

**Southeastern Association for Science Teacher Education (SASTE)
Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon
Secretary/Treasurer's Report**

Date: September 27, 2014

Location: Coastal Georgia Center (Savannah, GA)

Hosting Institution: Georgia Southern University

SASTE President: Katie Brkich

Theme: 21st Century Science Education in the South: Spotlight on the people and places where we teach

Business Meeting: President Katie Brkich opened the business meeting at 12:25pm and welcomed the SASTE audience. In her Presidential Comments, she spoke about (this) "Place" – Savannah," and asked, "Where do the people here come from?" She continued, "Twenty-three attending are from Georgia, yet the ASTE website indicates that our area is much wider and Mississippi is not even listed." Katie described the profile of those in the audience as higher education faculty, graduate students, teachers, and guests and offered a "President's Challenge" to "rethink recruitment" in order to increase the SASTE membership, conference attendance and the number of sessions.

The President called upon Randy Spaid for a Secretary-Treasurer's report. He referred to the handouts on the table, the 2013 minutes and meeting expenses were clarified (no corrections) and the President called for a motion to approve. Mike Dias moved for approval; seconded; brief discussion; motion approved by voice vote.

The President called for the ASTE Representative report. Mike Dias briefly mentioned the ASTE initiatives and described the responsibilities and duties of the Representative (summer meeting, Portland conference January 15, 2015).

Motion by A. Gallard to post position papers, session abstracts, nomination letters for award recognition, and keynote speech transcript (if wanted) at the SASTE website by the 2016 conference; seconded. Discussion: Current SASTE bylaws stipulate that nomination letters be archived by the Secretary. Suggestion to ask the ASTE Board to consider including position papers at their website or in the journal. Dr. Gallard's motion approved by voice vote.

Mike Dentzau moved to recommend to the ASTE Board that Mississippi be included as part of the Southeastern region on the ASTE website. Seconded; brief discussion that this corrects a clerical error; motion approved by voice vote. New Representative to the ASTE Board will bring that recommendation.

The President opened the floor for nominations for a Representative to ASTE to serve 2015-18. A. Gallard nominated Mike Dentzau; seconded; no other nominations; motion approved by voice vote.

The President opened the floor for nominations for a President-Elect for 2016-17. Randy Spaid nominated Brendan Callahan of Kennesaw State University; seconded; no other nominations; motion approved by voice vote.

Motion to adjourn by A. Gallard; seconded; motion approved by voice vote. The President adjourned the meeting and proceeded to the awards ceremony.

Awards Ceremony/Keynote Address:

John Shrum Award to Rose Pringle, University of Florida. K. Brkich read the nomination letter and presented the award. Rose shared brief comments.

Deborah Tippins Mentoring Award to David Kumar, Florida Atlantic University. K. Brkich read nomination letter. She will mail the award to him.

Rod Nave Award to Selman Herschfield, University of Florida. K. Brkich read nomination letter. She will mail the award to him.

Eddie Griffin Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Position Paper to Heather Rudolph, University of Georgia. Heather read her paper to the audience.

No faculty position papers were submitted.

2013 Past President Service and Leadership Award to Alejandro Gallard, Georgia Southern University. (Golf trophy rather than plaque.) He shared brief remarks and asked that abstracts be sent to him at agallard@georgiasouthern.edu for publication at his Georgia Center for Education Renewal website.

The President introduced the Keynote Speaker, Rose Pringle, University of Florida whose address was titled, "Toward appropriateness and equity in science education: An ethnographic journey from the Deep South to the South."

Excerpt: "Students need cultural capital to learn science which is appropriate, acceptable, and equitable. Rose closed with, "Houston, we still have a problem in science education. We need a re-imagining of practice."

The President presented Rose with a plaque.

The outgoing President introduced the President-Elect, Mike Dentzau, Columbus State University, for a preview of the SASTE 2015 conference to be held at the Oxbow Environmental Learning Center. No date or theme has been set. Mike stated, dryly, "I will work closely with the ASTE Representative." He invited input from the audience and SASTE members for a conference theme.

The incoming President thanked the audience for coming and closed the meeting.

-Minutes recorded by Randy Spaid

CONFERENCE AND FINANCIAL REPORT

Annual Conference Comparative Data

	2006 (Mercer University)	2007 (Valdosta State University)	2008 (University of South Carolina)	2009 (Kennesaw)	2010 (Georgia State/Agnes Scott)	2011 (University of Georgia)	2012 (Macon State College)	2013 (Georgia Southern University)	2014 (Georgia Southern University)
Registrations	103	62	52	85	69	90	35	30	33
Membership only (no conf)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5
Funds Collected	\$ 3774.00	\$2500.00	\$ 2065.00	\$4405.00	\$3835.00	\$4350.00	\$1822.94	\$1936.20	\$2051.50
Funds Spent (including awards)	\$ 2984.80	\$3345.91	\$ 2337.65	\$4393.46	\$4043.18	\$5993.70	\$2539.13	\$1547.36	\$2262.01
Remainder	\$ 789.20	\$ -845.91	\$ - 272.65	\$ 11.54	\$ - 208.18	\$-1643.70	\$-716.19	\$388.84	\$ -210.51

Non-Conference Transactions: -\$98.40 domain name/website annual fee

Financial Information (as of October 11, 2015)

Account information

Funds are deposited into three accounts at the Akron Firefighters Credit Union

Savings account:	\$ 5.06
Checking account:	\$ 342.94
Money Market:	\$ 6,597.59
TOTAL	\$ 6945.59

Dividends Earnings Comparative Data

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Checking Account	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.42	\$ 2.20	\$ 2.29	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$0.00
Money Market	\$ 305.47 (2.89-3.5% APY)	\$ 437.53 (3.21-5.06% APY)	\$169.16 (2.26-2.76% APY)	\$ 46.61 (1.5- 2.0% APY)	\$ 42.98 (0.17-0.75% APY)	\$ 5.46 (0.15% APY)	\$ 5.55 (.10% APY)	\$4.95 (0.15% APY)	\$2.49 (0.15% APY)
TOTAL	\$ 305.50	\$ 375.07	\$171.36	\$ 48.90	\$ 42.98	\$ 5.46	\$ 5.55	\$4.95	\$2.49

Submitted by Courtney A. Howard, Secretary/Treasurer, howardca1@cofc.edu