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## President's Corner

-Erica Penn

### Happy New Year!

1/16/14. We look forward to a wonderful year, filled with opportunity and promise in the fields of science and disability-related successes. I would like to share with everyone about 2 very promising meetings coming up, and encourage everyone join us! The first meeting coming up will be the AAAS Science & Human Rights Coalition Meeting, held at AAAS headquarters in Washington, D.C. on January 27-28, 2014. This meeting will cover Disability Rights and Accessing the Benefits of Scientific Progress and Its Applications.

In addition, our annual FSD meeting will be held in conjunction with the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Annual Meeting (see box at right).

Erica

### **FSD Student Grant Awardees since**

**1990**

- 1990** Wendy Pava, Birgit Wolz, Elaine Hall
- 1991** Kevin Wilkins, Shan Ming Lee
- 1992** Meghal Antani, Lynn Hanninen, Mara Frohlinger
- 1993** David Fass, William Hylton
- 1995** Chris Tromborg
- 1996** Anne-Michelle Singleton
- 1997** Leslie Harper
- 1998** Maura O'Modhrain
- 1999** Joseph Barbera, Byunggyoo Kim
- 2000** Jennifer Last
- 2001** Cassandra Quave
- 2002** My Lien Nguyen
- 2003** Mark Woods
- 2004** Jessica Mahood
- 2005** Cheryl Fogle
- 2007** Melodi King
- 2008** Ryan McKindles
- 2009** Emma Sacks
- 2010** Shaun Kane
- 2011** Lisa Dunning
- 2012** Kim Yeoman
- 2013** Naomi Delventhal

**The next annual meeting of FSD is 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, Friday, February 15, 2014 on Skyway 261 in the Hyatt Regency, Chicago, IL.**

## January 2014

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### Student Science Grant Committee Report 2014

The Committee (Angela Foreman, Erica Penn, Laureen Summers, and Richard Mankin) reviewed five applications and selected Amy Elizabeth Nichols, a PhD student in biology at Virginia Tech to receive a \$1000 grant in support of research on "Impact of evolutionary history on litter decomposition.

Submitted 2/14/14

Richard Mankin

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## FOUNDATION FOR SCIENCE AND DISABILITY (FSD)

### Annual Meeting Minutes

10:00 AM -12:00 PM, Friday, February 15, 2013

Resource Room for AAAS Annual Meeting Participants with Disabilities

Hynes Convention Center  
Boston, Massachusetts

#### Attendees

Erica Penn, Angela Foreman, Laureen Summers, Ric Weibl, Yoshiko Miwa, Dhara Kothavala, Christopher Andersen, Allan Sampson, Betty Ingram, Richard Mankin

**Call to Order/Introductions**-Erica Penn

Erica Penn, President, discussed activities of the Foundation for Science and Disability during 2012 and presented her goals for the next term. Notable activities in which FSD members participated included 1) continuation of ongoing programs such as the annually awarded student grants and the Foundation's Facebook and LinkedIn pages; 2) broadened interactions with other organizations and committees that have shared goals, such as the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Committee on Opportunities in Science (COOS), and the Women with Disabilities in STEM Workshop held at Gallaudet University.; 3) organization of a symposium by Imke Durre (member of COOS and FSD) on contributions of citizen scientists to climate science.

Erica also discussed possibilities for development of new services or projects that could benefit students and career professionals with disabilities who are working in STEM fields.

Other attendees introduced themselves, including Laureen Summers and Ric Weibl of AAAS; Angela Foreman of Sapphire Executives, LLC; Richard Mankin of the US Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service; Dhara Kothavala, graduate student at Arizona State University; Chris Andersen, Director of the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Initiative at The Ohio State University, Allan Sampson in the Department of Biostatistics at University of Pittsburgh, and Yoshiko Miwa, a freelance science writer in Japan. Dhara has been associated with the Environmental Careers Organization, which provided internships to students in environmental research fields. Yoshiko has been writing about disability issues in Japan and also has been involved with Citizen Science Initiative Japan. Ric Weibl noted that several articles had been posted in AAAS Member Central that are relevant to disability issues.

· Minutes - February 17, 2012 (Vancouver, BC). The minutes from the Vancouver meeting were discussed and approved.

