Minutes
American Academy of Sanitarians
Board of Director’s Meeting
Wednesday, December 16, 2020

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Present:

Brian Collins - Chair
Vince Radke – Vice Chair
Welford Roberts – Executive Secretary
Wendall Moore – Immediate Past Chair
Gary Noonan – Treasurer
Eric Bradley
James Balsamo
Jason Finley
Robert Powitz

Absent: Michele Samarya – Timm (voted by Proxy)

Quorum: Yes

II. Moment of Silence/Remembrance

Collins

In memory and remembrance of Diplomates:

Dr. Sheila D. Pressley - DAAS #567
Dr. Carolyn H. Harvey – DAAS #574
CAPT. Bruce Chelikowsky – DAAS #409

III. Approval of Agenda

Collins

Item VII. B. GEHS Credential removed from Agenda as Diplomate Treser could not
attend the meeting.

Agenda approved unanimously with removal of item VII. B. as motioned by Diplomate
Laureate Balsamo and Second by Diplomate Laureate Powitz.
IV. Approval of Annual Business Meeting Minutes  

Annual Business Meeting (ABM) Minutes were not available. Past Chair Diplomate Moore, current Chair Diplomate Collins and Treasurer Diplomate Laureate Noonan agreed to aggregate notes and provide ABM Minutes to Executive Secretary Diplomate Laureate Roberts for the February Board of Director’s meeting.

V. Principal Officers Reports  

Chair Diplomate Collins reported on activities undertaken on behalf of the Academy since matriculation to Chair September 2020.

Vice Chair Diplomate Radke reported on activities undertaken on behalf of the Academy since Election to Vice Chair at the ABM.

Executive secretary Diplomate Laureate Roberts reported on activities and transition efforts between he and Treasurer Diplomate Laureate Noonan.

VI. Treasurers Report  

Treasurer Diplomate Laureate Noonan reported on Financial Accounts held by the Academy. Total Academy Assets as of 12/15/20 are $102,238.84. A separate John Todd Account was discussed and with approximately $6500 in the account. Noonan also reported payment to NEHA for a booth in 2019 will carry over to the 2022 AEC and inquired as to how AAS/NEHA Scholarship donations on Colorado Gives Day is apportioned. Chair Collins will inquire of NEHA.

VII. Old Business  

A.) Board Status  

Chair Collins reported elected and appointed positions on the Board and highlighted vacancies. The document was provided to the Executive Secretary and Treasurer with copies to the Vice Chair and Past Chair. Executive Secretary Roberts updated and posted to the website.

B.) GEHS Status – Removed from Agenda.

C.) AAS/NEHA/AEHAP/EHAC Collaborations  

Vice Chair Diplomate Laureate Radke reported AAS has agreements with NEHA/AEHAP/EHAC regarding scholarship opportunities, mentoring exchange opportunities, Government Affairs (NEHA) and development of a profession - encompassing statement on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Radke recommended the Academy continue collaboration with NEHA/AEHAP/EHAC and communicate often.

D.) AAS Journal of Environmental Health Articles
Director Bradley indicated the article "A Call to Arms" provided to NEHA on behalf of the Academy was published in the December 2020 JEH. Director Bradley indicated there is one article written regarding student attendance at AEC's in the hopper. The Board suggested the article be amended and adapted to angle "virtual" attendance. Chair Collins agreed to contact a Virtual Conference Manager to include the new perspective for the April/May issue. Director Bradley solicited new article submittals for the December 2021 JEH.

VIII. New Business

Moore/Collins

A.) Board of Director's Appointee Nominees

Past Chair Diplomate Moore indicated four (4) nominees provided letters of interest and background for consideration and appointment. Diplomate Keith Allen, Diplomate Laureate James Dingman, Diplomate Wendy Fanaselle and Diplomate Timothy Murphy were vetted and placed into contention for one term of two years and one term of three years. A vote was convened with greater than a two-thirds majority secured for Diplomate Wendy Fanaselle (two-year term) and Diplomate Timothy Murphy (three-year term).

B.) Chair Appointments to Committees

Chair Diplomate Collins advised consent of, and appointment to Chairs of the following committees:

Finance – Diplomate Laureate Roberts
Nominations – Diplomate Moore
Credentialing – Diplomate Finley
Scholarship, Student and Career Advancement – Diplomate Balsamo
Awards – Diplomate Fanaselle
Ad Hoc Strategic Planning – Diplomate Laureate Powitz
Ad Hoc Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – Diplomate Moore
Ad Hoc Communications – Diplomate Laureate Samarya – Timm
Ad Hoc Constitution and Bylaws – Diplomate Laureate Dingman

Chair Collins indicated notice would be officially provided to each Chair with an attached "One Pager" describing Committee charges.
IX. Review of Objectives 

Collins

Chair Diplomate Collins deferred the Agenda item.

X. Open Discussion 

Board

Chair Diplomate Collins asked for topics which might need to be included for next meeting. Director Diplomate Laureate Balsamo inquired as to when appointed Directors take office (immediately) and when his term expires (07/21). Treasurer and Diplomate Laureate Noonan asked that Chair Collins and Credentialing Committee Chair Diplomate Finley discuss roles of the committee. Further discussion: DLAAS credentials are approved by a Committee of DLAAS credential members. Diplomate Laureate Powitz asked that contact information be provided for Board and Committee Chairs. This was discussed and agreed could be put together with a brief bio/photo for the webpage but not assigned.

XI. Next Meetings 

Collins

Board Meeting – February 10, 2020 4:00pm ET

General Membership Meeting – March 10, 2020 4:00pm ET

XII. Adjournment 

Collins

Meeting adjourned ~ 6:40pm ET.

Respectfully submitted: Brian Collins, DAAS, Chair  Date: 12/30/20

Approved: Board  Date: 02/10/21

Executive Secretary:  Date: