

**CONSOLIDATED MINUTES OF THE  
EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF  
THE SOUTH DAKOTA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE  
APRIL 28-29, 2000  
MOORHEAD, MN (TRI-STATE MEETING)**

**FRIDAY, 28 APRIL 2000—EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING—4:30 P.M.**

Proceedings Editor K. Higgins provided an update of progress on past and current Academy Proceedings. With help (Tom Holmlund, SDSU—formatting and layout), Ken plans to have all past 1996-1999 and this year's (2000) proceedings caught up and published by December, 2000. He presented handouts to the Executive Council members describing how he has been corresponding with authors and invoicing for page and reprint charges. Page charges have been set at \$25/page to cover costs for formatting, mailings, etc. Ken has temporarily set up an Academy account at SDSU and he explained how this should lighten Secretary/Treasurer Bill Soeffing's workload also. This will be voted on tomorrow.

Ken mentioned he has never been provided with any guidelines or description of his actual duties nor a copy of the Academy by-laws, etc. Some members believed the last update of the by-laws was published in the 1987 proceedings.

Ken also suggested that a \$100 honorarium be provided to Terri Symens for her able assistance beyond her normal job duties.

Neil Reese volunteered to write a letter of thanks and Bill will provide Neil with a check. Neil also offered to search for a means to put the Academy's proceedings on a web site in 2000 or 2001. Ken mentioned that Tom Holmlund might be able to do this as well.

Neil also mentioned that action to have the 2001 annual meeting in Pierre fell through when no lodging could be found to host the meeting along with state rates. Therefore, Royce proposed that USD would host the 2001 Academy meeting, likely in the first or second weekend in April.

Considerable discussion occurred relative to the status and future of the Junior Academy. Problem with getting High School sponsors and participation. Last year Lenore Koczon and Ken Higgins lead the organization of the Junior Academy at the DSU-Madison meeting.

Someone suggested that perhaps this (Jr. Academy) should be the responsibility of the First and Second Vice Presidents of our Academy. Royce pointed out that checks needed to be sent to last year's and maybe even the 1998 Jr. Academy winning presenters.

Bill Soeffing pointed out the need to renew affiliation/application with AAS and NAS; meetings usually in January-February.

Also, Academy CD renewed in August at 4.5% and it may go to 6.5% interest.

Three names submitted for life membership (25+ years member of Academy): Robert Stoner, Arlen Viste, and Lewis Kaurer.

No nominations received for fellows award in 2000.

Ken Higgins requested past and present lists of memberships (1996-2000) so that he could distribute printed volumes of proceedings as they become available.

Neil Reese would like the same to help target new membership recruitment activities among institutions and agencies.

Bill Soeffing passed out copies of the 1998 and 1999 budgets. Chuck Estee and Royce Engstrom will perform audits review.

Executive Council meeting ended at 6:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, 29 APRIL 2000**  
**SDAS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING—2:00 P.M.**

President Neil Reese called the meeting to order and recognized a Quorum of members were present.

Bill Soeffing moved that an account should be established at SDSU to facilitate collection of monies for Academy Proceedings production, distribution, and other associated costs and that a letter of appreciation with a \$100 honorarium be approved for Terri Symen's assistance to the Academy. Motion passed.

Chuck Estee and Royce Engstrom reported that their audit found the Secretary/Treasurer books in good order for the 1998 and 1999 budgets. Royce moved these be approved. Motion carried.

Gary Larson gave the Awards and Resolution committee report (see following report).

Members present voted on new Academy Executive nominations and winners were:

Second Vice President: Miles Koppang

Members at Large: Donna Hazelwood and Mike Wanons

Neil Reese led a discussion on the possibility of a more user-friendly web site and potential annual costs, etc., including a web site domain name. Estee moved, Maureen Diggins seconded a motion to support. Motion carried.

Neil Reese proposed that we all attempt a concerted effort to advertise the S.D. Academy and to initiate recruitment on each campus. He proposed establishment of an ad hoc member promotion and recruitment committee with a representative on each campus.

Neil announced that next year's (2001) annual meeting will be hosted and held at USD in Vermillion.

He thanked all that helped him with Academy business during the past year with special mention to Ken Higgins and Bill Soeffing.

He then passed the President's duties and gavel to Lenore Koczon of NSU after which Lenore gave her Presidential Address entitled "Understanding Change."

The Annual Business meeting closed at 3:00p.m. following Lenore's address.

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND  
CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999**

Cash Balance on 1 January 1999	
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 5750.94
Savings Account	\$ 9.15
Checking Account	\$ 9275.19
TOTAL BEGINNING CASH	\$ 15035.28

Receipts	
Membership Dues (Life-32/Regular-80+2/Associate-53)	\$ 1905.00
SDAS Proceedings Sales	\$ 84.55
Page and Reprint Charges	\$ 800.00
Annual Meeting Registration	\$ 430.00
Luncheon and Banquet Tickets	\$ 611.00
Other Income	\$ 1.00
Interest on Investments	\$ 422.80
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 4254.35

Disbursements	
Corporate Filing Fee	\$ 10.00
Annual Meeting	
Dining	\$ 1245.16
SDAS Proceedings Printing	\$ 2380.71
Stale Warrant	\$ 35.52
TOTAL DISBURSEMENT	\$ 3761.32

Cash Balance on 31 December 1999	
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 6173.74
Savings Account	\$ 9.15
Dakota State University Activity Account	\$ 586.00
Checking Account	\$ 8759.42
TOTAL ENDING CASH	\$ 15528.31

**REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

The membership of the South Dakota Academy of Science thanks Dr. Rowland Barden, President of Moorhead State University, for making the MSU campus available for our joint meeting with the Minnesota and North Dakota academies. We also wish to thank Drs. Vijendra "VJ" Agarwal, Joseph Provost, and Raymond Sicard of MSU for local arrangements and meeting coordination.

Thanks to President-Elect Lenore Koczon for her illuminating address “Understanding Change” presented at our annual business meeting.

Neil Reese is thanked and commended for his able leadership over the past year and for his efforts in establishing and maintaining the SDAS web site.

We are greatly appreciative of the time and effort contributed by Secretary-Treasurer Bill Soeffing and Editor Kenneth Higgins.

The Academy congratulates Sandra Dyson of Kennebec who was recognized as the Physical Science Teacher of the Year. Congratulations also to Janet Jacoway Simmons of Brandon Valley High School who was distinguished as Biology Teacher of the Year.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Gary Larson, Resolutions Committee*