Dear Members and Friends,

Please don't let summer slip away without catching up on OAS news, programs and events that took place recently!

Annual Meeting 2016

The Ohio Academy of Science celebrated its 125th Annual Meeting on April 16 at Ohio University. More than 20 different colleges and universities were represented by students and professionals alike. The event was hosted by Dr. Michele Morrone, Professor, Department of Social & Public Health. The 2016 theme was Environment, Health and Sustainability.

Dr. Richard Woychik (see below), Deputy Director, NIEHS and Principal Investigator delivered the keynote lecture, "Promoting Game Changing Science in Environmental Health"
Dr. Michael Herschler was recognized by the OAS Board of Trustees with title of Honorary Life Member. Michael has been a member of the Academy since 1966 and became a Fellow in 1993 and Life Member in 1994. He began serving the Academy as Treasurer in 1993 through 2016, except for a period of four years (2003-2006), when Michael served as President-Elect, President and Past-President.

Dr. Vicki A. Motz, Assistant Professor of Biology, Ohio Northern University and Dr. Brian McEnnis, Faculty Emeritus OSU-Marion, were both made Fellows in The Ohio Academy of Science. Fellows are recognized for their special service to the Academy and for their scientific contributions. Vicki is actively involved as a State Science Day Judge, a reviewer for the Ohio EPA Scholarship Award, Annual Meeting Abstracts, Governor’s Awards, Melvin Awards and a referee for The Ohio Journal of Science. For many years Brian continues to serve as the District 3 Chair, (OSU-Marion) for District Science Day and is the Director of the OAS Junior Academy Council where he is responsible for leading the JAC as a means of discovering and fostering ability and interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics among students in grades 5-12. A big responsibility indeed! Congratulations to you both!

Vicki can been seen receiving her fellowship from OAS President, Dr. Michael Hoggarth.
The Annual Meeting 2017 will be held at the University of Cincinnati on April 7 & 8, 2017. Please mark your calendars. A call for papers will be sent in early-mid August. We look forward to seeing you there!

OAS Undergraduate Research Awards

The undergraduate students from each of the Academy's Institutional Members are considered for The Ohio Academy of Science Undergraduate Research Award. This is a new award (beginning in 2016) that recognizes excellence in undergraduate research. These award winners were chosen by their university or college based on criteria established by the OAS. These awards are presented to underclassmen and are intended as a source of recognition and encouragement for them to pursue engaged learning through research at an early point in their college career. Award winners are provided $100, a certificate of recognition and the opportunity to be connected with the Academy and its members.

Here are the first round recipients of The Ohio Academy of Science Undergraduate Research Award in 2016:

Bowling Green State University - Christopher Hicks, Biological Sciences, "Tracing the Nuclear Dynamics Involved in Carbon-Halogen Bond Cleavage in Real Time".

Lorain County Community College - Catherine Nowlan for multiple research initiatives including LCCC's "Cleveland Whiskey Project".

Notre Dame College - Corinne Kowal, Biology, "Investigating the Role of TOL-1 in C. Elegans Immunity"

Ohio Northern University - Paige Kleindl, Biology, for multiple research projects including "The Ecology of the Tidd-Oakes Farm and Sulfur Springs within the Blanchard River Watershed".

University of Rio Grande - Aaron Landrum, Chemistry, "Determining Whether IL-6 Binds with Myelin to Potentially Cause Demyelination in Transverse
Youngstown State University - (as seen below L-R, with their advisor Dr. Michael Butcher far left), Amanda Svenson, Tyler-Tsangaris-Bratz, Abdel-Ruhman Yusuf and Paije Kiraly, Biological Sciences, "Fiber Type Properties of the Forelimb Muscles of Sloths".

More OAS Undergraduate Research Awards will be announced this fall!

Institutional Membership

Lake Erie College is the newest Institutional Member of The Ohio Academy of Science. Dr. Johnathan Tedesco, Dean of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics is the first member to join under Lake Erie College's sponsorship.

We look forward to hearing great things from the North Coast!

Please see the complete list of Institutional Members and for more information, contact Michael Woytek at mwoytek@ohiosci.org or at 614-488-2228.

The Ohio Journal of Science

Under the leadership of its editors, Dr. Michele Morrone and Dr. Jeffrey McKee, The Ohio Journal of Science continues to referee and publish a growing number of high quality, scientific, research manuscripts. Recently, the OJS was assigned an impact factor of .64.

The OJS publishes and disseminates peer-reviewed
original contributions to education, science, engineering and technology. Although research that is relevant in Ohio is especially encouraged, the editors will consider all submittals that advance the mission of The Ohio Academy of Science to **foster curiosity, discovery and innovation**.

The *OJS* is an open access journal. Members do not pay page charges to publish in the *OJS*.

Please contact the editors at ojs@ohiosci.org for general questions regarding content or appropriateness of submissions.

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The Academy is searching to fill its **CEO Position**. For more information please visit [here](#).

**In parting, please remember the importance of sharing communications.** If you have an event or program that is in need of promotion, please make the Academy aware of it. One of the Academy's objectives is to encourage and assure discovery, understanding, dissemination and practice of education, science, mathematics, engineering, technology and their applications. Please let us know.

Have a great rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

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Michael E. Woytek
Interim-CEO

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