

## VIRGINIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE ACADEMY CONFERENCE

May 25, 1995

The meeting of the Academy Conference was convened at 4:45PM with 103 members present.

### President - Elsa Q. Falls

President Falls recognized the LAC Co-Chairs Rae Carpenter and Dick Minnix for the superb job they and their committee have done in arranging the annual meeting.

Next year's meeting will be held at VCU and the Chair of the LAC will be Tom Haas. The meeting will be held May 21-24.

### Finance and Endowment Committee - Art Burke

Art Burke announced that the finances of the Academy are in good fiscal order. The auditors report for 1994 indicated that everything is okay.

### Nominating Committee - Gerald Taylor

Gerald Taylor introduced the new officers:

Tom Sitz - President  
Dean Decker - President Elect  
Carolyn Conway - Vice President  
Joe Rudmin - Secretary  
Greg Cook - Treasurer

### Awards Committee - Carolyn Conway

Student awards were presented to students in sections that had completed their sessions.

### Resolution -Importance of Laboratory in Science Education

Marion Lobstein introduced the resolution on the Importance of Laboratory in Science Education (attached). She indicated that the current trend in the Commonwealth is to do away with laboratory, and that the purpose of this resolution is to indicate the importance of this experience in science education. The Council approved the resolution at its meeting.

Marion Lobstein made the following motion:

Move that this resolution supporting the importance of laboratory in science education be approved by the Academy Conference, and that this statement be published in the *Virginia Journal of Science* and the *Virginia Scientist*, and be sent to appropriate individuals and groups.

Dean Decker suggested that the resolution also be sent to Science Chairs in the state, since often information does not filter down.

It was also suggested that the resolution be sent to newspapers.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13.

## VIRGINIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 24, 1995

Present: Elsa Q. Falls (President), Thomas O. Sitz (President-Elect), Rosemary Barra (Secretary), Kenneth C. Jacobs (Treasurer), Don Cottingham (VJAS Director), Arthur W. Burke (Chair, Finance and Endowment Committee; Assistant to Executive Secretary-Treasurer), James P. O'Brien (1993-94 President; Chair, Fund Raising Committee), Rae Carpenter (Co-Chair, Local Arrangements Committee - VMI), James H. Martin (Editor, Virginia Journal of Science).

The meeting was called to order at 2:00, and the agenda for the meeting was adopted.

### OFFICERS' REPORTS

President - Elsa Q. Falls

President Falls distributed a copy of her report (attached), and emphasized the following points:

The members of the LAC have been great and everything seems to be going well. The major problem so far has been the lack of slide projectors for the VJAS.

A committee has been appointed to review the position of the Associate Director of the VJAS. It consists of Rae Carpenter (Chair), Don Cottingham, Vera Remsburg, Gerald Taylor, Tom Sitz, and Elsa Falls, and the first meeting will be held on June 13.

- Seven nominations have been received for the VAS Trustee Representative to the Science Museum of Virginia: Richard Brandt, Rae Carpenter, Elsa Falls, Golde Holtzman, Jim Martin, Ertle Thompson and Gerald Taylor. President Falls reported that Rae Carpenter may not be eligible since he has previously served on the Board of the Science Museum. She has requested clarification of his eligibility. Elections will be held at the Council meeting today, and President Falls suggested that we nominate three individuals with the third serving as an alternate.

- As a follow up to a question at the last meeting, Elsa Falls reported that the Constitution clearly states the qualifications needed to become a Patron of the Academy. She suggested that the wording in the Constitution be reviewed by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

- This year an individual presenting papers in two different sections at the meeting had these papers scheduled for the same time. To take care of this problem for the future, the question "Are you giving papers in other sections?" should be added to the forms.

President-Elect - Thomas O. Sitz

Things are going well, and the LAC is doing a fine job. Only a few mistakes are in the

program. Committee membership for next year will be finalized within the next two weeks.

Secretary - Rosemary Barra

No report

Treasurer - Kenneth C. Jacobs

No change in the membership figures from the previous report.

Past President - James P. O'Brien

Jim O'Brien distributed a report (attached) and emphasized the following points.

- The VAS Membership Brochure has been reprinted, and is available at the meeting.

- Golde Holtzman replenished the supply of T-shirts and mugs for the annual meeting. He suggested that the central office might handle this in the future.

Assistant to Executive Secretary-Treasurer- Arthur W. Burke

Art Burke addressed the concerns raised by Rae Carpenter about the monies being collected during the Fund Raising Campaign. Art proposed the following motion:

The Executive Committee recommends to Council that we have in writing a statement that funds will go as designated by the donor, but that funds may be dispersed as needed on the recommendation of the Trust Committee and with approval by Council. In the interim, funds received will be placed in the Endowed Corpus VJAS Fund for later reallocation. An Ad Hoc committee will be appointed to deal with these matters.

The motion was seconded by Jim O'Brien and passed unanimously.

Art also suggested that a minimum amount must be donated in order for the donor to specifically designate the use of the monies.

VJAS Director Don Cottingham

Don reported that as of this morning, 850 people had registered for the meeting. Everything is going fine, and everyone seems to be satisfied with the arrangements.

