

Minutes of the Board Meeting
Florida Association of Science Teachers
March 1, 2008

I. Call to Order

The meeting held in the Sunset Cottage, Belleview Biltmore, Tampa, FL, was **called to order** at 9:05AM by president, Steve Crandall.

- A. There was a round table self-Introduction of members and guests present.

II. Elected and Appointed Executive Officers' Reports

- A. Secretary –Vivian Smithwick. The **minutes** of the last meeting were approved as amended.
- B. Treasurer's report was read by Steve Crandall for Kathy Presti. The treasurer might be moving to another state this summer and that position might need to be filled.
- C. President's Report – Steve Crandall, gave a report.
 - 1. Science Fair awards were discussed. It would be helpful if student award checks were issued to district science supervisors as early as October.
 - 2. The president's written report was reviewed.
- D. President-elect – Tom Medcalf gave a Power Point presentation "What People Want" based on a book by Dr. Terry Bacon. The point of the presentation was that the FAST web site needs to be improved.
- E. Immediate Past President – Karen Malesky reviewed her written report.
- F. Executive Director – Dan McFarland's written report was reviewed. Steve Crandall would like the FAST Position Paper "Best Practices for Science Education" be finalized and printed by the end of this meeting so it can be sent to the Commissioner of Education. Victor Hatfield volunteered to develop an application form for the Professional Development grant funded by the Area Directors discretionary funds. Tom Medcalf volunteered to develop an application form for the Professional Development Committee Grant.
- H. Executive Board Member-at-Large – Peggy Cook made a report.
- G. Journal Editor – We will go with a newsletter for elections.

III. Elected Administrative Officers Reports

- A. Written reports accepted.
- B. Additional information reported
 - Area 1 - Regina Gaskins gave a report
 - Area 2 - Shannon Romer gave a report
 - Area 3 - Jacqua Ballas' written report was reviewed by Steve Crandall.
 - Area 4 - Madge Nanney gave a report.
 - Area 5 - Victor Hatfield gave a report. Victor offered his written report in a format in which he recommends that all Area reports be written. A motion was made by that this form, with the

FAST logo included, be accepted as the official format. Motion accepted as stated. Victor will send out an email with the form as an attachment.

Area 7 - Karen Malesky gave a report for Janice Novello.

Area 8 - Michelle Ferro reviewed her written report. She made a suggestion that a certificate for Science Fair awards should accompany the checks that FAST provides. Steve Crandall suggested the creation of template for a certificate and cover letter should be pursued.

Area 10 - Shelby Mann reviewed her written report.

Area 11 - Steve Crandall reviewed Suzanne Ryals report.

IV. Appointed Administrative Officers Reports

- A. Written reports accepted
- B. Additional information reported
 - 1. Middle/Jr. High - Leslie Pohley reviewed her written report.
 - 2. High School - Steve Crandall gave a report for Stephanie Dunda.
 - 3. Non-Public - Brad Tanner submitted a written report.
 - 4. Informal - Karen Malesky gave a report.
 - 5. Website – Barbara Humphreys would like to update the website.

V. Appointed Officers' Reports: Standing Committee Chairpersons Reports

- A. Written reports accepted.
- B. Additional information reported.
 - 1. Auditing - Steve Crandall indicated this committee continues to be needed for the purpose of filing reports involving money.
 - 2. Awards - Jane Hart gave a report.
 - 3. Membership – CD's were provided.
 - 4. Nominations – Dan Surber gave a report of current nominations from the nominating committee. A call for nominations will go out in the April newsletter.
 - 5. Conference – Lynn McDaniel gave a report about potential future conference locations and dates. There was discussion about the DOE position on how school districts use teacher planning dates. This affects conference attendance by teachers. Vie Vie Baird will investigate this at the DOE and report her findings to Steve Crandall. This information will be considered in the determination of the 2010 conference dates. Lori Braga and Nancy Besley will be co-chairs for the conference committee. The August 23rd, 2008, FAST meeting is the pre-conference meeting.

VI. Ad Hoc Committee Chairpersons Reports

- 1. DOE – Vie Vie Baird gave a report. Paperless communication can be found on the DOE web site for the electronic DOE newsletter. The FAST web site has misinformation about the Presidential Award – self nominations are now accepted. 3/1/08 is the deadline for applications. A motion was made that FAST provide four awards for outstanding Florida Science Day lesson plans submitted. The awards will include a certificate for complimentary FAST memberships, conference registration and a reimbursement of costs up to \$500 to attend the conference. The motion was accepted as stated. The Florida State Board of Education has adopted the revised science content standards for Florida public schools. The next step is to adapt to the new standards. Adaptation will include professional development and assessment, such as FCAT. Textbook specifications will be shared with FASS and FAST.
- 2. BaP – Jane Hart gave a report.

VII. New Business

1. There was a presentation by the Belleview Biltmore Marketing Department concerning renovation of the facility. There was discussion about whether a FAST conference could be held at the Belleview Biltmore and when the hotel renovations could be completed for a conference.
2. the FAST web site design will be discussed at the summer workshop on June 7, 2008, at Busch Gardens.

The president, Steve Crandall, adjourned the meeting at 3:12PM.

Respectfully submitted 3-01-08

Vivian Smithwick, Secretary
for
Steve Crandall, President

ATTENDANCE

- . Steve Crandall
- . Jane Hart
- . Brad Tanner
- . Dan McFarland
- . Peggy Cook
- . Tom Medcalf
- . Victor J. Hatfield
- . Karen Malesky
- . Barbara Rapoza
- . Madge Nanney
- . Michelle Ferro
- . Shelby Mann
- . Vie Vie Baird
- . Regina Gaskin
- . Leslie Pohley
- . Shannon Romer
- . Barbara Humphreys
- . Lynn McDaniel
- . Dan Surber
- . Winnie Wilson
- . Stephanie Dunda
- . Vivian Smithwick