***Georgia Academy of Science***

***Council Meeting Minutes***

*1/15/2016*

Via teleconference

**In Attendance**

Paul Arnold Susan Kirkpatrick-Smith Shane Webb ~~Neal Chesnut~~

~~Joseph Sloop~~ Robert McDonough Barry Hojjatie Ron Mickens

Linda Jones Al Mead ~~Dave Bechler~~ ~~Mike Sakuta~~

Richard Schmude James Nienow Charlie Swor ~~Sandra Rucker~~

~~Javier Hasbun~~ ~~Jared Wood~~ ~~Brian Schwarz~~

1. Richard Schmude volunteered to be the note-taker for this meeting.

2. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 3pm by Shane Webb.

3. **Approval of Minutes**. The Secretary provided a draft of the minutes from the 30 October 2015 GAS Council Meeting. In the absence of the Secretary, Shane moved to approve and Susan seconded; Minutes approved by the Council.

4. **2016 Gordon State College Local Arrangements Update**. Richard Schmude updated the council on the 2016 meeting:

 a. About 45 posters submitted; rubric on website; Amanda Duffus in charge of judging,

 b. Speaker selected (Mike Mayhan, on External Funding); Honorarium $250 from GAS

 c. Prices have been set (on web page)

 d. Friday evening activity sessions and a Barnesville walking tour Saturday (~2pm).

 e. Council meeting at 11am on Friday

 f. Saturday start time as early as 7-730am.

 g. Friday talks scheduled only for Sections I and IV.

5. **2016 Travel Award Update**. Susan Kirkpatrick Smith discussed student travel awards. Students have to check in on Friday to be eligible. Awards presented at banquet on Sat.

6. Barry Hojjatie announced that Section III will start at 730am Sat so doors need to be open at 7am. He also announced that only sections I and IV will have Friday talks.

7. Shane will check with Dave regarding printing of the 2016 meeting issue. None would be mailed to membership (so no address labels required).

8. **2017 Young Harris College Local Arrangements Update**. Paul Arnold updated the council on the 2017 meeting at YHC:

 a. Jennifer Schroeder will be the local arrangements chair.

 b. The Rollins Campus Center facility fee waived by President, Cathy Cox; GAS pays expenses.

 c. Meeting will take place in Rollins and Maxwell Science building (close proximity).

 d. Date of meeting will be set to accommodate speaker (fed. govt. advisor to Obama!).

 e. YH hotel options limited but many options within a 30min drive radius.

9. **Treasurer’s report**. Treasurer provided an updated budget (reflects $7190 Bepress/Digital Commons expense).

10. Council voted to send $250 from the Georgia Junior Academy budget ($8836.30) to the NAAS and American Junior Academy of Science (see Appendix of 15 Jan 2016 agenda). Jim agreed to submit donation.

11. **Informational**: Shane announced that electronic ballots for Councilor-at-Large were distributed to the membership (voting closes at end of January). Changes to the Constitution and By-laws were also distributed via email. Vote on changes will occur at Annual Meeting.

12. **Other business**. There was some discussion of possibilities for the 2018 meeting. Bob volunteered to check with Jeckyll Island Conference Center. Suggestions included Morehouse, GA Southwestern, Agnes Scott, and meeting with an adjoining state’s academy (as we did with Florida in 2008).

13. **Adjournment**. The meeting was adjourned at 4 pm.