

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

November 15, 1992

University of Virginia

Present: Golde Holtzman (President), Gerald Taylor, Jr. (Past President), Richard Brandt (Past Past President), Michael Bass (Past Past Past President; Chairman, Nominations and Election Committee), Lisa Alty (Secretary), Ralph P. Eckerlin (Treasurer), Blanton M. Bruner (Exec. Secretary/Treasurer), Art Burke (Chairman, Finance Committee), Don Cottingham (VJAS Director), William D. Check (1993 Local Arrangements Chair), Jim Martin (Editor, Virginia Journal of Science)

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by President Holtzman. Dr. Holtzman asked that those present introduce themselves. The agenda for the meeting, as proposed and distributed by Dr. Holtzman, was adopted.

The minutes from the Executive Committee meeting of May 20 and 22, 1992 were distributed. Michael Bass moved that the two sets of meetings be approved. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President's Report - Golde Holtzman

1. The schedule for future meetings of the executive committee was presented. The committee will meet at ODU on Sunday, February 28, 1993 and during the annual meeting on Wednesday, May 19.

2. Dr. Holtzman reappointed Dr. William Banks to be the VAS representative to the Jeffress and Gwathmey Memorial Trust. This will be the third and final year that he is eligible to serve. Dr. Banks has been highly praised by the director of the trust, Mr. J. W. Jenkins, for his service.

Ertle Thompson has been reappointed as representative to AAAS for an additional year beginning on May 22, 1992.

3. Glenn L. McMullen, who has been the official archivist of the Academy for many years, has resigned from his position at VPI and with the Academy. Laura K. Smith, VPI Newman Library Manuscripts Archivist, will be the interim official archivist until a replacement has been appointed. The VJAS records, including the files of E. L. Wisman, A. B. Niemeyer, Jr., and John L. Hess were received on July 2, 1992.

4. The Awards Committee is working on the logistics for presenting awards for the best VAS student paper in each section. Several sections already have endowed awards, they include:

Section	Award
Astronomy, Math, and Physics	Carpenter
Botany	William and Mary Baker Award
Chemistry	Alice M. Bruner Award

Discussion ensued about how the student papers should be given on Thursday so that the award could be presented at the Academy Conference on Thursday evening. Several sections, namely Medical Sciences, Chemistry, Physics, and Sta-

tistics, have papers on Friday and may not be able to finish judging on Thursday. These sections may present the award from the previous year.

Arthur Burke expressed the hope that each section could try to endow their award so that an honorarium would be generated by the endowment each year. He also brought up the concern that the awards among sections be uniform in some manner. He recommended that the Awards Committee address this issue and report back to the Executive Committee. Dr. Holtzman said he would ask the Awards Committee to report to the Executive committee about this at the next Executive committee meeting. Dr. Taylor suggested that the certificates of award also be uniform among sections and be representative of the Academy as a whole.

5. Dr. Holtzman reported briefly on the progress of Carvel Blair and the Committee on the Environment regarding the 1990-91 Parramore Island field trial of the Wistar vaccine against wildlife rabies.

6. Dr. Brandt, Chair, Long Range Planning Committee reported on the future meeting sites:

Year	Location	Local Arrangements Chair (LAC)
1993	ODU	William D. Check
1994	JMU	Kent Moore and Diane Spresser
1995	VMI/W&L	Rae Carpenter
1996	VCU	Thomas Haas
1997	VPI (75th anniversary meeting)	
1998	GMU	George Mushrush

Future meetings at UVA and W&M were also discussed.

7. Dr. Holtzman had asked the membership committee to nurture new sections, revive biomedical and general engineering, and start biophysics. Jim O'Brien has found new officers for biomedical and general engineering. Nothing yet has been done about biophysics. New sections (archaeology; agriculture, forestry and aquaculture; geography; and computer science) seem to be doing well.

8. Dr. Holtzman introduced the ongoing work of the Publications and Publicity Committee. The need for a new

brochure was discussed. Dr. Brandt, Dr. Hugo Seibel, and Frank Leftwich have addressed this in membership committee and Dr. Brandt presented suggested revisions to the old brochures. Discussion about revisions ensued. Dr. Holtzman suggested that a separate brochure be generated for soliciting business members and business sponsorship of the Academy.

Dr. Holtzman offered five copies of the James River Basin, Past, Present and Future (1950) and five VAS memberships to WVTF public radio as part of their fall semiannual fund drive. All five books and two of the VAS memberships were claimed for a donation to the radio station. Dr. Holtzman asked the committee to approve his intention of offering the books to five other public radio stations for their spring drives.

