Minutes of the Spring Executive Committee Meeting
Tuskegee University, Kellogg Conference Center
February 22, 2012
7:30 PM

1. Seven Trustees were in attendance at the Executive Committee meeting.
2. Motion was made to accept the AMSTI regions as the new AJAS regions contingent upon approval of the AJAS.
3. 2nd V-President is working on the nominations and will have the list of nominees by next week.
4. The Treasurer’s report, which was compiled on February 10th, shows a 5 month period where expenses exceeded income by $1,200. After the close of pre-registration on February 15th, the funds from PayPal were transferred to the AAS checking account. This includes $4,184 in membership dues and $4,300 in pre-registration fees, which was transferred to Tuskegee. In addition, $935 in dues checks was received and deposited. A check in the amount of $3,740 from the 2011 South Regional science fair is in the mail. The balance in the report does not reflect these amounts received after the Treasurer’s report was done on February 10th.
5. AJAS has had a very active year with a lot of input from the senior academy. The AJAS website has been greatly updated with a lot of useful information.
6. A motion was made and approved that the $200 expense allocation to the science fair students attending the international science fair not require receipts. Instead, this allocation is to be viewed as an expense stipend.
7. Motion was made and approved to accept the Travel Awards recommendations.
8. Motion was made and approved to accept the Research Awards recommendations.
9. Motion was made and approved to expand the coordination of the senior academy with the junior academy to include the Science and Engineering Fair and Science Olympiad programs. This can be easily facilitated through the AMSTI regional van drivers.
10. Motion was made and approved to initiate fund raising for the Mason Fellowship program. Ken Marion, Mike Moeller, Jim Bradley, and Adrianne Ludwick will serve as the committee. The email received from Bill Mason’s daughter will be forwarded to the committee.
11. Jim Bradley presented the proposal to hold the 2014 annual AAS meeting at Auburn University in the Auburn University Hotel Conference Center. Motion was made and approved that the site for the 2014 annual meeting will be at Auburn. The tentative date is March 12-14, 2014. The 2013 annual meeting will be held in March at Samford University in Birmingham, AL.
12. Committee on Science and Public Policy raised the issues surrounding HB 133 which would authorize providing high school graduation elective credit for enrollment in creationism classes off campus. The Executive Committee moved and it was approved to ask Scott Brande to write a position statement for the Academy as more information becomes available.
13. Motion was made and approved to accept the new logo for the AJAS contingent upon approval by AJAS.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.