

Minutes of the Business Meeting
Monday, August 6, 2018
10:15 to 11:45

President Ben Ayers called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM. Ben began the meeting by thanking the members for the honor of serving as President during the past year. He thanked Lynn Jones for her work on the midyear meeting and the officers and trustees for their service. He called the membership's attention to the following: memberships were up slightly for the year; the financial goals for the year were achieved despite a couple of unexpected challenges; an extremely successful program midyear meeting; and the revision of the bylaws in conjunction with AAA's effort to have uniform bylaws for all sections while at the same time maintaining unique provisions important for ATA.

Next, Ben asked if there were any revisions or modifications to the minutes of the August 6, 2017 business meeting. Hearing none, a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. The minutes were approved (with no edits or revisions) by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

Tracy Noga distributed copies of the Treasurer's report and presented an overview of its contents. The organization remains in sound financial position with the years' results being consistent with prior years. Tracy observed that the organization finished in a positive position for the year primarily due to sponsorships. The balance sheet indicates a strong cash position with only a small amount of restricted funds. An item not reflected on the balance sheet is the renewal by KPMG of its sponsorship of the Doctoral Consortium for 3 years. Tracy observed that while full time faculty memberships have remained static, student memberships increased last year.

Teaching and Curriculum Conference

Tracy Noga also provided a report on the 2018 Teaching and Curriculum Conference. She thanked the members of the committee for their outstanding work and dedication to a successful teaching conference. In organizing the 2018 conference, the committee spent time looking at the objectives of the conference. They determined that one primary goal was to give faculty "take aways" and resources that could be used in the classroom. They also focused on what would be useful to students as they leave for the profession. Deloitte was the sponsor of the event and backed up their financial support with excellent speakers. A full written report will be provided by the Committee.

Next, the Chairperson of the 2019 Teaching and Curriculum Conference, Michaele Morrow, made a few comments about next year's conference. PWC will be the sponsor of the meeting for 2019. Like last year, the focus will be providing useful resources for tax instructors. Work has already begun on developing a tax case in the data analytics area. The fee for next year's conference will be increased by \$10.

Why Tax

Nancy Nichols distributed a flyer on the Why Tax competition for the coming year. Last year's competition was very successful and it will be repeated this year. The Big 4 firms have continued their commitment to the competition with all of the sponsorship money going to student prizes. Nancy encouraged everyone to promote the event at their school.

Approval of 2018-2019 Budget

The incoming President, Kim Key, presented the proposed budget for the 2018-2019 year. Kim pointed out that it became evident very quickly in preparing the budget how critical the firm sponsorships are to the financial health of ATA. Two items were added to the budget for the coming year: (i) a \$5,000 line item to encourage international doctoral students to be accompanied by faculty members to the midyear meeting and (ii) an \$8,000 line item for JATA editor attendance at international meeting to increase exposure of the ATA. A motion to approve the budget was made and seconded that carried by a unanimous vote.

Report from Annual Meeting Chair

Susan Jurney, the annual meeting chair, presented a brief report on the annual meeting. There were 85 submissions, 42 of which were accepted. Fourteen concurrent sessions will focus on tax papers at the conference.

JATA Editor Report

Connie Weaver, Senior Editor, provided a report on JATA. She observed that submissions are slightly down for the year and encouraged members to submit their manuscripts. She summarized changes to the editorial process, including the addition of three editors. This has led to a decrease in the turnaround for review. She noted the following two actions during the year to make JATA more visible and accessible: (i) open access is now provided to all AAA members and (ii) the journal is now working with project Kudos to make articles more visible outside of academic circles.

JLTR Editor Report – Blaise Sonnier

Blaise Sonnier, the Senior Editor of JLTR effective June 1, 2018, presented an update on the journal. He emphasized the importance of increasing submissions to the journal and the number of articles published. He asked those in attendance to promote the journal to faculty at their school, including non-tenure track and clinical faculty.

Finance Committee

John Barrick reported on the work of the Finance Committee. The Committee continues to work on retaining and seeking out new sponsors. An unexpected challenge this year was the last minute withdrawal of a platinum sponsor of the midyear meeting. An effort is being made to regain that sponsor. John pointed out that the sponsors are vitally important to ATA.

2018 Midyear Meeting

Lynn Jones reported on the midyear meeting. She expressed gratitude for all of those that assisted in organizing and planning the meeting. The midyear meeting set a record for attendance. There were 72 doctoral students that attended. She also thanked AAA for facilitating coordination of the meeting. While the last minute pull out of a platinum sponsor caused some stress on the finance side, last minute adjustments to the food and beverage budget was made to adjust. Despite the last minute loss of the sponsorship, it looks like the meeting was break even for the year.

2019 Midyear Meeting

Pete Lisowsky reported on modifications to the midyear meeting schedule to address budget issues. To address a 40% increase in food and beverage costs, sessions will be added to the Friday schedule and the conference will end Saturday at 12:15 PM. There will not be a Saturday luncheon. Given the historical drop off of attendance at the Saturday afternoon sessions, including lunch, the feeling is that this will not

have an adverse impact on the conference. At the Friday lunch there will be a 25th Year celebration of the JATA Conference.

Election of Officers

John Robinson reported on the work of the Nominations Committee. He thanked the members of the committee for their time and dedication to a very difficult task. He reported that the Committee had over 60 volunteers for a limited number of open positions and encouraged those not nominated this year to continue their active participation in the organization. The Committee offered the following slate of officers and trustees:

Position	Nominee	Affiliation
President-Elect	Diana Falsetta	University of Miami
VP-Elect	Jenny Brown	Arizona State University
VP Finance-Elect	Hughlene Burton	University of North Carolina-Charlotte
Secretary	Stacie Laplante	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Trustees		
	Stephanie Sikes	University of Illinois-Chicago
	Bridget Stomberg	Indiana University
	Erin Towery	University of Georgia
	Ryan Wilson	University of Oregon
Publications Committee	Scott Dyreng	Duke University
	Erin Henry	University of Memphis

The floor was opened for additional nominations. No additional nominations were made.

A motion was made and seconded for the election of the slate as put forth by the Nominations Committee. The motion unanimously carried.

2018-2019 ATA President's Message

Kim Key, the incoming President, thanked the members for the honor of serving as next year's President.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 AM.

Blaise M. Sonnier, Secretary
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