Kentucky Academy of Science (Post-Annual Meeting)
(with Board and General KAS Membership)
Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2015

Board Attendees: David White, KC Russell, Eric Jerde, Doug Chatham, Chris, Darrin Smith, Rodney King, Dick Durtsche, Cheryl Davis, Blaine Ferrell, Jerzy Jaromczyk, approximately 12 more people from the general membership

Note Taker = Susan Hendricks (here w/D White of HBS/MSU) for Pam Feldhoff

Meeting called to order by David White at 4:35 p.m.

Outgoing President’s Report (David White)

Reported on strategic planning meeting at Mammoth Cave National Park. Professional planner set agenda and goals for KAS: we need to figure out who KAS is, where we come from, where we are going, what are we looking for into the future. 4 posters were up in the Griffin lobby, during the meeting, each with component of a long-term strategic plan. Some posters were read and commented on; it is a living document. Committees were discussed. Where do we need to make changes and modifications to the duties of the committees and the duties of the officers? Do the By Laws and Constitution need an update? For a large organization, we serve ~3000 scientists, how can we better serve? Forms (handout) will be distributed as critiques for discussion; slow progress after lots of feedback from members.

Strategic Planning 2015 addressed by David White (see above).

Elections Underway – voting will close 11/29/2015

D. White reminded everyone to vote.

Research Grants – Deadline 11/15/2015

Dave White summarized. Committee will be deciding on 3 different types of grants, reviewed over next few weeks with awards following. ~$15,000 in funds will be distributed, most supporting students or used as seed money for external grant proposals.

Publications (Jerzy)

Journal (Jerzy): Allen Press is doing a great job with the journal; we should be proud of the journal. Jerzy encouraged submission of manuscripts. Comments about the costs of an associate editor, inaudible. He commented on Lexington Convention Center. Circulated some copies of the journal for members to view. He is currently working on issue 76 (7 papers) for the journal.

Newsletter – Introduce new editor Moira O’Keeffe. She is not present at this meeting. Biggest communication avenues with entire Academy; see Amanda’s comments below.

Officers’ Reports

Incoming President’s Report (Eric Jerde): Not much to report, President Elect will get speakers for annual meeting and keynote speakers. Meeting was well-attended this year. Work-in-progress: strategic plan with new committees, more complicated issues will need input from the general membership; we are moving slowly in new directions. Dave White added: KAS is a voice for science in KY. Previously we did not have a solid mission statement, but now we have: “To foster scientific discovery and understanding in Kentucky.”

Treasurer’s Report (Rodney King): Society is solvent. $50,000 and dependent on stock market, Wells Fargo acct, can sustain that level, pie chart of expenses breakdown but could not project it at the audience. Additional revenue streams are needed. We lost money on the Museum event this year ($25 fee). We need to get more people to participate and will roll the Friday night event into the registration fee for