

## Minutes AAA IS Section Executive Meeting

January 6 2011

Atlanta, Georgia

Present: Scott Boss, Mary Curtis, Carlin Dowling, Greg Gerard, Kathy Hurt, Diane Janvrin, Uday Murthy, Robin Pennington, Marilyn Prosch, Vern Richardson, DeWayne Searcy, Paul Steinbart, Brad Tuttle, Miklos Vasarhelyi, Patrick Wheeler.

Meeting opened at 10.06am

Mary Curtis presented the President's Report

- AAA bylaw revisions
  - Council have voted the revisions through.
  - Will be sent to membership for voting in due course.
- AAA implementing system wide surveys
  - Each year the AAA will survey a portion of the membership. Sections will be able to suggest questions but cannot control the survey.
- The Financial Accounting and Reporting Section (FARS) are considering changing the scheduling of their mid-year meeting to the same weekend as the IS section's meeting. There has also been discussion about having a 'mega' co-located meeting to ease logistic issues for the AAA but this has not been well received. The AAA has confirmed that the IS section meeting will not be required to change to another weekend if FARS is rescheduled.

Uday Murthy presented the Vice President's Report

- In the process of allocating people to roles. In 2012 Robin Pennington will run the New Scholar's Consortium, Som Battachayra will chair the mid-year meeting in 2013. The location is still to be decided, but looking at Fort Lauderdale.

Greg Gerard presented the 2011 Mid-Year Meeting Report

- Waiting for final numbers, last time checked there were 93 registrants.
  - 38 attending the New Scholars Consortium.
  - 25 registered for WITGA.
- Submissions were done through the AAA on-line system
  - There was discussion that this system was intimidating and confusing, particularly in relation to the copyright options.
  - There was discussion about how full papers could be made available. It was noted that the Management Accounting Section had papers available via SSRN, and whether this could be an option for the IS Section.

- The conference received significant financial support, including:
  - \$25,000 from KPMG, which is being used to support the New Scholars Consortium, and awards for research papers.
  - Institute of Management Accountants provided an award for the Best Education Paper and \$1,000 to support a break.
  - Caseware provided \$1,000 to support a break.
  - AIS Educators is sponsoring breakfast.
  - Significant in-kind support including key note speaker from KPMG, ISACA speakers at WITGA, and KPMG partners and recruiters.
- The conference will feature a Joint Panel between the IS and Management Accounting Sections.

Marilyn Prosch presented the 2012 Mid Year Meeting Report

- Location will be the Hilton, Scottsdale.
  - Room rates will be \$129.00.
  - Shuttle will run between hotel and Old Town Scottsdale (approx 2.5 miles).
- Considering approaching practitioners for various panels.
  - There was discussion about the amount of time available for panels, and the possibility of including some of these in the annual meeting.

Patrick Wheeler presented the 2011 Annual Meeting Report

- 22 research papers submitted, and 1 panel session submitted.
- Volunteers so far: 30 reviewers, 3 discussants and 5 moderators. Like to have at least 2 reviewers per papers, thus need more volunteers.
- There was discussion regarding the potential for a JIS panel for papers submitted to the panel to be ‘fast tracked’ through JIS and presented at a panel in the conference.

Diane Janvrin presented the Treasurer’s Report (no report provided)

- Balance of funds available is \$120,000. This does not include mid-year meeting expenses.
- In process of updating the Treasurer’s manual to reflect changes.
- Need to follow-up on pledged receivable from KPMG. Diane to liaise with Greg to ensure all pledged funding for the mid-year meeting is received. [President’s note: Pledge has been received.]

No bylaws report submitted. The committee is awaiting the outcome of the AAA by-law changes to investigate if there are any implications for bylaw changes for the IS Section.

Kathy Hurt presented the Membership Services Report

- There was discussion about differences in membership numbers between the membership report and the Treasurer's report. The difference is due to the AAA providing a 10 month grace period for the membership numbers.
- Membership numbers increased by 5 members as at June.
  - As at 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010 there were 572 paid members.
- A survey was sent to all members last year, only 50 responses received.
  - The results are being analysed and a draft report will be prepared.
    - There was discussion about the value of trying to increase the response rate.
    - Looking at sending the survey to all 895 academics listed on Hasselback who expressed an interest in IT related areas.
- There was discussion about how to raise value for members with a teaching focus:
  - Idea of creating an AIS Instructor Certification was discussed.
  - ISACA 'blessed' curriculum as operates at Bentley was also discussed.

DeWayne Searcy presented an Education Report

- Proposed rating teaching cases in terms of value, how being used, etc, to assist instructors identify useful cases. There was discussion about the value of a numerical rating, but all agreed that it would be useful to have cases rated and information about how cases may have been updated.

