

Virginia Academy of Science, Executive Committee Meeting
Saturday, March 29, 2008
Science Museum of Virginia
Presiding: Werner Wieland

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of November 18, 2007 Executive Committee recommended for approval with changes.
3. **Local Arrangements Committee:**
 - (i) Based on the conference site visit held on March 28, 2008 Dr. Whitney, chair of the local arrangements committee reported the
 - The arrangements for meal and room assignments are finalized.
 - Equipments is continue to be tracked down there does not seem to be any problem.
 - Working on confirmation of availability of the tech support
 - A separate telephone number will be available for the conference
 - Dr. Harvey will deliver Jeffers Memorial Lecture on Tuesday night.
 - Dr. Roger Crouch, astronaut from NASA will speak on Wednesday evening for VJAS at the Virginia Air and Space Center
 - Sidney S. Negus Memorial Lecture will be delivered by Dr. Pat McCormick on Thursday
 - Prof. Willis is working on the program book
 - Final version of drafts of various forms, including electronic payment form is underway
 - Few details are to be worked out about hotel accommodations
 - (xi) Jerry asked for the names of any guests who would make remarks during the meetings so that their names can be included in the program book, or a separate table can be reserved for them.

12. Officers Report:

President:

- Reiterated the items from the report by chair of the local arrangement committee about his conference site visit on March 28, 2008
- Issue of paper presentation by members/non-members under "statistics" category was discussed

President Elect:

- Working on missing information in the academy directory including dates
- Reported that NAAS has approved a resolution on State Science & Technology Policy February 18, 2008 (Appendix A)
- Several suggestions were made to generate interest for increasing the number of academy members including organizing a symposium in 2009

Vice President:

- Annual Meeting Program book is almost complete and will send to some members for review
- Needs clarification on few items from VJAS director Mrs. Booth and chair, local arrangement committee Dr. Whitney before finalizing the program book
- Sessions on Geography and Geology not needed and material science is in "Astronomy, Mathematics and Physics
- Because of low numbers multiple sessions on Medical Science is cropped of

Secretary: Minutes from last meeting was submitted for approval

Treasurer: No report

Executive Officer:

Reported that:

- the tax papers are ready to be filed
- the funds have been transferred to funds for the future
- the meeting with new director of Science Museum was cordial and we are well supported by the museum, a copy of history of the Academy was presented to the new director
- retreat reservation has been made for Sept 19, 2008 for 15-20 people. Reporting Friday evening and retreat finishes Saturday afternoon. Jim will have a tight agenda for retreat
- received one paper for Shelton Horsley Research Award which has been forwarded to the Chair, research committee Dr. Mohamed
- Under Graduate research symposium held in Fall has helped recruit students and faculty

Following hand-outs, including reports from Chair, Trust Committee Dr. Falls were distributed:

- Summary of Receipts, Disbursements and Year-end Balances for 2007
- Income/Expense Comparison by Category – 2006 (1-1-06 through 12-31-07)

- Historical account balance as of 12-31-2007 from American Funds
- Virginia Academy of Science Endowment Funds (12-31-07)
- Income/Expense Comparison by Category YTD-2 (1-1-2007 through 3-25-2008)
- VJAS Endowment – Accounting for Awards held in Endowment Mar 2008
- Senior Academy Awards and Funds March 2008

Better breakup for Trust category was requested

VJAS Director:

- Reported the numbers of papers received are less than previous year
- Few sections have to be merged
- Requested to encourage faculty to sign up for judges

Old Business:

Future Meetings sites:

- 2008 – Hampton University – site visit completed on March 28, 2008
- 2009 – VCU - Confirmed
- 2010 – JMU – No paper work is done yet; not to have meeting on memorial day weekend; during Wednesday – Friday
- 2011 – Radford University (Tentative)
- 2012 – Christopher Newport University (Tentative)
- Old Dominion University can be approached

New Business:

Following slate of nominations for offices is approved:

Jim Martin: President
Darcy Mays: President-Elect
Arun Verma: Vice-President
Michael Renfro: Secretary and
Rodney J. Dyer: Treasurer

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am