

**MINUTES OF THE
ALABAMA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE
Executive Committee Meeting
Virtual Via Zoom
October 10, 2020**

Meeting was called to order at 9:03 am by President, Cameron Gren. Those in attendance were:

Sarah	Adkins-Jablonski
Brad	Bennett
Ellen	Buckner
Brian	Burnes
Donna	Cleveland
Matthew	Edwards
Mary	Ewald
Cameron	Gren
Susan	Herring
Mark	Jones
Larry	Krannich
Akshaya	Kumar
Ken	Marion
Jeff	Morris
David	Nelson
Donna	Perygin
Bettina	Riley
Prakash	Sharma
Jack	Shelley-Tremblay
Vinoy	Thomas
Brian	Toone
Virginia	Vilardi
Wen	Yan

The Minutes from the Spring 2020 meeting were approved.

The following is an update of the Action Items from the Spring Executive Committee meeting.

Action Item	Individuals	Location	Action	Minutes
Approval of the motion regarding procedures and processes to be followed by AAS upon receipt of funds and termination agreement from the Alabama Power Foundation (Appendix A).	Ellen Buckner and Larry Krannich	Appendix A	Approved	Ellen Buckner made a report on the Gorgas Scholarship. Alabama Power Foundation has agreed to transfer control of the scholarship and \$300,000 to the AAS. The proposal that has been advanced would involve entrusting the funds to an investment professional in order to generate a goal of 5% interest per year, which should sustain the scholarship competition. Ellen described the motion from the committee (please see Appendix A of the Executive Committee Reports for the details of the motion). The motion was passed unanimously.

Approval of the Motion from the Gorgas Scholarship Committee and AAS Officers [Executive Director, Chair Board of Trustees, President, and Vice President] to approve and sign the AAS / APF Termination Agreement	Ellen Buckner and Larry Krannich	Appendix A	Approved	A second motion to approve the termination agreement with Alabama Power Foundation was presented and unanimously approved.
Approve Treasurer's Report	Bettina Riley	B-6	Approved	Motion by David Nelson. Second from Donna Cleveland
Approve Finance Committee Report	Ken Marion	C-2	Approved	Motion by Jack Shelley-Tremblay. Second from David Nelson
Long-term path forward for JAAS	Brian Toone and Jack Shelley-Tremblay	B-7 and C-18	Approved	Brian Toone presented a summary of the current state of the journal. It is being published in an online format currently. We are faced with the question of whether we want the journal to be a revenue generator with a subscription-only access model or whether we want the readership to be as wide as possible and access to be open. These two options are presented in the Journal Editor's Report. There is some annual cost associated with the indexing process. We need to pay for a journal DOI, which will allow us to generate article DOIs. Adding a page charge to publications that would be paid by authors was discussed as a possible mechanism to cover the cost of the DOI. Cameron Gren moved that the academy funds the DOI fee and continue open access. Prakash Sharma seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
AAS hosting the virtual State Science Fair	Virginia Vilardi	B-9	Approved.	Many science fairs have not finalized plans yet. Some fairs have cancelled entirely for this year, including the state fair (which would have been April 9). The International competition is going to be virtual. There was discussion of the Academy hosting these fairs digitally. Jack Shelley-Tremblay moved to host the science fair meetings, and Virginia Vilardi seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Creation of a virtual store	Sarah Adkins-Jablonski and Jack Shelley-Tremblay	B-12, VII	Approved.	The shop in the website has been created, although no items are available for sale yet. A batch of vinyl durable stickers with the AAS logo have been printed. They cost about 7 cents to produce and \$0.55 to ship. Jack Shelley-Tremblay moved to charge \$1.45 per small sticker and \$0.55 for shipping. Cameron Gren amended the motion to authorize Sarah Adkins-Jablonski and Jack Shelley-Tremblay to post items for sale on the website for a reasonable price. Donna Cleveland seconded. The motion passed.
Approve Registration Form and Fees for 98 th annual meeting	Larry Krannich	B-13, Appendix B	Approved.	Larry Krannich moved to approve the registration form and Prakash Sharma seconded. The motion passed.
Approve Call for Papers for 98 th annual meeting	Larry Krannich	B-13, Appendix C	Approved.	Larry Krannich moved to approve the call for papers (with the correction of removing the hard copy journal option at the end of the document) and Prakash Sharma seconded. The motion passed.
Vote to shift to a renewal model or make no change to the current JAAS subscription model.	Jack Shelley-Tremblay	C-18	Tabled.	Estimated costs to the Academy of supporting the journal in an open access form are \$550 per year. Jack Shelley-Tremblay described an option that we continue to offer subscriptions to individuals or institutions who subscribe to our journal annually. A 12 month embargo was also discussed, where only subscribers and Academy members can view this year's journal, and all previous issues are open access. This motion was tabled until the Fall 2021 meeting.
Vote to continue the current \$100/article charge for the JAAS subscription or convert to Open Access.	Jack Shelley-Tremblay	C-18	Approved	Jack Shelley-Tremblay moved to remove page charges to authors for publication in the AAS Journal. Brian Toone Seconded. The motion passed.

Action Items from Fall 2020 Executive Committee Meeting			
Action Item	Person Responsible	Due Date	Action
Vote to shift to a renewal model or make no change to the current JAAS subscription model.	Jack Shelley-Tremblay	Fall 2021	
Proposal to create and sell merchandise in the online store.	Jack Shelley-Tremblay and Sarah Adkins-Jablonsky	Spring 2021	

The Alabama Science Trail Committee offered a report on their two recent meetings, where they created a featured list of outdoor sites and to discuss a collaboration with Mark Jones in the Junior Academy. He has received a \$7000 grant from the Army Education Fund to develop the Science Trail. He will be visiting 10-20 sites this year and developing resources, contacts, and websites about them. A motion was proposed by Ellen Buckner to purchase the domains alabamasciencetrail.com and alabamasciencetrail.org in order to host the Alabama Science Trail website. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Committee and Section Reports were reviewed. Notes as follows:

The Local Arrangements Committee report delivered verbally by Jack Shelley-Tremblay indicated that the meeting will take place in Zoom meeting rooms and virtual poster sessions viewable by attendees and judges. A single meeting link will take attendees to a list of Zoom rooms by section. There will be a host for each Zoom meeting. There will be zoom rooms for section meetings, as well.

As an extension of the AJAS report, Mark Jones proposed that the 11 local competitions would pre-screen competitors for the regional meeting's 25 spots.

The meeting date will be changed to a later date (March 17-19) to permit more time for students to prepare for competitions.

Jack Shelley-Tremblay moved that the treasurer be authorized to reimburse Sarah Adkins-Jablonsky for the cost of the merchandise that she ordered. Akshaya Kumar seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Committee on Science, Public Policy, and Public Relations needs additional members. Matthew Edwards and Mark Jones volunteered.

Prakash Sharma suggested that we formally present the Gardner awards and Fellows with their awards. Ellen Buckner suggested a post on the website to publicize the awards.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM.

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