Minutes of the SAIS Business Meeting

March 25, 2011

The business meeting convened at 5 p.m.

President Camille Rogers welcomed the attendees. She noted the positive feedback received about the program and the facilities.

George Schell, VP-Program Chair, reported there were 43 papers submitted and 38 acceptances with 25% from students. He noted there were some early issues with OpenConference and asked for feedback. The consensus was that the majority of the attendees who had used the system were in favor of continuing to use it. He indicated that a survey will be sent out to get feedback about this conference, and suggestions for dates and locations of future conferences. There will also be an early call for papers.

Camille asked for feedback about the hotel/conference facilities. Again the consensus was that the facility was very good. One request was that all registrants, whether staying in the hotel or not, be given free wireless access as part of their registration fee.

Jim Wynne, Treasurer, reported the bank balance as of March 1, 2011 was over $9,000 and that details will be posted on the website. Camille noted that the registration fee had not been increased for several years, and that an economical location means the Friday evening reception can be re-instated.

Elizabeth Baker, Past President, reviewed the rotation of officers:

   Elizabeth will become Past Past President
   Camille will become Past President
   Andy will assume Presidency
   George will assume Conference Chair for SAIS 2012
   Meg, Roderick, and Michael will stay on as Board Members

Nominations were called for

   Program Chair for SAIS 2012
   Board Members to replace Roy, Summer, and Lars

She reviewed the duties of the 2012 Program Chair and opened the floor for nominations. Camille nominated Adrian Gardiner who was unanimously elected. Three students were nominated for the student board position, and Jason Nelms was elected by private paper ballot. Nominations for Board Members at Large were received and Kevin Floyd and G. Tejay were elected.

Elizabeth presented the proposed by-law changes that would specify the roles of the Past-Past President and board members at large. These will be posted on the website and presented for vote at next year’s meeting.

Camille announced there would be a SAIS reception at the AMCIS conference this year.
Meg Murray, JSAIS Liaison, reported that the journal was delayed for six months due to some server problems. She noted the need for more paper submissions and reviewers, and that the SAIS Best Papers would be fast-tracked for publication. She will be putting out a call for more paper submissions. The first publication is projected for Fall 2011, and there will be a link to it on the website.

Elizabeth noted that the SAIS registration fee includes a SAIS membership and noted that the numerous benefits were outlined in the morning’s presentation by Tmitri Owens, AIS Program Director.

Andrew Ciganek, VP-Conference Chair, announced some last minute modifications to Saturday’s program, and thanked attendees.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janette Moody,
Secretary