Jim Martin was reappointed to Editor of the Virginia Journal of Science, his term expires in 1995. He is in the final phases of finishing the directory. Deadlines for the Virginia Scientists were given:

Deadline	Issue
Nov 16 92	III(2) 93 Jan
Feb 1 93	III(3) 93 Mar

Bruce Wallace at VPI has written a Worldwatch commentary for Virginia Scientists and has agreed to give the 1993 Negus Lecture. Dr. Holtzman presented his idea that the Negus Lecture be cosponsored with another Virginia scientific organization to widen the appeal and scope of the event. A tentative speaker for the Jeffers lecture is an astronaut from NASA.

9. Dr. Holtzman reported on the number of business and institutional members:

Institutional Sustaining	27
Business Regular	9
Business Contributing	1
Business Sustaining	3
Total	40

Business membership is declining and institutional membership renewal has been sporadic.

10. The Fellows have agreed to work on completing a history of the Academy for the 75th annual meeting in 1997 at VPI. Dr. Holtzman suggested that this might be done as a masters thesis work at VPI history department.

11. Discussion of calendar for renewal of appointments to be generated by Dr. Holtzman.

President-Elect's Report - Golde Holtzman for Jim O'Brien

1. Jim has worked on the revival of the Biomedical and General Engineering section.

2. The Call for Papers was sent to Blanton Bruner to be distributed to the membership.

Secretary's Report - Lisa Alty

No report.

Treasurer's Report - Ralph Eckerlin

1. No treasurers report.

2. He mentioned announcements for two symposia: James River Symposium and New River Symposium. He intends to distribute copies of announcements to members of Council.

3. Ralph Eckerlin showed a membership renewal notice that was an envelope and suggested that this was an attractive way to send out renewal notices. He passed this on to Dr. Brandt and the membership committee.

4. For the annual meeting he suggested getting reusable plastic cups with the VAS logo for coffee instead of throwaway plastic or styrofoam cups. Discussion about cost of the cups, selling the cups, and the advertising aspect ensued. Dr. Holtzman mentioned that giving the cups away in the exhibition area would get the juniors into that area.

Immediate Past President - Gerald Taylor Jr.

Dr. Taylor mentioned a future meeting with the Science Museum of Virginia director to discuss the future possibility of a paid director of the VJAS to be housed in the Science Museum. Dr. Taylor suggested to the President that Don Cottingham be appointed to the Futures committee.

VJAS Director - Don Cottingham

1. Don Cottingham reported that thirty science clubs have registered to participate in the VJAS meeting. The deadline for registration is December 31, 1992 and he expects most around that time. Participation in 1992 was 131 clubs. An encouraging note

is that five new clubs are registered among this first thirty. One of the new director's goals was to extend participation in VJAS to new areas of Virginia.

2. Attended the Virginia Association of Science Teachers (VAST) meeting in October and manned a VJAS booth. One hundred teachers stopped by.

3. Mr. Turner, Richmond Association of Engineers wants to set up an award for VJAS. Don Cottingham sent him a Handbook and will contact him again.

4. American Tobacco Company paid for two editions of the Proceedings at a cost of \$18,000. Am. Tobacco's publications department is looking at ways of changing the format and presentation of the publication.

Don Cottingham is looking at saving money by sending the Proceedings out on disk to each school rather than printing so many expensive copies.

5. Development of award money is coming along. The inequity of the Science teachers award and the club sponsor award was mentioned.

Executive Secretary-Treasurer - Blanton Bruner

1. Invoices for dues will go out by Dec. 1.

2. Blanton Bruner and Arthur Burke devised a budget for 1993. Arthur Burke presented the budget with special mention about funds which were transferred from reserve funds to trust, which generates more income. Arthur Burke estimates that with

the VJAS awards money being generated by Don Cottingham, the Academy will be within the budget for 1993.

Local Arrangements Committee Report - William Check

1. Bill Check said that the VJAS meeting room crunch will work out. All senior academy meetings will be in the Webb Center.

2. Housing. Junior academy will be in dorm rooms. The costs to the juniors were presented. Senior academy may be housed in two bedroom, on-campus apartments or in a hotel across the street from ODU. The costs of both arrangements were presented and discussed.

3. Exhibits will be in the Webb Center.

Old Business

Arthur Burke invited Joe Exline to Council to comment on VQuest. He mentioned a February meeting of VQuest in Norfolk.

Gerald Taylor mentioned the need for clarifying the Virginia Scientists editor position in terms of length of appointment and membership to Council.

New Business

No new business.

Concluding Remarks - Golde Holtzman

The local arrangements meeting at ODU was indicative of a good start for the May annual meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:39 p.m.