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**MINUTES OF THE 161<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF THE  
ARKANSAS SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MAY 17, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Glen Jones, Chairman of the Board, in the Bessie Moore Board Room, located at 900 W. Capitol Avenue in Little Rock, Arkansas.

A quorum of Board members was present and included: Mr. Bradford Caldwell, Mr. Gary Campbell, Dr. Cesar Compadre, Dr. Carl Frederickson (via phone), Dr. Collis Geren, Mr. Joel Harrison (via phone), Dr. Beverly Lyn-Cook, Mr. Paul Mastro, Mr. Michael Nauman, Mr. Heartsill Ragon and Dr. Robert Sproles.

Staff members present: Ms. Melissa Adams, Mr. Dan Curtis, Mr. James Downs, Mr. Andy Hendricks, Ms. Stephanie Johnson, Dr. Blake Perry, Mr. Chris Snider, Dr. Steve Stanley.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dr. Jones presented for approval the minutes of the March 15, 2013 Board meeting. Dr. Geren moved approval of the minutes as presented. Mr. Mastro seconded the motion; the Board gave its unanimous approval.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Legislative Update**

Dr. Perry briefed the Board on the legislative session. The Authority did well during the session, some of the successes included:

- ✓ A 135% increase in general revenue program funds.
- ✓ A 50% increase in the agency's number of authorized positions (all of which are executive/professional grade with a minimum salary of \$65,000).
- ✓ \$80,000 increase in maintenance and operation general revenue funds.
- ✓ \$1.5 million legislative commitment of general improvement funds for the Arkansas Acceleration Fund.

Also during the session Act 585 was passed, which creates the Council on Post-Secondary Education & Career Readiness. Dr. Perry stated that the Authority will have a place on this council.

### **FY2014 Budget**

Dr. Perry presented for approval the agency's FY2014 budget. Dr. Geren moved approval of the FY2014 budget. Dr. Sproles seconded the motion; the Board gave its unanimous approval.

### **FY2013 Operating Report**

Dr. Perry presented the FY2013 Operating Report. Mr. Caldwell moved acceptance of the operating report. Dr. Sproles seconded the motion; the Board gave its unanimous approval.

### **FY2013 Investment Summary**

Dr. Perry presented the FY2013 Investment Summary. Dr. Perry stated that two counties, Crawford and Howard, were added to the list of counties where the Authority has made investments. Board members expressed interest in seeing the per capita data for project activity, because it appeared some counties were being neglected.

Mr. Ragon moved acceptance of the Investment Summary. Mr. Mastro seconded the motion; the Board gave its unanimous approval.

### **Media Update**

Mr. Downs updated the Board on the latest media coverage concerning the agency. A video about Arkansas EPSCoR was also shared.

### **INDUSTRY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Paul Mastro presented the Industry Committee Report.

During the last three quarters, CORE has been in the mid-sixties and in the green range. AMS is rated a center in "good standing".

The FY14 Cooperative Agreement has been submitted to NIST.

Federal funding for the MEP program appears to be stable for the next year.

AMS currently has several vacancies: three project manager positions and one business development manager position. The positions will be advertised after July 1.

AMS has hired a new accounting supervisor. The candidate is scheduled to begin work on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Manufacturing Day is set for October 4. AMS is planning to hold events across the state. AMS is also hosting a manufacturing exhibit to start May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Museum of Discovery.

### **Draft Resolution 13-29**

Draft Resolution 13-29 would provide funding in an amount not to exceed \$157,547 for field staff and \$10,000 in sub award sponsorships for the following partner activities:

One field staff position at the Delta Center for Economic Development, Arkansas State University in an amount not to exceed \$138,552;

One facility contract at University of Arkansas, to host two AMS field staff in an amount not to exceed \$12,595;

One facility contract at SAUTECH in Camden to host one AMS field staff in an amount not to exceed \$6,400;

Sponsorship of the Arkansas Institute for Performance Excellence program at the Arkansas Institute for Performance Excellence in an amount not to exceed \$5,000; and

Sponsorship of a manufacturing conference in conjunction with the Arkansas Economic Development Commission in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

Mr. Ragon moved approval of Draft Resolution 13-29. Mr. Mastro seconded the motion; the Board gave its unanimous approval.

