

**MINUTES OF THE
ALABAMA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE
Executive Committee Meeting
Held via Zoom and at Samford University 10/15/2022 9:00 AM CST**

Meeting was called to order by Jack Shelley-Tremblay

Those in attendance were:

Shaoyang Liu	Vinoy Thomas
Jack Shelley-Tremblay	Prakash Sharma
Ellen Buckner	Mark Caulkins
Melvin Blake	Heejoon Park
Matthew Edwards	Bettina Riley
Ruigang Wang	Jonghwa Oh
Virginia Vilardi	Sherrie Alexander
Ken Marion	Mark Calukins
Brian Toone	Adriane Ludwick
Jeff Morris	

The meeting began with an introduction of the officers of the AAS.

Jeff Morris described the Agenda for the meeting as posted:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Local Arrangements Report
3. Resolve Action Items
 - a. 100th Anniversary Action Items
 - b. AJAS-Katherine Shields resigned, need to remove from accounts
 - i. Vote to approve transfer of accounts from Katherine Shields and Larry Krannich to Mark Jones and Jack Shelley-Tremblay
 - c. Associate Executive Director Candidate Presentations
4. Reporting by Elected Officers
5. Reporting by Appointed Officers and Committees
6. Reporting by Sections
7. New Business
8. Adjournment

Project	Update	Action item
100th Anniversary Swag	100th Swag - We have logos (above) courtesy of Ben Buckner. These may be used on letterhead, swag, programs, etc. Add T-shirt printing (in registration). Final deadline for decisions October 15. Include in Science Fair, AJAS, etc. Final Cost (\$10 each) added to registration.	Vote to Approve T-shirt in Registration? AAS & AJAS? Passes unanimously.
Alabama Science Trail Passport Program: Mel Blake	The Alabama Science Trail - developing partnerships and processes for rolling out the Trail with the Alabama Department of Tourism. Working to establish a “passport” or documentation system with stamps for school groups, Scouts, and others who would visit the Trail sites and ear patches or other recognitions.	Vote to approve Program & Partnerships (Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Alabama Tourism Department)-need a link for Passport Program. Addition of NewMember : David Luthen to the Local Arrangements and Science Trail Committee. He is now a professional member of the AAS. Need to update language for Passport to Work with Scouts. Need to set a Fall meeting of the Science Train Committee Should include Rick Harmon/Alabama Tourism Passes unanimously.
Dr. Adriel D. Johnson Mentoring	Create an award for mentoring in	Vote to Approve with inclusion on Capital Requests Request Sponsorships/Donations Passes unanimously.

<p>Award: Emmanuel Waddell</p>	<p>science named for Dr. Adriel D. Johnson. Dr. Johnson was an active member of the AAS, esteemed teacher and mentor of your scientists. A capital campaign could establish an endowed scholarship as one of the AAS investment funds.</p>	
<p>Mason Teacher Scholarship Renewed Initiative: Mickie Powell & Adrienne Ludwick</p>	<p>Continue to develop the Mason Teacher Scholarship for STEM Teachers, working to partner with Schools of Education to encourage participation in AAS and ASTA. Attend Alabama STEM teachers' conferences, find a "catalyst" that will get STEM undergraduates thinking about a K-12 teaching career.</p>	<p>Vote to Approve inclusion on Capital Requests. Promote to McWane & Cooks Science Center, Exploreum, etc. Put scholarship on university websites (school of education). ASTA Feb 27-28 Birmingham. Amendment: Request to approve \$20/year ASTA association for designee of the AAS, either ED or their designate. Passes unanimously.</p>
<p>Project</p>	<p>Update</p>	<p>Action item</p>
<p>100th Anniversary Booklet:</p>	<p>Title: 100 Years Historical</p>	<p>Need photos, descriptions, content.</p>

<p>Matthew Edwards, Virginia Vilardi, Jeffrey Morris</p>	<p>Accounts of The Alabama Academy of Science (AAS). Description: A booklet will be produced of historical accounts AAS, having pictures and illustrations, listing of persons in different roles, statements of leading persons' duties and responsibilities , selected student activities, and projections for the future. Timeline established for gallery proofs by Mid-January. Will be laid out digitally.</p>	<p>https://www.dropbox.com/request/OF0LjWE14LPpt7Uj7gQP</p> <p>Vote to move forward with digital only meeting & website. evolve@uab.edu Passes unanimously.</p>
<p>100th Anniversary Video: See It Productions: Ellen Buckner & Stasi Bara</p>	<p>Video project commemorating 100th Anniversary of AAS History and looking forward to benefits to Alabama Science Community (Already budgeted and approved, in progress). This will showcase the 100th, science</p>	<p>Call for Video clips and still shots from around the state – labs, field work, with students, research. Dropbox is https://www.dropbox.com/request/OF0LjWE14LPpt7Uj7gQP</p> <p>[Full resolution, high quality, clips, 1080 or higher. iPhones iMovie's, (If needed Windows video), horizontal layout (landscape) preferred. Beach, caves, paleontology (Jun Ebersol) planetarium, observatory (Mel), photos, video. Move slower. Establish where we are, drone, building] Can be 10, 20, 30 second segments, older clips welcome!</p> <p>Please complete this short survey (4 questions) as part of our leadership work for this meeting. https://redcap.link/AAS100thSurvey1</p> <p>In addition, please take a short 10-20 second video selfie in your lab, classroom, or field site, addressing the 2 questions – I</p>

