been received in the form of a personal check from the President of Rocky Mountain College. Pledges have also been made by Montana Tech, Western, MSU and UM

4) Board of Directors Terms and Memberships – discussion was delayed until later in the meeting

5) New Business

- a) Date for the fall meeting: Phil Jensen will look into 9/19/15 as a date for the fall meeting
- b) Discussion of the 2016 annual spring meeting: A date of April 9-10 was decided upon by acclamation
- c) Junior Academy – Carmen Hauck:

- a. Rai Hahn from Simms High School is this year's teaching award recipient of \$1000
 - b. Rachael Dixon, a former Junior Academy awardee, is now a Goldwater Scholar
 - c. Riley McVay attended the National Academy of Science meeting in San Jose
 - d. Kit Fieldhouse, Preston Novak, and Colter and Colin Norick were winners of the Junior Academy of Science paper competition
- d) Other New Business:
- a. Chrissie Carpenter informed the Board about a web-design and hosting company in Great Falls called Shortgrass Web Design. They charge \$500 to set up a web page and \$200 per year to host it. Jim Barron will look into it. This could streamline our webpage management and facilitate newsletter development. It was suggested that two newsletters could be developed: one in the fall, highlighting events and advertising upcoming meetings, and a second in the spring reporting on the annual spring meeting
 - b. Phil Jensen suggested that the Board discuss with Montana Tech operational aspects of meeting registration so that students are accurately and efficiently registered. It was also pointed out that Montana Tech students register for talks as part of their graduation requirement but that some of the presentations might be more appropriately given as posters. Therefore, it was suggested that we define guidelines as to what qualifies for presentation of a talk versus a poster.

6) 2015 Annual Meeting

- a) Selection of Grant Awardees – Jim Berardinelli
There were 6 submissions from MSU and 4 from Rocky Mountain College.
Two graduate students scored #1 and #2 and should receive \$1000 each
It was decided that 4 undergraduate awards should be made (2 to MSU students and two to RMC students)
- b) Method of Determining Presentation Award Winners: It was decided that judging could be performed via email thread after completion of the meeting

The meeting was temporarily adjourned due to time constraints and was to be re-convened later in the afternoon.

Respectfully submitted: Dan Gretch

Afternoon Minutes taken by Tom Lewis

MAS Board of Directors Meeting 4/11/15 afternoon session

The grant submission process was discussed; J. Berardinelli suggested that both a title and keywords be submitted. J. Barron suggested that the allowable size be increased to >3 pages (e.g. 4-5pp)

A tally of votes for poster awards gave a majority of votes for Heidi Smith for the graduate award, Pannu Khin for the undergraduate award. P. Jensen proposed naming both Laurie Henneman Poster Awards. Voting for the best oral presentation awards was planned as an e-mail correspondence.

Montana Tech has been reserved for Sept. 19th 2015 for the Fall Board of Director's meeting, and April 10th 2016 for the annual meeting.

Officers terms were discussed; Tom Lewis was nominated as treasurer and accepted, Dan Gretch was nominated as secretary and to extend his term on the board, Chrissie Carpenter, and Jim Berardinelli agreed to remain on the board. All of the above was moved by P. Jensen and seconded by J. Barron and unanimously approved. Chrissie Carpenter nominated J. Berardinelli as President to replace P. Jensen who is resigning. Dr. Berardinelli accepted. J. Barron seconded and his election was unanimous.

A proposal to change the bylaws to indicate that the Board of Directors, as opposed to the general membership, name Board members and officers was made during the Fall meeting and posted on the MAS website in September 2014. A motion to approve that change was made by J. Barron and seconded by J. Berardinelli. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by J. Barron to reimburse the MAS president for membership in AAAS (a requirement for Chapter recognition). T. Lewis seconded and the motion was approved. P. Jensen moved that Matt Queen become a Board member, J. Barron seconded and the motion was approved.