### **Industry Advisory Committee Nominations**

The Industry Advisory Committee nominations were presented for approval.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Reappointment</b>
Vacant			FY 14
Mr. Jared Ramsburg	Meuller Industries, Inc.	Wynne, AR	FY 14
Mr. Grey Williams	Dextera, Inc.	Little Rock, AR	FY 14
Mr. Scott Kingsborough	SJC Enterprises	Little Rock, AR	FY 14
Ms. Jennifer Fairchild	AGL Corporation	Jacksonville, AR	FY 14
Mr. Walter Burgess	Power Technology, Inc.	Little Rock, AR	FY 14

Dr. Geren moved that the committee nominations be approved as presented. Mr. Nauman seconded the motion; the Board gave its unanimous approval.

## **RESEARCH AND COMMERCIALIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Gary Campbell presented the Research and Commercialization Committee Report.

### **TTAG Quarterly Report**

Mr. Campbell presented the TTAG Quarterly Report. The report was moved and seconded by the committee. The Board gave its unanimous approval.

### **Seed Capital Quarterly Report**

Mr. Campbell presented the Seed Capital Quarterly Report. The report was moved and seconded by the committee. The Board gave its unanimous approval.

### **Draft Resolution 13-30**

Draft Resolution 13-30 would provide Technology Development funds in the amount of \$15,810 to InvoTek, Inc. The funds will be used to support FCC certification for InvoTek's latest version of the Safe Laser System.

Draft Resolution 13-30 was moved and seconded by the committee. The Board gave its unanimous approval.

### **Draft Resolution 13-31**

Draft Resolution 13-31 would provide Seed Capital Investment funds in the amount of \$50,000 to Angel Eye Camera Systems LLC. The funds would be used primarily for product R&D with the goal of improving product software and hardware to reduce production costs and increase product quality and reliability.

Draft Resolution 13-31 was moved and seconded by the committee. The Board gave its unanimous approval.

### **Draft Resolution 13-32**

Draft Resolution 13-32 would provide Seed Capital Investment funds in the amount of \$82,959 to Movista aka Merchant View LLC.

Draft Resolution 13-32 was moved and seconded by the committee. The Board gave its unanimous approval.

### **Draft Resolution 13-33**

Draft Resolution 13-33 certifies one In House Research by a Targeted Business Tax Credits for the following project:

“Tax Credit for In House Research by a Targeted Business,” [ACA 15-4-2708(c)] submitted for tax year 2012 by Mesolight LCC in the amount of \$295,081.04 in expenses eligible for \$97,376.74 in tax credits (AEDC Project No. 11125);

Draft Resolution 13-33 was moved and seconded by the committee. The Board gave its unanimous approval.

#### **Draft Resolution 13-34**

Draft Resolution 13-34 would provide funding from the Arkansas Research Matching fund for the following project:

Proposal No. 13-ARMF-02, "ARK-LSAMP," by Dr. Mary Benjamin of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.

The funds will be used to support the ongoing Arkansas Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation program.

Draft Resolution 13-34 was moved and seconded by the committee. The Board gave its unanimous approval.

#### **Draft Resolution 13-35**

Draft Resolution 13-35 would provide for the authorization to grant funds for projects under the Technology Transfer Assistance Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2014. Funding would be in an amount not to exceed \$356,975 (\$156,975 TTAG/TDP) and \$200,000 AMS TTAG.

Draft Resolution 13-35 was moved and seconded by the committee. The Board gave its unanimous approval.

#### **SPONSORED PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Dr. Collis Geren presented the Sponsored Projects Committee report.

Dr. McClure was recognized to give the Board a report on two items.

The staff had submitted a proposal to Americorps for \$194,000; the proposal was not funded.

Dr. McClure reported that the staff intends to prepare a Track III proposal for NSF EPSCOR; the proposal will focus on diversity. If awarded, it would be a five year grant totaling \$750,000. There will four or five proposals funded across the EPSCoR jurisdictions.

Dr. Lyn-Cook moved that the Board endorse the staff's intent to prepare and submit a Track III NSF EPSCoR proposal. Dr. Sproles seconded the motion; the Board gave its unanimous approval.

