



PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE
PAS Business Meeting Agenda
Harrisburg University of Science and Technology
Room 621
April 12, 2025
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

- Welcoming Remarks – Call to Order at 12:07 pm, quick introductions
- Approval – Minutes Saturday Business Meeting April 13, 2024
 - Minutes were approved
- Business to discuss during the meeting:
 - Officer Reports Overview:
 1. President: Tammy Tintjer
 - a. Welcome
 - b. Invitation to participate
 - c. Future meetings:
 - i. 2026- Misericordia University, Dallas PA
 - ii. More discussion to come at the Board Meeting on Sunday April 14 at 8 am in 203 and 211C
 2. Immediate Past President: André Walther
 - a. Darbaker Prize: endowed fund for faculty working in microscopical biology (more info on PAS website)
 - b. \$1500 grant with \$500 more awarded if work is submitted to the Academy journal for publication
 - c. Application will open on May 1, 2025
 3. Journal Editor: Yiben Wang
 - a. Because of recent transitions, publications are behind schedule
 - b. Next publication will be out in July
 - c. Call for JPAS submissions and for reviewers (QR code posted in room links to a Form that faculty can fill out to indicate reviewing interests/expertise)
 4. Education Chair: Dave Singleton
 - a. Student research grant proposals: 41 proposals from 22 institutions submitted this year (30% increase over last year)
 - b. Thank you to faculty who reviewed proposals and gave feedback

- c. Previously, budgets were maxed out at \$750. Because of the large number of proposals, budgets were decreased to \$600 so that as many proposals as possible could be funded. This increase in competition is likely a positive.
 - d. Travel grants: almost 100 requests this year; these requests have been increasing over the last several years; the PAS Board is prioritizing these and requests will all be reimbursed (per institution).
 - i. Discussion of travel grant need: Some institutions will only supply funds if all students apply for travel funding. Institutions are decreasing internal funding, so fewer students can attend. One member expressed worry about students competing internally to attend the meeting, even though all of their work is robust. When students can't get funding, most of them can't provide their own funding. It supports the academy if more students attend and members indicated dedication to making attendance available for as many students as possible, without pulling too much money from research grants. Could institutions (or a faculty member from each institution) apply for funding for all of their students together. One member suggested that hotel costs could be decreased by coordinating across institutions; sometimes there are situations where student gender groups are unbalanced from one institution, adding to hotel room costs. The website could include a Form where students/faculty can express interest. Some students and faculty are paying up front for their hotel and travel costs and hoping to be reimbursed by travel grant. Accommodations are the highest cost, plus travel for folks traveling farther.
 - ii. The consensus was that it would be easier for faculty to apply for all of the students as a group, rather than individual students applying.
5. Sychala Awards Chairs: Christopher Dolanc, Michael Foulk
- a. Double check that you are entering the correct abstract numbers and faculty PIN number while
 - b. This year, Women in Science Oral awards will be funded by STEM Up Network (top 3 awards). Sychala funds will be

used for poster presentation awards. Monetary amounts will match across oral and poster winners.

6. Call for comments from the membership.
 - a. Please come to registration and get some free books! For two books available for purchase, Andre and Bona can take money.
 - b. Joy Karnas: Trivia contest will run on Sunday between final sessions and awards ceremony. Please have teams of three students sign up at the registration table by Sunday morning. One team per institution.
 - c. Bob Helm (PJAS): Four of the top PJAS presenters are presenting at PAS this year (this is a pilot program). This is a great new partnership and he is looking forward to continuing this relationship.
 - d. Future meetings: April can be difficult, and busy for faculty. February is too early. March can be doable, but Spring Break timing is an issue (meetings scheduled for mid-March in the past had lower attendance).
7. Call for nominations and Election of Board Members (slate below)
 - a. from Amy Parente: nomination for Director at Large:
Amber Marble
 - b. Self-nomination from Rob Mishur for Director-at-Large
 - c. Self-nomination from Mitch Powers for Director-at-Large
 - d. Discussion followed about terms of Director-at-Large positions, and a final decision will be made later. Should the position Yiben Wang is leaving be a replacement one-year term to finish his term? Or should the term start over for a usual 2-year term?

2025 PAS OFFICERS & Elections Slate*:

ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS:

- President: Tammy Tintjer (2024-2026; Past-President 2026-2028)
- Past-President: André Walther (2024-2026)
- President Elect: Rachael Zhu (2024-2026) (President 2026-2028; Past-President 2028-2030)
- PJAS Director: Robert Helm (elected by PJAS)
- Treasurer: Valbonna Hoxha (2024-2026)
- Treasurer-Elect: Monique Rogals (2024-2026; Treasurer 2026-2028)
- Recording Secretary: Jenny Hayden (2024-2026)
- **Editor in Chief: Yiben Wang (2025-2028)**
- **Corresponding Secretary/Membership Chair: Chris Kavanau (2025-2027)**
- Webmaster and Archivist: Andrea Nagy (2024-2026)
- AAAS/NAAS Representative: K. Joy Karnas (2024-2026)
 - Directors at Large: **Robert Coxe (2025-2027), Angela Asirvatham (2025-2027), Amber Marble am2031@wilson.edu (2025-2027), Rob Mishur (2025-2027), Mitch Powers mpowers@gettysburg.edu (2025-2027), Kelly Orlando korlando1@immaculata.edu (2024-2026)**
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- ~~Yiben Wang (2024-2026)~~ (moving to Journal Editor), Rajinikanth Mohan (2024-2026), Catherine Santai (2024-2026), (2024-2026), Luciana Caporaletti (2024-2026)

*The election slate is in **RED**.

APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS:

- Finance and Investments co-Chairs: Amy Parente, Matthew Wallace (appointed)
- Education Chair: David Singleton (appointed)
- Annual Meeting Program Co-Chairs: Jenny Hayden (appointed), Rachael Zhu (appointed)
- Media Content Editor: Erica Ward (appointed)
- Affiliate Chair: Lara Goudsouzian
- Spychala Awards Chair: Christopher Dolanc and Michael Foulk (appointed)

- Book Editor: Giancarlo Cuadra (appointed) Assistant Book Editor:
- Assistant Journal Editor: Logan Johnson

Meeting adjourned at 1:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenny Hayden, Recording Secretary