

Florida Foundations for Future Scientists  
Fall RSEF Directors/FFFS Board of Directors  
Annual Fall Meeting  
September 5, 2014  
Holiday Inn Airport, Orlando, Florida  
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 2:31PM by Bill Hershleb.

Bill Hershleb welcomed and thanked everyone for going through the intense workshop sessions today.

In Maia McGuire's absence, Bill Hershleb asked if there were any revisions to the Fall meeting's minutes. Tom Dann made the motion to accept the minutes and were multiple seconds the motion which passed with a unanimous vote.

Spring Minutes- Motion Paul Becht , Seconded Karen Malesky.

Bill Vernetsen reviewed the treasurers report (14) reporting the our income last year was Rick Tully made the motion to accept the report and Paul Becht seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous vote.

#### Adjunct Programs

Florida Junior Academy of Science (Pat Zalo). Florida Jr Academy for Science- In St. Leo March 21<sup>st</sup> 2015. Only way for a student can present at AAAS.

Intel ISEF: California and New York only states winning more awards than Florida. Intel ISEF Statistics report submitted by Pat Zalo.

2014 Intel Science Talent Search/Siemens Westinghouse (Pat Zalo). Very few students enter Siemens. Timeline is an issue. Only Seniors are allowed if they are individual projects. Juniors can enter as teams. Talent search apps should be entered soon.

2014 BroadCom MASTERS (Nancy Besley). Nancy reported that Florida had 31 entries and five finalists who have won the trip to Washington DC. She reminded RSEF Directors that this opportunity is made available through the Intel ISEF affiliation.

Florida Association of Science Teachers (Nancy Besley). If you want to volunteer for the NSTA conference in November 6-8, see Nancy.

Bingham Environmental Education Foundation (Paul Becht). Has been merged with CPET. Paul also shared information regarding a new program sponsored by Embry Riddle as a dual enrollment program where teachers become certified adjunct instructors to teach at the secondary education level. College credit can be given to the students. Scholarship program offered to pay up to the total tuition cost of Embry Riddle. Search for Aerospace Career Academy on the Embry Riddle website.

Florida Department of Education – Office of Math/Science. Heidi Brennan shared that standards are being reviewed. Discussed the science credits needed of high school students in order to graduate. If AP bio test is not passed, student must pass bio EOC. Textbook adoption has been pushed to the 2016-2017 school year, possibly later. Took many questions from those present on specific questions regarding courses offered, credit given and other questions concerning standards.

Dr. Mary Jo Koroly, CPET - UF: 250 teachers have come through programs (yay!). New funding was approved for teacher research internships. Upcoming programs: Mini-med school, managing a global epidemic Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, first come, first served. Symposium on the 25-27<sup>th</sup> of January is not just for seniors who want to speak at the State fair/conference. Others who are interested in speaking at fairs/conferences.

Final Committee Reports for the 2014 SSEF: A written report is provided by each Chairperson  
Scientific Review Committee – Sharon Suits report is in the minutes. Need a lot of volunteers. Very successful. 29 PFTQ and 19 cleared! 9 were no shows, only ONE FTQ!

Logistics/ Display and Safety – Danny Thomas said 2014 was a great year. Set-up was great. 812 projects and there were 49 no shows. Table projects vs floor projects (9 times in the last year). Only the student can set up their own project. Only had 11 volunteers, need more. Public review, several hundred came. Danny Thomas thanked those who helped with the public review.

JASON: Nancy Besley reviewed the process for nominating high school juniors and seniors to present their experience at the opening ceremony at the SSEF. Regions should nominate students who want to speak at the fair. 6 will be chosen to speak.

Judging: Bill Hershleb said judging was done and it worked!

Shoptalks: Jacqua Ballas reported that professional training is available to the adults during the judging periods. Last year there were sessions on, Snap Crackle and Pop, SRC, and Common Core. Gift Cards were given, it was great! She would appreciate applications to present a shoptalk at the 2015 SSEF.

Student Mixer: Nancy Besley reported that the Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI) will be the site of the mixer again this year. She said that they have a lot to offer and the students enjoy themselves.

Photography: Susan sent a report, thank you for your work! Need volunteers taking photos on the floor as well as behind the curtain during the awards ceremony. Photo prices may go up. Susan Cole for her dedicated group of volunteers that take pictures of every student during judging and at the Awards Ceremony. She volunteers all of her time to put these photos on a website and takes care of the orders. Each year these photos provide additional funds to FFFS.

Awards: Nancy Besley reported that students really go after special awards. We offered \$1.2 million dollars in scholarship nominations. We are still looking for more scholarships. Forty-four percent of the finalists receive place awards.

### Update for the 60<sup>th</sup> State Science & Engineering Fair

Nancy Besley reported that the state funding of \$72,000 as a legislative line item was appropriated. The FDACS funds were not appropriated

### New Business

Bill Hershleb explained that the Hendry County property was donated to FFFS years ago and when we needed money a loan was taken with the property as collateral. This loan is now being repaid. This property is for sale and some interest has been expressed according to the realtor. \$225,000 listed. Realtors suggest to list it at \$185,000 Pat Zalo so moved, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Dann. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

### Resolutions for 9/5/14 FFFS Board Meeting:

After consideration of the current members of the Board by the Members, the following resolution was adopted by the majority affirmative vote of the Members:

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the following members of the board of directors from the class of 2014 shall be elected, qualified and seated as the Class of 2018:

Class of 2018 (4 year term)

- Bill Vernetson, Treasurer
- Paul Becht
- Karen Malesky, Judging Committee
- Joyce Bervaldi, Judging Committee
- Joyce Brennan
- Jane Hart
- Donna Henry
- Rick Tully, SRC Executive Committee

2. After consideration of the nominations for directors by the Members, the following resolution was adopted by the unanimous/majority affirmative vote of the Members

• BE IT RESOLVED, the Members duly nominated, and hereby elect and approve the following individuals to serve corporation as new directors for a term of four years. Motion by Tom Dann and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Vernetson.

List 2 new members – Guytri Still and Claudia Rowe

### Non-Election Year

After consideration of the current officers of the corporation by the Board, the following resolution was adopted by the majority affirmative vote of the Board.

3. RESOLVED, the Board hereby ratifies and approves the following current officers of the corporation who served during the past year and shall continue to serve until his or her successors are duly elected, qualified and seated. Motion by Tom Dann and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Becht

Bill Hershleb, Chairman of the FFFS Board

Nancy Besley, Executive Director

Bill Vernetson, Treasurer

Maia McGuire, Secretary

After consideration of the corporation's business and operation by the Members and the Board, the following resolution was adopted by the majority affirmative vote of the Members and the Board:

4. RESOLVED, the Members and the Board hereby ratify and approve all lawful actions taken by the Board and offices during the past year.

Motion by Sharon Suits and 2nd by Nancy Yurko.

Chairman's Comments and Summary

Bill Hershleb thanked everyone for their dedication to help our students be successful. He adjourned the meeting at 3:18 PM.

*These minutes are respectfully submitted by Sandra McCoy in Maia McGuire's Absence.*