Paul Steinbart presented the JIS Editor's Report

- This is Paul's final report. Miklos Vasarhelyi is the new editor. Miklos will handle all submissions from 1 January 2011.
- Paul presented a report (Appendix B)
  - Editorial rejections are high because received a few education papers.
  - 2009 submissions inflated because of the call for the IS literature reviews.
  - First half of 2010 submission rate was very slow, but in the second half was back to 'normal'.
  - Authors are slow to respond to revise and resubmits, the average time is 1 year. Paul recommended that a revise and resubmit letter include a 12 month time limit.
- Miklos, the incoming editor briefly discussed
  - ideas he has for the journal including special issues on XBRL, Continuous Auditing, REA, Behavioral Research, and Practice Notes.
  - In the process of appointing Associate Editors and the editorial board.

- Raised the possibility for a JIS session at the annual meeting or a CPE workshop.
- Adopting AAA submission system.

No Outstanding Dissertation or Contribution to the Literature Report.

Brad Tuttle presented the Research and Publication's Report

- 28 papers submitted to the mid-year meeting.
  - 15 accepted for concurrent sessions.
  - 7 accepted for interactive session (no discussants).
- Research and Publications Committee.
  - Still investigating a collaborative journal with the accounting educators association. However, the costs for AAA branding on the journal are high.
  - Discussion regarding whether JIS publish comment letters, but the committee have left this to the Editor, although it is felt that publishing straight 'comment' letters is not appropriate. Letters would need to be revised to be suitable for an academic audience.

#### Other business:

- Eileen Taylor will be the section representative for the AAA Commons Editorial Board.
  - A major issue to be addressed is what content is for the 'commons' and what content is for the section website. Felt important the section to maintain a separate identity.
- PhD information session at 5.30pm.
- Vern discussed the website "What is accounting research?", and encouraged all researchers to contribute to the AIS section.  
[http://www.byuaccounting.net/mediawiki/index.php?title=What\\_is\\_accounting\\_research%3F#Accounting\\_Information\\_Systems\\_.28AIS.29](http://www.byuaccounting.net/mediawiki/index.php?title=What_is_accounting_research%3F#Accounting_Information_Systems_.28AIS.29)

Meeting closed at 12:12pm.

Minutes prepared by Carlin Dowling, Secretary IS Section 2010-2011.

## Appendix A: Agenda

**AAA IS Section  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Thursday, January 6, 2011  
10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon  
Buckhead/Atlanta InterContinental Hotel - Trippe 3 Board Room**

President's Report

Vice President's Report

2011 Mid-Year Meeting

- Chair's Report
- New Scholar's Consortium Report
- AIS Information Conference Report

2012 Mid-Year Meeting Chair's Report

2011 Annual Meeting

Treasurer's Report

By-Law's Report

Membership Services' Report

Education Issue's Report

JIS Editor's Report

- Outgoing editor
- Ingoing editor

Research & Publication's Report

Notable Contribution to the Literature's Report

Outstanding Dissertation's Report

Web-site Editor's Report

AAA Commons Report from AAA IS-Section Editorial Board Member

Newsletter Editor's Report

Other Old business

Any New business

## Appendix B: JIS Editor's Report

### Outgoing Editor's Report – Journal of Information Systems 2008-1010

#### 1. Activity by year

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Total</u>
Submitted	29	46	23	98
Ed Reject	4	4	7	15
Processed	25	42	16	83
Accepted	6	15	0	21
Rejected	17	18	7	42
Withdrawn	1	1	1	3
In-Process	1	8	8	17

Note: 2009 data includes 12 submissions in response to call for papers on IS literature reviews

#### 2. Acceptance Rates – cumulative (2008-2010)

- 25.3% of processed papers, including those in-process (21/83)
- 31.8% of final decisions, excluding in-process (21/66)

Decisions by Round:	<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Round 2</u>	<u>Round 3</u>
Accept	0	14	7
Reject	37	4	1
Withdraw	2	1	0
Revise	40	9	0

#### 3. Review Times

Review Days by Round (Median)			Review Days by Round (Average)				
	<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Round 2</u>	<u>Round 3</u>		<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Round 2</u>	<u>Round 3</u>
2008	75	73	72.5	2008	73.6	74.8	64.8
2009	74.5	68.5	66	2009	76.9	68.1	66
2010	66	N/A	N/A	2010	66.25	N/A	N/A

#### 4. Forthcoming issues - 2011

- Spring – 6 articles (3 literature reviews)
- Fall – 4 articles (2 literature reviews)
- Pipeline – as of 12/31/2010
  - Under review = 6
    - Round 1: 4
    - Round 2: 2
  - With authors = 11 (10 have completed one round; 1 two rounds)