

**VIRGINIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

May 20, 1992

University of Richmond

Present: Gerald Taylor, Jr. (President), Richard Brandt (Immediate Past-President), Michael Bass (Past-Past President), Golde Holtzman (President-Elect), Carolyn Conway (Secretary), Blanton Bruner (Executive Secretary-Treasurer), Dean Decker (Director VJAS), Jim Martin (Editor/Business Manager VJS), Don Cottingham (Director-Elect VJAS), Frank Leftwich (Chair Constitution & Bylaws Comm.), Gloria Takahashi (guest - Director AJAS, Board Member Southern California Academy of Science)

The meeting was called to order at 11:04 a.m. by President Gerald Taylor. Dr. Taylor welcomed our guest Gloria Takahashi who will be working with Dean Decker.

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes.

The minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of March 7, 1992, were approved, as moved by Michael Bass and seconded by Dean Decker.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President - Gerald Taylor. Dr. Taylor's distributed the report (attached) which he will be giving at the Council meeting and offered some comments.

1. The proposed joint VJAS Director/Science Liaison position at the Science Museum of Virginia was not funded by the State Legislature. The Museum is still interested in pursuing this joint paid position.
2. Council will be asked for a formal vote of approval of the appointment of Don Cottingham as the new VJAS Director.
3. Mr. Cottingham has been asked to prepare annually an accounting of all VJAS funds and to present this at the Fall Council meeting.
4. Rae Carpenter, on behalf of the Academy, invited the new Director of the Science Museum of Virginia, Walter Witschey, to attend our banquet. Unfortunately Mr. Witschey will not be able to attend. Dr. Betty Blatt of the Science Museum of Virginia was also invited and will be our guest at both the Negus Lecture and the banquet.
5. A recommendation will be made to Council that a FAX machine be purchased. Discussion followed.

President Elect - Golde Holtzman.

1. Harold Bell has resigned (effective at the end of this Annual Meeting) as the Director of the Visiting Scientists Program. Dr. Holtzman accepted Dr. Bell's resignation and thanked him for his years of service. Dr. Bell has suggested that this program continue to operate out of the Roanoke area. A search for a new director is underway.

2. Dr. Holtzman brought up the idea of an emeritus category of membership which had been discussed briefly at the March Council meeting. Discussion followed. A recommendation will be made at Council meeting.

At the conclusion of the President-Elect's report, President Taylor thanked Dr. Holtzman for the great job he had done in organizing the program for this year's meeting.

Secretary. No report.

Treasurer. No report.

Immediate Past-President - Richard Brandt.

1. Letters (see attached) have been sent out to the Presidents of VCU, George Mason University, and VPI concerning future VAS meeting sites.

2. The American Cancer Society gave VJAS \$1000 (\$500 for 1992 and \$500 to establish an account for future years) for awards.

Executive Secretary-Treasurer. No report.

Virginia Junior Academy of Science Director's Report - Dean Decker.

Dr. Decker announced that as a result of corporate changes at Philip Morris, VJAS will no longer be receiving financial support for awards from Philip Morris. This year a number of Philip Morris employees have made contributions to VJAS through its matching funds program; to date more than \$800 have been received. With the withdrawal of Philip Morris funds, VAS and VJAS will have some very major decisions to make in the future - will VJAS continue to give the section awards and if so how will these awards be funded. Dr. Decker indicated that the VJAS Committee will be discussing this at a future meeting and asked that Council and/or the Executive Committee also discuss this matter. During the discussion that followed a suggestion was made that the Ethyl Corporation be approached for financial support of VJAS activities.

Blanton Bruner questioned Dr. Decker about his availability (to sign checks, etc.) during his upcoming sabbatical. Mr. Bruner suggested that an alternate person (possibly Arthur Burke) be selected to sign checks in the event that both he and Dr. Decker were unavailable. Michael Bass moved that Arthur Burke be authorized to sign checks for the Academy. After a second by Dean Decker, the motion passed unanimously.

1992 Local Arrangement Committee Report - Dean Decker.

Preregistration figures are as follows: VAS 340-350, VJAS 1050. As has been the case in past years, a number of senior academy members did not meet the previously announced deadline for preregistration. A higher number of students than expected have registered for VAS. The meeting expenses are pretty much as expected.

President Taylor thanked Dr. Decker for all of his work in planning for, and organizing, this year's meeting (and indicating that he was a real asset to his University).

OTHER REPORTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

President-Elect Holtzman distributed copies of the proposed schedule for next year for review by members of the Executive Committee. Discussion followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m..

Respectfully submitted by:

Carolyn M. Conway, Secretary
Virginia Academy of Science

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, MAY 20, 1992

1. That Arthur Burke be authorized to sign checks for the Academy. Moved by Michael Bass and seconded by Dean Decker. Motion passed unanimously.