

MINUTES OF THE 2002 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECTION OF THE AAA

Meeting held in the Marriot Riverwalk Hotel, Salon E, San Antonio, Texas. August 15, 2002.

Meeting began at 5:45 PM

Ralph Viator opened the meeting and welcomed members of the Information Systems Section

Amy Ray gave a report on the submissions and acceptances for the national meeting. Twenty-eight papers and one panel session were submitted to the meeting. Each submission was reviewed by two reviewers. Of the submissions nine papers and one panel session were accepted. Three of the papers were presented in a session with an ERP theme. Three of the papers were presented in a session with a strategy theme. The other three papers went to mixed-sessions. These are sessions where papers come from a variety of disciplines but relate to a common theme. Amy invited CPE sessions for the coming year. These sessions generate revenue for the section.

Amy also gave a report on the first mid-year meeting of the section. The meeting was held in Orlando, Florida and was a marvelous success. 129 persons attended. Amy asked Ralph Viator to assist with awards from the mid-year meeting. The award for the best academic research at the meeting was presented to Vairam Arunachalam, Buck Pei, and Paul Steinbart for their paper "Impression Management with Graphs: Effects on Choices." The award for best education paper at the meeting was presented to Cheryl Dunn, Gregg Gerard, and James Worrell for their paper titled "Evaluation of Systems Security Controls."

Nancy Bagranoff introduced the theme for the 2003 mid-year meeting. The theme will be "reaching out." The meeting will be held January 10 and 11<sup>th</sup> in San Diego in conjunction with the Management section's mid-year meeting. Highlights of this meeting will include a Doctoral Consortium and a panel presentation from journal editors, including the editors of Information Systems Research, Management Information Systems Quarterly, Journal of Information Systems, and International Journal of Accounting Information Systems. Stephanie Bryant commented on the new Doctoral Consortium. She suggested that registration would be waived for participants. Julie Smith David will edit non-journal submissions to the meeting.

Ralph Viator gave a report on changes in the by-laws proposed by the by-laws committee. Changes include changing the titles of elected officials from "chair" to "president." These changes are intended to bring the section into line with the titles given in other sections. In addition the proposal included changing the name of the "officers board" to the "executive committee." Additional changes included the procedures for transitioning between JIS editors and the removal of a JIS editor. Please refer to the by-laws committee report for the text of the changes. An amendment to remove some harsh language in the by-laws was forwarded. Dan Stone spoke to the motivation of the

amendment. Faye Borthick moved that the changes in by-laws be accepted. Cynthia Frownfelter-Lohrke seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Dan Stone gave an update on the Journal of Information Systems. He noted that five associate editors were added to the journal. Sixty-four submissions were received for 2001-2002. This is up 24 from the prior year. Average review time for the first round was 32 days. The acceptance rate was 23.3% with 8 articles forthcoming in the Fall 2002 issue. Two part-time editorial assistants assist with the journal. Dan shared statistics related to the types of articles that had been submitted and published over the last year. Dan also gave advice related to the types of paper that fit the journal and how the review process should work. He finished by thanking the numerous volunteers that have assisted him over the last year. The best reviewer awards were given to Stephanie Bryant and Vern Richardson.

Cynthia Jackson gave the Treasurer's Report. She showed that the cash balance is down 19,101 from the prior year. This is largely due to the mid-year meeting as well as the publication of the monograph. Membership is also slightly down.

Brad Tuttle gave the Outstanding Dissertation Award. Brad thanked his committee for their diligent efforts. The award was given to Tonya Bedford.

Ralph Viator gave the Special Service Award. The award was given to Ray Meservy for the many years of service that he has offered as webmaster for the section website.

Ralph opened the meeting for discussions related to election of officers for the upcoming year. The slate of officers proposed for the 2002-2003 year were Nancy Bagranoff Vice-President/President-Elect, Julie David Smith Secretary, and Scott Summers Treasurer. Mary Curtis and Bruce Dehning were nominated as At-Large members of the Executive Committee. The slate passed by acclamation.

Scott Summers brought new business before the membership. As the section liaison to the AAA National Meeting Committee for 2003, he asked for the sections input with regard to the timing of section business meeting within the structure of the annual meeting program. The National Meeting Committee was asking that sections choose to either give up a research presentation slot for the section business meeting or move the section business meeting to non-prime times. After some discussion, the sentiment of the membership was in favor of keeping the research session and holding the business meeting in the afternoon.

Ralph Viator indicated his appreciation and support of the membership and executive committee. He then introduced the in-coming President Jim Hunton. Jim gave Ralph a plaque for his service as President (Chair) of the section.

Jim Hunton addressed the membership with regard to the self-doubt the we suffered from in the past. He commented that we do not suffer from self-doubt any longer. Jim outlines

a strategy for taking the section forward. The strategy centered on diversity and inclusion. Within scholarship we should encourage discovery, integration, and education. We should clearly accept the diversity of scholarship that comprises research in accounting information systems. Within the membership we should seek to include all members, both those who focus on teaching and those who focus on research.

Jim identified a number of initiatives for the up-coming year. The first initiative was to support and enhance the mid-year meeting. The 2003 mid-year meeting will include a panel of IS editors, doctoral student consortium, and teaching and research sessions. The meeting will be co-located with the management section. The second initiative was related to the By-Laws Review Committee. The committee should investigate whether to move the section business meeting to the mid-year meeting, rather than hold the section business meeting at the annual meeting. They should also investigate the possibility of internet voting. The third initiative focused on the Research and Publications Committee. He charged them with performing an advisory role to JIS. They are also to develop JIS governance guidelines. The fourth initiative focused on the annual publication of a compendium of classroom cases dubbed C<sup>3</sup>. The charge was given to the Education Issues Committee. The final initiative was charged to the Membership Services Committee. They are to develop a web-based survey of the membership to assess how the section can better meet their needs. Jim ended his address by noting that the trajectory of the section is clearly upward.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 PM.