Minutes of the SAIS General Business Meeting

March 8, 2013

The meeting was convened at 5:10 pm in the Cumberland Room of the Hilton Hotel, Savannah, GA.

Incoming President Adrian Gardiner introduced two modifications of the SAIS By-Laws for consideration:

- **Item 1: Background:** The SAIS By-Laws differ from the AIS By-Laws template in that SAIS maintains a Past-Past President position. The value of this position is that, based on the succession plan in place whereby the Program Chair becomes the Conference Chair who becomes the President, the Past-Past President role encompasses a wealth of conference experiences that should not be lost. However, in order to determine the will of the membership on whether the Past-Past President position should be eliminated in order to maintain By-Laws in strict conformance with the AIS By-Laws, the item was brought to the general membership for a vote. The resolution (“Are you in favor of eliminating the Past-Past President position?”) was on the floor from the 2012 meeting so no new motion was necessary. (The membership were also informed that board members, in the recent Board Meeting, had voted not to eliminate the position.) The vote was presented to the general membership, and it was unanimously defeated.

- **Item 2:** It was recommended that the By-Laws be changed to reflect that one of the duties of each board member would be to review at least one paper per year for JSAIS. The vote passed with unanimous support.

Clarification of exactly how and by whom the By-Laws will be modified will be determined at a later date.

Outgoing President George Schell thanked Adrian and Kevin for their work in making the conference a success. He announced that Craig Van Slyke would be stepping down as Editor of JSAIS while Meg Murray and Michael Cuellar would continue serving in their roles. George, who has previous experience as a journal editor, volunteered to serve as the new Editor of JSAIS. He along with other board members will develop succession guidelines, position duties, etc. for the JSAIS and provide them for review at future meetings.

Adrian complemented Kevin Floyd, VP-Program Chair, on the excellent keynote speaker, Dr. Alan Hevner, and the panel presentation by Technology Associates of Georgia (TAG). He noted that the number of conference registrants was approximately 50.
Kevin reported the conference included participation from 32 institutions of higher learning, reviewed 43 submitted papers with an acceptance of 40, and 13 student papers. He noted that use of the outdated version of OpenConf had resulted in some problems and he will investigate an appropriate resolution of the problems for consideration.

Jim Wynne, Treasurer, reported a current bank balance as of March 1, 2013 of $13,927.58. He noted the importance of keeping a positive bank balance due to the necessity of paying conference bills in advance of receiving the SAIS registration fees submitted through the AIS website.

Craig Van Slyke reported that submissions to the JSAIS are up and he appreciated the support of board members to review journal submissions. He noted that the original procedure of having an open review for all to see has been modified somewhat to include a call to those who had previously submitted plus board members to be reviewers.

Adrian announced the open board positions and called for nominations. He noted that the By-Laws do not specify a term-limit for the student board member and that the board would work to clarify that. Bernie Farkas, current student board member, agreed to remain in the position for another year.

The following positions were filled by nominations and acceptance by acclamation as follows:

- At-Large Board Member position #1: Joy Godin at Georgia College
- At-Large Board Member position #2: Michael Cuellar, North Carolina Central Univ.
- SAIS 2014 Program Chair: Paige Rutner, Georgia Southern University
- At-Large Board Member position #3 (vacated by Paige Rutner): Camille Rogers, Georgia Southern University

Kevin announced that the 2014 SAIS Conference would be held in Macon, Georgia with dates in March to be determined.

There being no additional business, Jim Wynne moved and Johnathan Yerby seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janette Moody, Recording Secretary