**Treasurer Report- Angela Foreman**

**Foundation For Science and Disability Treasurer Report**

February 13, 2012-January 1, 2013

|                       | 2012               | 2013                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Assets:</b>        |                    |                               |
| Cash on Hand          | \$8,856.03         | \$8,909.70                    |
| <b>Total Assets</b>   | <b>\$8,956.03</b>  | <b>\$8,909.70</b>             |
| <b>Income:</b>        |                    |                               |
| Dues                  | \$ 525.00          | \$ 50.00                      |
| Contributions         | \$ 530.01          | \$14,000.00 (Ed Keller Trust) |
| <b>Total Income</b>   | <b>\$1,055.01</b>  | <b>\$14,050.00</b>            |
| <b>Expenses:</b>      |                    |                               |
| Student awards        | \$1,000.00         | \$1,000.                      |
| Bank fees             | \$ 1.34            |                               |
| <b>Total expenses</b> | <b>\$1,001.34</b>  | <b>\$1,000.</b>               |
| <b>Net Income:</b>    | <b>\$ 53.67</b>    | <b>\$13,050.00</b>            |
| <b>Net Balance:</b>   | <b>\$ 8,909.70</b> | <b>\$21,959.70</b>            |

The Foundation for Science and Disability appreciates the gift from Edward Keller Jr., a longstanding member and officer of our organization.

· Student Science Grant Committee report-2013-Richard Mankin

The committee reviewed 4 completed applications. The numbers of applicants decreased this year after several years of consistent increases.

Naomi Delventhal, a graduate student in the department of Biology at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada, was selected by the committee to be awarded a \$1000 grant for work on a project involving the phylogenetic relationships among *Callogobius* species in the Gobiidae family of fishes.

It was moved, seconded, and approved that a \$1000 grant be awarded to Naomi Delventhal.

**New Business**

It was announced that Angela Foreman had been elected for a second term as Treasurer of FSD.

It was moved, seconded, and approved that Erica Penn be nominated to a second term as President of FSD. Ballots will be sent out in the next newsletter.

Erica Penn noted that she had been a participant in a videotaped interview during the President's Reception at the AAAS Annual Meeting on February 14, and she had described some of the activities of the Foundation for Science and Disability in the interview.

Richard Mankin noted that Ian King of AAAS had suggested in the AAAS-COOS meeting, February 13-14, 2013, that committee members might prepare up to 8 stories about diversity issues the COOS committee addresses which could be contributed to MemberCentral (membercentral.aaas.org). It was moved, seconded, and approved that a subcommittee (Richard, Erica, Angela, and Imke) discuss this topic further by email and write up a story related to activities of scientists with disabilities.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM. Submitted by Richard Mankin, March 5, 2013

Treasurer Report for 2014 Annual meeting:

### Foundation For Science and Disability Treasurer Report

January 1, 2013-January 19, 2014

|                       | 2014               | 2013                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Assets:</b>        |                    |                               |
| Cash on Hand          | \$21,959.70        | \$8,909.70                    |
| <b>Total Assets</b>   | <b>\$21,959.70</b> | <b>\$8,909.70</b>             |
| <b>Income:</b>        |                    |                               |
| Dues                  | \$ 275             | \$ 50.00                      |
| Contributions         | \$ 755             | \$14,000.00 (Ed Keller Trust) |
| <b>Total Income</b>   | <b>\$ 1,030</b>    | <b>\$14,050.00</b>            |
| <b>Expenses:</b>      |                    |                               |
| Student awards        | \$ 1,000           | \$1,000.                      |
| <b>Total expenses</b> | <b>\$ 1,000</b>    | <b>\$1,000.</b>               |
| <b>Net Income:</b>    | <b>\$ 30</b>       | <b>\$13,050.00</b>            |
| <b>Net Balance:</b>   | <b>\$21,989.70</b> | <b>\$21,959.70</b>            |

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## Foundation for Science and Disability 2014 Ballot

**President** (beginning 2014):

\_\_\_\_\_ Erica Penn

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Erica Penn is a scientist at BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company), Sparks, MD. She has served for three years as the President of the Foundation for Science and Disability. She is an advisor to the American Association for the Advancement of Science Committee on Opportunities in Science.

Please mail or email your selection by February 28, 2014 to

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**FSD**

The Foundation for Science and Disability (<http://stemd.org>) was founded in 1978 to promote the integration of persons with disabilities into the mainstream of the scientific community. A major focus of FSD has been the removal of barriers that restrict opportunities to develop careers and conduct scientific research. The Foundation also provides grants to students with disabilities who are conducting research in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics.

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Dues Schedule:

Student      \$5.00

Regular      \$25.00

Contribution \_\_\_\_\_

Total      \_\_\_\_\_

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