

Southeastern Association for Science Teacher Education (SASTE) Annual Business Meetings and Luncheon 2017

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Date: October 14, 2017 **Location:** Pensacola Beach, Pensacola, FL **Host Institution:** University of West Florida **SASTE President:** John Pecore **Theme:** Citizen Science, Policy and Public Scholarship

Business Meeting:

President John Pecore opened the business meeting at 12:39 pm and welcomed the SASTE members to Pensacola, FL. He then invited the members and presenters gathered to join in the luncheon and commenced the Business meeting.

Item 1: The Business Meeting got underway with a motion to approve the SASTE 2016 and ASTE 2017 Minutes - motion made by Dr. Jennifer Mesa, and seconded by Dr. Michael Dentzau. Both SASTE 2016 and ASTE 2017 Minutes were unanimously approved.

Item 2: President Pecore announced that the ASTE 2018 and 2019 meetings are to be held in Baltimore, MD and Savannah, GA, respectively. He encouraged all SASTE members to register and attend both ASTE meetings, especially the ASTE 2019, since it is to be held in the southeastern part of USA.

Dr. Sumitra Himangshu-Pennybacker presented the Secretary-Treasurer's Report for 2016-2017. The secretary/treasurer's report was distributed to the attendees and included a fiscal report of conference finances to date. [*NOTE: Income from 2017 Conference Registrations = \$2126.60 {as of 10.31.2017}; Expense for 2017 Conference = \$1,774.87 {as of 10.14.17}, Net Profit from 2017 Conference = \$ 351.73}. Balance in SASTE Business Account should be \$7,413.55, approximately [after PayPal account transfer].*]

Item 3: This was followed by presentations of following Awards by Dr. John Pecore.

John Shrum Award presented to Dr. Mary Atwater (University of Georgia) accepted in absentia by Dr. Mike Dias. Dr. Dias read Dr. Atwater's impressive bio with respect to her contributions to science, engineering, and related fields. Dr. Dias will present the plaque to Dr. Atwater at the January 2018 ASTE Meeting, and in the meantime would send her a congratulatory note by email.

Rod Nave Award presented to Dr. Matthew Schwartz (University of West Florida).

2016 Past President Service and Leadership Award presented to Dr. Brendan Callahan (Kennesaw State University).

Deborah Tippins Mentoring Award - no nominations for 2017.

New Business:

Item 4: Dr. Mike Dias opened the discussion regarding nomination of a new ASTE representative, and nominated Dr. Jennifer Mesa (University of West Florida). Dr. Mesa was unanimously voted to be the ASTE representative for 2018. [Dr. Michael Dentzau served as ASTE representative until 2017].

Item 5: As per official by-laws, Dr. Ryan Walker (Mississippi State University) was welcomed as the incoming president for 2018-2019 and announced that the SASTE 2018 Conference will be held at the McLan Center in Birmingham, AL.

Item 6: Dr. Stacy Britton (University of West Georgia) accepted the nomination for SASTE President-Elect for 2018-2019.

Item 7: President Pecore mentioned the need for a new WebMaster to maintain the SASTE website. Dr. Randy Spaid had helped create and maintain the website until 2016, and Dr. Pecore had helped subsume the SASTE website into the ASTE portal and maintained it for the 2017 Conference. Dr. Pecore also recommended reviewing the by-laws to expand the roles and responsibilities of the Executive Committee, so that the conference-related work was shared, and not merely the responsibility of the President.

Given that the gathering consisted of a combination of some SASTE members and other presenters, both Dr. Mike Dias, and Dr. Michael Dentzau recommended an electronic vote be sent to include all SASTE members at large.

Item 8: Dr. Pecore made a motion to adjourn the business meeting and invited Dr. Natalie King (Georgia State University) to present the Faculty Position Paper.

Meeting adjourned at 1:06pm

Submitted by Sumitra Himangshu-Pennybacker,
Secretary/Treasurer, SASTE 2017