

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
ARIZONA ARTS, SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY
ACADEMY FOUNDATION, INC. (AASTA)**

The first Annual Meeting of the AASTA Fellows was held on April 16, 2005 at the San Marcos Resort and Conference Center in Chandler, Arizona.

With a quorum present, Incorporating Chairman Gary Krahenbuhl called the meeting to order and introduced Governor Janet Napolitano as the guest speaker for the meeting.

Governor Napolitano congratulated the Founding Fellows and the Incorporators for undertaking AASTA as a bold new venture for Arizona. The Governor spoke of the importance of public service and the need to focus the state's best and brightest minds upon creating positive change for the future.

The Governor called upon AASTA to advance informed debate and advanced thinking in the state. She asked that the work of the organization be done in a manner that the public can easily digest and that the recommendations AASTA will make be in the form of clear and incremental steps.

The Governor responded to several questions from the Fellows and guests present.

Following the Governor's remarks, Incorporating Chairman Gary Krahenbuhl announced that sufficient ballots had been received from the Founding Fellows to install a new Board of Governors and Board Officers.

Chaired by John Hildebrand, this group will served staggered terms such that 1/3 of the Board will be refreshed annually.

On behalf of the Incorporators, Gary Krahenbuhl offered his congratulations to Chairman John Hildebrand, as well as to the Vice Chairs Vincent Fulginiti and Zachary Smith, Secretary Gerald Jakubowski, and Treasurer, Jane Maienschein.

Gary Krahenbuhl also expressed his appreciation and warm wishes to the following members of the new Board of Governors:

Charles Backus	Al McHenry
Betsey Bayless	Pierre Meystre
David Berliner	Robert Millis
J. Lyle Bootman	Lynn Nadel
James Buizer	Nasser Peyghambarian

Vicki Chandler	Joaquin Ruiz
Philip Christensen	Nancy Felipe Russo
Michael Cusanovich	Leslie Tolbert
Lee Drickamer	Sander van der Leeuw
Lorraine Frank	Neal Vanselow
Peter French	David Young

Gary Krahenbuhl then introduced AASTA President, Patrick Burkhart.

Mr. Burkhart reflected upon the beginnings of AASTA, through its incorporation. He reported that 126 Founding Fellows had joined the organization since December 2004. He further noted that an ad hoc committee of the Founding Fellows led by Vincent Fulginiti had revised AASTA's Business Plan.

Mr. Burkhart thanked the Incorporators as well as several individuals who encouraged the formation of AASTA at its conception.

The Fellows in attendance and their guests adjourned briefly for dinner.

At the conclusion of the dinner break, newly elected AASTA Board of Governors Chairman, John Hildebrand addressed the Fellows.

He recognized the success of the Incorporators and particularly the leadership of Incorporating Chairman Gary Krahenbuhl. Additional recognition was offered to the following Incorporators who were cycling off of the AASTA Board of Governors: Jonathan Lunine, Russell Balda, Jim Collins, Curt Hinsley, and Laurie Leshin.

Additionally, John Hildebrand recognized Patrick Burkhart and Suzanne Reuss for their tireless efforts in bringing AASTA to fruition.

Chairman Hildebrand then introduced Vincent Fulginiti for the purpose of reporting on the ad hoc committee's activities in revising the AASTA Business Plan.

Vincent Fulginiti reported that the AASTA Planning Group had worked over the past several weeks for the purpose of reviewing and improving AASTA's draft business plan, which was written last fall. The group believed that two matters were of primary importance. First was to resolve AASTA's structure and second the content of its programmatic activities.

The group held two meetings as well as regional meetings at ASU, the U of A, and NAU. Many Fellows contributed suggestions and several were active in contributing to the final draft of the plan, which can be found on the AASTA website.

AASTA's role in helping to shape informed public policy attracted many to join the organization. The group agreed that the focus of this role had to be centered on "Arizona" and must be constructed to operate and publish in a non-partisan fashion. The group recommends a process to vet draft reports to ensure this type of outcome and perception was necessary. AASTA will act in two modes. First, it will be proactive in holding briefings for the legislative community and others on a wide variety of topics, and secondly it will respond to requests from any source for analytical services. AASTA must begin in a focused way and thus the prioritization of issues is strategic.

AASTA Fellows possess an equally strong desire for connectedness. Frequent events dispersed across the State, using coordinators from the Board of Governors need to be implemented rapidly. The committee recommends that AASTA's first major conference be held next Spring.

Revised Plan Highlights Include:

1. Broader emphasis on intellectual diversity among the Fellows – specifically from the arts, humanities and professions.
2. Recommended areas for initial development by the Programs Committee: Education, Health, Sustainability and Environment, Arts-Humanities-Cultural Development, Technology Advancement and Consequences, and Planetary & Space Sciences.
3. AASTA's 1st Two Years:
 - Solicit, Define and Initiate Projects
 - Launch Annual or Bi-annual Statewide Conferences
 - Launch Frequent Seminar Events Throughout the
 - Launch a Series of Policymaker Briefings.
4. Fundraising will be a key focus for AASTA, and the Finance Committee. AASTA's initial philanthropic and other income requirements will be approximately \$1,500,000 over the first 24 months of start-up and operations.
5. Senior volunteer leadership will be key to AASTA's success.

There being no further business, Chairman Hildebrand then concluded the Annual Meeting of the Fellows and thanked all who attended.