### Draft Resolution 13-36

Draft Resolution 13-36 would provide funding for the following proposal:

Proposal No. 13-EPS2-0019, "Extending the e-Journal Resources for NSF EPSCoR Grant Program," submitted by Ms. Judy Ganson, of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, in an amount not to exceed \$70,000 for the period of May 17, 2013 through May 17, 2014.

Draft Resolution 13-36 was moved and seconded by the committee. The Board gave its unanimous approval.

### Science Advisory Committee

The Science Advisory Committee nominations were presented for approval.

Nominees & Year of Appointment	Alternates
Dr. Thomas J. Flammang (FY14) National Center for Toxicological Research (Representative from federal research laboratories)	Dr. Bradley Schnackenberg National Center for Toxicological Research
Dr. Robert McGehee (FY14) University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (Representative from UAMS)	Dr. Larry Cornett University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Vice Provost for Research (FY14) University of Arkansas at Little Rock (Representative from UALR)	Dr. Eric Sandgren University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Dr. Andy Sustich (FY14) Arkansas State University (Representative from ASU)	Dr. John Pratte Arkansas State University
Dr. Antonie Rice (FY14) University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (Representative from UAPB)	Dr. Mansour Mortazavi University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
Dr. James Rankin (FY14) University of Arkansas, Fayetteville (Representative from UAF)	Dr. Cynthia Sagers University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
Dr. Stephen R. Addison (served on FY13) University of Central Arkansas (Representative from 4-year colleges)	Dr. Steven Runge (served on FY13) University of Central Arkansas
Dr. Blake Perry (FY14) Arkansas Science & Technology Authority (Representative from the Authority)	Dr. Steve Stanley Arkansas Science & Technology Authority

Dr. George Ransford (FY14) Inspec Foams, Inc. (Representative from industry/business/professional group)	Vacant
Mr. John Chamberlin (FY14) Chamberlin Research (Representative from industry/business/professional group)	Dr. James Hendren
Dr. Charisse Childers (FY14) Accelerate Arkansas (Representative from industry/business/professional group)	Dr. Slaton E. Fry FutureFuel Chemical Company
Dr. Robyn Goforth (FY14) Virtual Incubation Company (Representative from industry/business/professional group)	Dr. Calvin Goforth Virtual Incubation Company

The nominations were moved and seconded by the committee. The Board gave its unanimous approval.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Nominating Committee**

Mr. Campbell moved that Dr. Beverly Lyn-Cook, Mr. Paul Mastro, Mr. Heartsill Ragon and Mr. George Williams be appointed to the nominating committee. Dr. Geren seconded the motion; the Board gave its unanimous approval.

### **Next Meeting Date**

Dr. Jones reminded members that the next Board meeting was scheduled for July 19, 2013.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Dr. Geren moved that the Board go into executive session. Mr. Caldwell seconded the motion; the Board gave its unanimous approval.

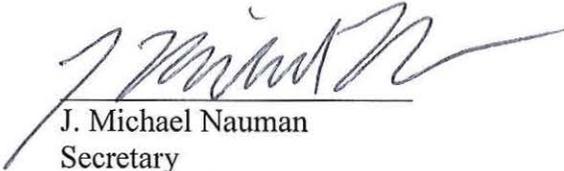
After returning from executive session, Dr. Geren moved that the Board go back into regular session. Mr. Nauman seconded the motion; the Board gave its unanimous approval.

Dr. Jones reported that the Board discussed the search for ASTA president. The search committee interviewed four candidates: Dr. Tim Atkinson, Dr. Don Colbert, Dr. Phil Halstead and Dr. Greg Wilson. The committee hoped to have a candidate named soon.

**ADJOURNMENT**

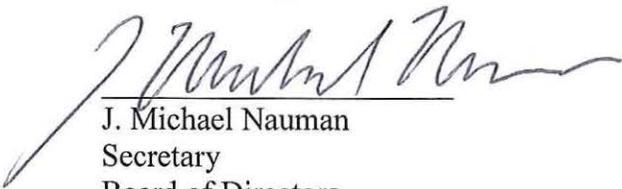
There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



J. Michael Nauman  
Secretary  
Board of Directors

**Approved** by the Board of Directors  
on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013.



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