

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

Date: October 22, 2016

Location: ATOMS Center, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Georgia

Host Institution: Kennesaw State University

SASTE President: Brendan Callahan

Theme: The role of science in today's society

President Brendan Callahan opened the business meeting at 12:20 pm and welcomed the SASTE members to Kennesaw State University. He was followed by Dr. Adrian Epps, Director of the ATOMS Center, who opened the Luncheon with a warm welcome to SASTE members to Kennesaw State University campus. In his welcome, he provided an overview of the ATOMS Center and its relationship to the work done through SASTE. The importance of teacher preparation, and teacher retention for math and science and emphasized the importance of graduate student representation at the SASTE Conference.

Business Meeting: The Business Meeting got underway with a motion to approve the SASTE 2015 Minutes was made by Dr. Charles Eick, and seconded by Dr. Randy Spaid. The SASTE 2015 Minutes were unanimously approved.

Item 1: Dr. Sumitra Himangshu presented the Secretary-Treasurer's Report for 2015-2016. The secretary/treasurer's report was distributed to the attendees and included a fiscal report of conference finances to date.

Item 2: Dr. Mike Dias opened the discussion regarding graduate student representation and referenced consideration of a reduced rate for graduate student membership. After some discussion it was decided that while this would be a way to increase graduate student representation, the decision required feedback from the national organization. Both President Callahan and President-Elect Pecore suggested that ASTE representative, Michael Dentzau, take this matter to the National Meeting for further consideration.

Item 3: President Callahan invited SASTE members to attend the January 12- 14, ASTE Conference 2017, in Des Moines, Iowa. He provided context to the differential between Florida and Michigan or Iowa. Dr. Mike Dias further elaborated on several field trips that will be a part of ASTE 2017. Dr. Dias also shared the reviewer call for JSTE, and informed regarding a new ASTE online journal named Innovations for Science Teacher Education, a journal focused on best practices and innovative ideas by college teachers.

Item 4: There being no nominations for consideration the election of President-Elect was tabled. The Executive Board agreed to send out an electronic vote to the SASTE membership at large.

Item 5: President Callahan introduced incoming president, Dr. John Pecore. Dr. Pecore invited and shared information about SASTE Conference 2017 to be hosted

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by the University of West Florida in Pensacola, Florida. Tentative dates for the Conference are second or third weekend in October 2017. There was some discussion about increasing the member representation from the states of Florida and Mississippi and Louisiana. A Save-the-Date strategy was suggested and also promotion at the ASTE meeting in January 2017.

Item 6: Faculty position paper: presented by Dr. Mary Rebecca Wells of Armstrong Atlantic University, Georgia.

Randy Spaid made a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Seconded by Charles Eick.

Meeting adjourned.

Awards 2016:

John Shrum Award presented to Dr. Randall Spaid (Middle Georgia State University)
Presented by Mike Dias.

Deborah Tippins Mentoring Award presented to Dr. Carolyn Wallace (Kennesaw State University) Presented by Mike Dias

Rod Nave Award presented to Dr. Tom Brown (Cobb County School District)
Presented by Mike Dias

2015 Past President Service and Leadership Award presented to Dr. Michael Dentzau (Columbus State University) by Brendan Callahan

Invitation to next year's conference by 2017 SASTE President John Pecore (University of West Florida). The theme and conference details will be shared post-ASTE meeting.

Submitted by Sumitra Himangshu-Pennybacker, Secretary/Treasurer

SASTE 2016 CONFERENCE AND FINANCIAL REPORT

Annual Conference Comparative Data *(past 6 years)*

	2011 (University of Georgia)	2012 (Macon State College)	2013 (Georgia Southern University)	2014 (Georgia Southern University)	2015 (Columbus State University)	2016 (Kennesaw State University)
Registrations	90	35	30	33	41	17
Membership only (no conference)	-	-	1	5	1	1
Funds Collected	\$4350.00	\$1822.94	\$1936.20	\$2051.50	\$2167.16	\$1240.00
Funds Spent (including awards)	\$5993.70	\$2539.13	\$1547.36	\$2262.01	\$1800.66	\$1293.96
Balance	-\$1643.70	-\$716.19	\$388.84	-\$210.51	\$366.50	-\$53.96

****Non-Conference Transactions: -\$122.40 domain name/website annual fee**

Financial Information Account information *Funds are deposited into checking account at Robins Financial Credit Union*

Balance Pre-Conference September 2016: \$7345.65

SASTE Conference 2016 Income: \$1240.00

SASTE Conference 2016 Expenses: \$1293.96

Current Balance (January 2017): \$7169.29

NOTE: Yellow Highlighted = conference expenditure exceeds income.