

SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

April 11, 2015

Abilene, Texas

ATTENDANCE:

Elaine Harmon	John Pemberton
Drew Hillhouse	Jim Sterling
John Manning	James Henderson
Max Wynn	David Hammond
Anna Saghatelian	Cristina Roxana Dita
Carol Perry	Alicia Wyatt
Rich Brozovic	Tim Renfro
Suzann Coutts	Dr. James Hunt

Member quorum was present today with 9 members. Items from previous meeting that were voted and passed by email following the meeting will be at the conclusion of these minutes.

Meeting opened at 9:00 AM with devotion given by Elaine in Lon's absence and prayer by David.

Introduction was made of the new Vice President for Academic Affairs – Dr. James Hunt - and all board members/faculty introduced themselves.

ALUMNI REPORT/GOLF TOURNAMENT (Suzann Coutts, Director of Alumni Relations)

*The SMAB golf tournament has been scheduled for May 2, 2015 in Mansfield.

Preliminary information: 18 people have registered; total proceeds so far \$1,745.00.

*McMurry is involved with a new project called "McMurry Serves" – an event for alumni in several Texas cities on April 25, 2015 for serving opportunities.

*Suzann made known the need for those who might want to serve on the alumni board and also for nominations for alumni and Cross and Flame awards.

DEAN'S REPORT (Alicia Wyatt)

***Financial report**

*Intuitive Systems Science Enrichment	\$10,014.38
*Excellence in Math/Science (equipment)	2,305.90
*SMAB (operating account)	3,438.89
*Bloomer Research Stipend	1,071. 92

*Bill Libby has donated Firebase Libby to McMurry for use as a field station

*Astronomy received telescopes as gifts from the DeVore family

* Alicia is tentatively returning to the faculty in the administrative reorganization and will be helping cover a number of courses to free up faculty ability to teach courses currently staffed by adjuncts.

FRIENDS OF THE BOARD (Carol)

*There was a recommendation to add Larry Conlee to the list of friends.

MEMBERSHIP/NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT (John P and Elaine)

*John P. made motion to accept new members: Adam Davidson and Joseph DeLong

*John M. made second and motion passed.

*John P. will contact Seth Ardoin to assess his interest in being a member.

*Contact will also be made with John B., Kiki and Colby to determine their continued interest in the board.

*John P to also get an alumni listing that can identify possible board members.

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EVENT PLANNING

***Wall of Honor** Nominations: Dr. Winfred Magnuson, 1959; Dr. Jerry Lee, 1961

Dr. Larry Conlee, 1971

*Alternates: Dr. Jack Bishop, 1967; Dr. Clark Beasley

*David made motion and James made second to accept the top 3 candidates and motion passed.

*Possible dates for the event are Oct 17, 24 or 31, 2015. David will contact honorees and let them decide on the date that works.

*David will work with Debra Hulse to enlist McMurry's help with the event as in the past.

***Nobel Laureate** – Max continues to work on this and plans to speak with Dr. Harper for her ideas, input and assistance.

*Motion was made and second and passed to award **the Beasley Research Stipend Award** to Sophie Southwell.

*John made motion and David gave second to increase the hourly pay for awards to \$10.00/hour. Motion passed

***CHARLES BLOOMER AWARD** – There are 3 candidates this year: Kent Bahnert Grimes; Taylor Freehauf; Taylor Russell.

*Max made motion and John gave second for us to fund 2 of the candidates and if more funds become available to fund the 3rd. Motion passed.

The following items were voted via email after that last meeting and were passed.

Items for voting (11 items):

1. Elaine made motion and Lon second to provide \$500.00 for the AITP trip this fall.
2. Glenn made motion and Elaine second to provide \$150.00 for the recycling bins for the "caring for our world" activity.

3. Glenn made motion and Lon second to begin preparations to enable SMAB to have our own teleconferencing for meetings, not to replace physical meetings but as adjunct to for those members who are unable to physically attend.
4. Elaine made motion and Glenn second to send the following dates to all board members to decide when spring meeting date will be. The dates are: March 21, 2015; April 11, 2015 or April 18, 2015.
5. Lon made motion and Elaine second for the following board members terms Jan 2015 – Dec 2017 to be continued as members. Those are: Kevin Flusche, James Henderson, Glenn Light, James St. Clair, John Bliznak, Max Wynn, Leeann Hillhouse, David Hammond, Carol Perry, John Pemberton.
6. Lon made motion and Elaine second to shift terms of different members to follow the by laws.
7. David made motion and Lon second to elect Elaine Harmon as the new president of the SMAB with her term beginning Jan. 1, 2015.
8. Lon made motion and Elaine second to keep our current Vice Presidents: David Hammond and Weldon Bailey.
9. David made motion and Glenn second to keep our current secretary: Carol Perry.
10. Glenn made motion and Elaine second to provide \$250.00 for the regional ACS meeting in Fort Worth.
11. Lon made motion and Elaine second to have the student lunch after the spring meeting this year.

NEW BUSINESS

*Fall meeting will be September 19, 2015 pending Alicia checking with school calender/schedule.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM. Student lunch to follow meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Perry