	<p>in Alabama, spread the message for AAS.</p>	<p>became a scientist because ____, and I am a scientist because ____.</p> <p>Use this link or attached QRCode to access the dropbox to upload your videos: https://www.dropbox.com/request/OF0LjWE14LPpt7Uj7gQP</p> <p>This is part of our 100th Anniversary Program/Publicity. Thank you! Ellen Buckner, Local Arrangements Chair Passes unanimously.</p>
<p>AJAS Activities to Engage HS Science Clubs - Jack Shelley-Tremblay & Mark Jones</p>	<p>Invite school delegations to attend banquet and Friday competition, give a one-time stipend per school to attend (Title 1 schools will receive additional support), give framed AJAS Chapter Certificates. Include T-Shirts. Continue to develop partnerships and initiatives with Alabama State Science Fair, ISEF, Regeneron Science Talent Search to increase participation, teacher workshops, etc.</p>	<p>Vote to Approve use of funds from Mark’s JSHS-AJAS Accounts. Total Cost?</p> <p>Motion to spend up to \$7000 from the AJAS account. These funds would invite new schools to send delegates to the AJAS competition for 2023.</p> <p>-Will provide from \$200 to \$500 per high school to attend the meeting, with 2 delegates per school.</p> <p>\$500 for Title 1 Eligible School</p> <p>Banquet, Lodging, and Registration (AJAS Meeting) + Lunch</p> <p>Teacher Trainings from State Director of Science.</p> <p>October 24th, Auburn. Mary Lou Ewald.</p> <p>Need to hear from USA Science Fair.</p> <p>Passes unanimously.</p>
<p>Appointment of an Associate Executive Director</p>	<p>Candidates: Brian Toone and Matthew Edwards</p>	<p>Both candidates introduced themselves and discussed their relevant experience. The duration is 1 year, renewable indefinitely upon review of performance. The duties were reviewed. Voted confidentially, with a follow-up with the Steering Committee.</p>

<p>100th Dinner, Wednesday night in lieu of Executive Committee Meeting</p>	<p>Option 1 – Dinner Social at Vulcan Park & Museum overlooking city, BBQ supper (Dreamland) Tickets \$40 (50 persons) or \$30 (100 persons) in advance (+spouses encouraged to attend), invite past leaders, recipients of awards, colleagues, and friends of the Academy. Encourage contributions to capital funds (Mason, Gorgas, Johnson) Option 2 – Dinner on Campus at Rotunda, Tickets \$25/person, Executive Committee Meeting.</p>	<p>Vote to approve one or other option – Include donors. Dr. Morris moved to accept option 1 and the motion was seconded by Dr. Edwards. The Executive Committee meeting will be held later on Zoom. The movement passed unopposed with 24 votes in favor.</p>
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President Morris then proceeded to go through the Committee reports.

The minutes were approved with an amendment to correct the Engineering Chair.

B-6: Bettina Riley and Ken Marion presented the treasurer’s report and finance report (C-2-1).

The Gorgas fund has lost value, but not as steeply as expected from general market trends. The best way to raise money for the AAS is to increase attendance at the annual meeting.

B-12, III: Physics and Math: Dr. Edwards added the report for this fall.

B-12, VIII: Dr. Alexander has plans to increase participation in Anthropology. She and Dr. Shelley-Tremblay will work to put together a zoom meeting to encourage participation in the academy.

Gardner Award and Fellow of the AAS: Nominations are sought before Dec 20, 2022. Award winners will be communicated to the local awards committee and the executive director in early January. Dr. Shelley-Tremblay will purchase plaques.

Dr. Melvin Blake suggested that the Executive Committee include an undergraduate representative

A motion was made by Dr. Jeff Morris and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 AM.

Item	Responsible Persons	Issue
Undergraduate Student Voting Members	Dr. Melvin Blake	Add a voting undergraduate position to the Executive Committee of AAS?
2024 Annual Meeting hosts?	Local Arrangements Committee?	Confirm Host for 2024 meeting