



Twin Cities Creation Science Association

Annual report to members and friends of TCCSA

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Thank you for your attendance and support in 2007. We averaged 146 at our 10 meetings in 2007 that's an increase of 20 from the 2006 average. We exceeded the capacity of room 116 in the Totino Fine Arts Center three times last year. When we expect a large crowd we request a larger venue but it's not always available.

This year at our January meeting we will elect TCCSA officers. Members will be electing a President, Secretary and Treasurer to serve for two years. Officers and Board members at large are volunteers who plan meetings and arrange for speakers. The Board has proposed changes to our Constitution and By-laws that will require ratification by the members. Please review the proposed changes on the back of this letter. If you would like to be more involved in TCCSA we encourage you to attend a board meeting.

Our **web site**, maintained by Ross Olson, is becoming an international favorite. It's becoming so popular that often it pops up first in web searches of Creation or science related topics. If your church or organization is looking for speakers there is a list of local people on our web site. Home school co-ops looking for science teachers should check our list. Check it for updates on our activities and so much more.

Mark your calendars for February 16th and 17th our annual **Science Fair** at Har Mar Mall. This is for any student K-12 but it's more than that. People walking in the mall are attracted to the displays and stop to ask questions. Please pray that the Science Fair will be a witness to many and the Creator will be presented. Our annual **Writing Contest** is open to K-12 students via the Internet and the best writers may be asked to read them at a monthly meeting. It is our goal to raise up scientists and writers who look to the Creator for inspiration. For information on these and other activities visit www.tccsa.tc.

Our friends at the Christian Resource Center (CRC) have re-started their lending library via mail. Anyone attending our meetings may borrow one or more of the DVD's from Answers in Genesis and other sources. You pay a buck each for a stamped, addressed mailer and you get to keep it for a week. With over 70 DVD's to choose from you are bound to find something of interest. For more information on their resources and opportunities to volunteer, contact Jeannene Forshee at jcforshee@usfamily.net.

Russ McGlenn continues to provide curriculum and speaking engagements from his home base in California. His Dinosaur Dig in South Dakota is a popular family activity. Information and pictures are available at www.adventuresafaris.org.

Our newsletter, **Creation Bulletin**, is available in print, email or on the web in PDF format. We currently mail over 560 copies 10 times a year and email 250 plus. We send an email reminder with updates a few days before the meeting. To be added or removed from our lists - email david-johnson@usfamily.net or write to the address listed.

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**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE TWIN CITIES CREATION SCIENCE ASSOCIATION**
(Approved: Jan. ~~17, 1995~~ 15, 2008)

CONSTITUTION

Article 1: **NAME**

The name of this organization shall be: **TWIN CITIES CREATION SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.**

Article 2: **AFFILIATION**

This organization is not affiliated with any of the national creation organizations but is an independent, local organization.

Article 3: **STATEMENT OF BELIEF**

1. We believe in God: the Father, Son and The Holy Spirit. We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God. All its assertions are historically and scientifically true in the original autographs. This means that the account of origins in Genesis is a factual presentation of historical truths.
2. We believe that the origin of matter and all basic types of living things, including man, came about through direct creative acts of God during the six-day creation week described in Genesis. Whatever biological changes have occurred since the creation week has accomplished changes within the created kinds.
3. We believe that the great flood described in Genesis, commonly called the Noachian Flood, was an historic event; worldwide in its extent and effect.
4. We accept the account of the special creation of Adam and Eve as the first man and woman. Their subsequent fall into sin, by disobedience of God's direct command, is the basis for our belief in the necessity of a savior for all mankind. Therefore, we believe that Jesus Christ is our Lord and only Savior, and that personal faith in Him is necessary for salvation.

Article 4: **OBJECTIVES**

1. Generate, produce or sponsor creation seminars, lectures and programs.
2. Promote the study of the creation model in all academic areas.
3. Sponsor and support the publication and distribution of literature and materials that present the creationist's position.
4. Corroborate and aid in creation research.

Article 5: **MEMBERSHIP**

Anyone who subscribes to the STATEMENT OF BELIEF, Article 3, and the OBJECTIVES, Article 4, of this constitution and pays the annual dues may become a member.

Article 6: **OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The officers of the organization shall be President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Board of Directors shall consist of these officers and at least three additional members. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for conducting the business of the Association.

Article 7: **MEETINGS**

1. Regular Board meetings shall normally be held monthly except for August and December. The dates and places shall be set by the Board of Directors. A quorum shall consist of four board members in good standing. Board meetings are open to the membership at large.
2. Public meetings shall normally be held monthly except for August and December. The dates and places shall be set by the Board of Directors.

Article 8: **AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

1. Amendments to the Constitution may be made upon recommendation of the Board of Directors or on petition of at least ten members.
2. Amendments to the Constitution must be announced with the call of the meeting.
3. Amendments to the Constitution require a two-thirds vote at a called meeting. Amendments to the By-laws require a majority vote.

Article 9: **RULES OF ORDER**

Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, shall apply in all cases where applicable and are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-laws of the Association.

BY-LAWS

Article 1: **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**

1. Officers shall be elected by vote to a term of two years from a list of candidates prepared by a nominating committee. The nominating committee shall consist of three members and shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.
2. The election and installation of new officers shall normally take place at the January regular meeting. A quorum shall consist of ten members in good standing. Each member present has one vote.
3. ~~Additional Board members may be elected at any regular meeting appointed by the board.~~

Article 2: **DUES**

1. Annual dues for membership shall be established by the Board of Directors. Membership dues may include a family (husband, wife and minor children) or an individual adult.
2. Student membership for full time undergraduate or graduate students is free upon proof of student status.