Local Arrangements Committee - Rae Carpenter

Rae reported that they had 801 for lunch yesterday (Monday) and the lines did get a little long at times. The students seem to be happy with the food and all of the frisbees have been sold. The bus situation has worked very well. The only major problems are a shortage of pay phones and women's bathrooms.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20.

## VIRGINIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 24, 1995

Present: Elsa Q. Falls (President), Thomas O. Sitz (President-Elect), James P. O'Brien (Past President, 1993-94), Rosemary Barra (Secretary), Kenneth C. Jacobs (Treasurer; Councilor, Astronomy, Math and Physics Section), Gerald R. Taylor (Past President, 1991-92; Co-Chair, Constitution and Bylaws Committee; Co-chair, VJAS Search Committee; Nominations and Elections Committee), Vera B. Remsburg (Trustee, Science Museum of Virginia), James H. Martin (Editor, Virginia Journal of Science), Judy Niehaus (Chair, Research Committee), Ertle Thompson ( AAAS Representative), Carolyn Conway (Awards Committee), Marion B. Lobstein (Councilor, Botany Section; Co-Chair, Public Affairs Committee), Ralph P. Eckerlin, Co-Chair, Public Affairs Committee), J.J. Murray (Chair, Committee on the Environment), Eugene B. Barfield (Councilor, Archeology Section), Scott H. Newton (Agriculture, Forestry and Aquaculture Section), Michael L. Bass (Councilor, Environmental Science Section; Co-Chair, Constitution and Bylaws Committee), Ali Mohamed (Secretary, Agriculture, Forestry and Aquaculture Section), Preston H. Leake (Fund Raising Committee).

The meeting was called to order by President Elsa Falls at 6:10 PM. In the interest of time, President Falls made a motion to modify the agenda so that items that must be dealt with are moved forward on the agenda, and the remaining items will be covered as time allows. Items not dealt with tonight will be postponed until Friday's meeting. The motion on the modified agenda passed. The minutes from the Council meeting on March 4, 1995 were approved.

### Historian - Charlotte Webb

Charlotte Webb reported that she has completed two chapters of the History and has drafts of four other chapters. She plans on defending her dissertation at the end of next April.

### 1996 Local Arrangements Committee - Tom Haas

The 1996 Annual Meeting will be held May 21-24 at Virginia Commonwealth University. Tom Haas reported that the LAC held its first meeting on April 21st, and the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 22. He distributed a draft of the general program, and commented that the student commons area has been expanded.

### President - Elsa Q. Falls

President Falls announced that there will be at least one VJAS paper presented in each section of the senior academy. She requested that the Constitution and By-Laws Committee revisit the categories of membership and the dues structure, especially with regards to the categories of Patrons and Life Members.

### Awards Committee - Carolyn Conway

Carolyn announced that the awards are in place for the VAS, and she made the following motion on behalf of the Awards Committee:

That Gerald Taylor and Golde Holtzman be elected as Fellows of the Academy.

This motion passed unanimously.

#### VAS Trustee Nominations

President Falls announced that the following individuals have been nominated for the position of VAS Representative to the Science Museum of Virginia.

Richard Brandt  
Rae Carpenter  
Elsa Falls

Jim Martin  
Ertle Thompson  
Gerald Taylor

An election was held to determine the three nominees whose names will be submitted to Walter Witchey. He in turn will make a recommendation to the Governor. The nominees for this position are Elsa Falls, Gerald Taylor and Ertle Thompson (alternate).

#### Motion from the Executive Committee

Art Burke presented the motion passed by the Executive Committee that deals with the monies collected during the Fund Raising Campaign.

The Executive Committee recommends to Council that we have in writing a statement that funds will go as designated by the donor, but that funds may be dispersed as needed on the recommendation of the Trust Committee and with approval by Council. In the interim, funds received will be placed in the Endowed Corpus, VJAS Fund for later reallocation. An Ad Hoc committee will be appointed to deal with these matters.

The discussion that followed centered on the use of the funds that will be collected. Art Burke indicated that the funds are going to be used to support VJAS awards. Gerald Taylor stated that he thought some of the money raised was going to be used to support the Director of the VJAS and other functions not just awards for the VJAS.

Art Burke responded that he believed that the fund raising committee has placed the VJAS awards as its first priority,

Gerald Taylor indicated that the pledges can be designated for different things such as the Fellows. Jim O'Brien agreed and stated that the fund is really just a holding tank for temporary investment.

Gerald Taylor made a motion to amend the motion to indicate that the funds will be placed in the Legacy 75 Fund to be invested in the Investment Company of America.

The amended motion (below) passed unanimously.

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Resolution - Importance of Laboratory in Science Education

President Falls indicated that the resolution needs to be approved by Council before it can be presented at the Academy Conference. During the subsequent discussion, a few changes were made in the wording of the resolution. Marion Lobstein moved that the modified resolution (attached) be approved by Council, and presented to the general membership of the Academy. This motion passed unanimously.

President-Elect - Tom Sitz

The committee membership will be finalized over the next two weeks.

Nomination Committee - Gerald Taylor

The Nomination Committee did not receive any additional nominations so the list of nominees remains the same.

President - Elsa Falls

The meeting is running smoothly, and the VJAS students seem to be enjoying the program.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30.

## NOTES