



**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
REGULAR MEETING JUNE 15, 2006
ARIZONA ARTS, SCIENCES, AND TECHNOLOGY
ACADEMY FOUNDATION, INC. (AASTA)**

A regular meeting of the Board of Governors of AASTA was held via conference call on June 15, 2006. The following members were present: John Hildebrand, Vincent Fulginiti, Zachary Smith, Jane Maienschein, J. Lyle Bootman, Michael Cusanovich, Lee Drickamer, Peter French, Pierre Meystre, Robert Millis, Joaquin Ruiz, Nancy Russo, Dan Shilling and Neal Vanselow. The following members were not present: Charles Backus, Betsey Bayless, David Berliner, James Buizer, Vicki Chandler, Philip Christensen, Al McHenry, Lynn Nadel, Nasser Peyghambarian, Leslie Tolbert and Sander van der Leeuw. Also present were Patrick Burkhart and Suzanne Reuss.

Chair John Hildebrand called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the February 25, 2006 meeting of the Board of Governors were approved as distributed.

Nominating Committee Report

On behalf of the Nominating Committee Chair, Patrick Burkhart presented the Committee's report suggesting potential nominees to serve as officers and members of the Board of Governors.

A motion was made seconded and approved to approve the Committee's recommendation. Further it was agreed that the President will notify the Executive Committee of all acceptances to stand for election prior to conducting the balloting.

The Nominating Committee also presented its recommendation for future membership recruitment. The plan calls for an effort to begin soliciting Inaugural Members. **A motion was made seconded and approved** to approve the Committee's recommendation.

Programs Committee Report

Neal Vanselow presented the Programs Committee report. The Programs Committee has developed a set of publication and project guidelines modeled after those used by the National Research Council.

The Committee is recommending that the following criteria be used to evaluate proposals for new AASTA programs:

- The importance of the proposed project to the State of Arizona,
- Consistency with AASTA's mission,
- Within AASTA's ability and expertise,
- Non-duplication of other organizations, and
- Synergy with other AASTA projects when feasible.

A draft set of guidelines for reviewing AASTA publications was also presented. These guidelines were applied to the review of the Avian Influenza Conference Report and feature independent peer review procedures.

A motion was made seconded and approved to approve the Committee's recommendation with the provisos that (1) an appeal mechanism be adopted for proposing new projects, (2) that the role of the Committee is advisory to the Board, and (3) that the role of the Committee is absolute in vetting AASTA publications.

Conference Committee Report

Vincent Fulginiti presented the Avian Influenza Pandemic Conference Committee report. He noted that the conference had broad representation from across the State with Governor Napolitano participating as the keynote speaker. On the second day of the event, a sub group of the attendees reviewed the presentations and discussions and drafted a setoff findings and recommendations. These matters were written into a formal conference report, which was then reviewed by a panel convened by the Programs Committee and chaired by J. Lyle Bootman. All but one of the recommendations from the review panel were incorporated into the final draft and the report was certified as ready for publication by J. Lyle Bootman and Programs Committee chair, Neal Vanselow. The report will be published in late June.

Astronomy, Planetary Sciences and Space Sciences Project Committee

Committee Chair, Bob Millis, reported that the project team had met several times via conference call in recent months and had essentially completed the design of the survey instrument that will be the basis of the Committee's work. A number of financial commitments have been made to underwrite the project and the Committee expected to have sufficient funds to begin the survey in partnership with the University of Arizona later this summer.

President's Report

Patrick Burkhart presented AASTA's financial summary highlighting the revenues and expenses from the Avian Influenza Conference and the Inaugural Annual Lecture.

Patrick also requested the preference of the Board for the date of AASTA's 2nd Annual Meeting. The consensus of the Board was to hold the meeting on September 9th in Tucson.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Suzanne Reuss
Patrick Burkhart