

**Public Interest Section Business Meeting**  
**August 8, 2006 – Washington DC**  
**Minutes (unapproved)**

The Business Meeting of the Public Interest Section was called to order by outgoing President, Richard Baker.

Old Business:

1. Approval of Minutes from 2005 Business Meeting – Approved

2. *Treasurer's Report by Richard Baker*

Richard reviewed our cash budget and membership statistics. Relative to other sections, the PIS cash budget is healthy, but not particularly large.

3. *Journal Editor's Report by Jesse Dillard*

Submissions for the past year were 28 to 32, the same as last year. This number is consistent with other sections, for example, the Audit section received 27 regular submissions, BRIA 42, JETA 35, etc. The acceptance rate was 8-12%, rejection 60% and the remainder is in process. Review time is on average 6 weeks and authors rarely go beyond two revisions.

Jesse would like to get the number of submissions up. This requires greater encouragement and publicity at various academic conferences.

Jesse introduced Paul Williams as the new editor.

We discussed the issues regarding the aggregation AAA journals by PROQUEST and EBSCO. The main issue is what is to become of the aggregator fees received by the AAA. Our discussion clearly implied that all AAA members should benefit from these fees (e.g., reduced membership fees or free access to all AAA journals). Nevertheless, it appears the current plan is to use these fees to support the various AAA journals. It is important that we ensure that the PIS journal receives its "fair share".

4. *Program Coordinator Report by Aida Sy*

We received more papers this year, 75 in all. Twenty-five percent were forwarded from financial section. She accepted 6 of these papers. The number of sessions allocated to PI has steadily increased, 11 in 2004, 13 in 2005 and 15 in 2006. 3 panels were submitted and 2 were accepted. 91 people served as reviewers.

5. The 2006 Accounting Exemplar Award was given to Prem Sikka and Stuart Chase (deceased)

*New Business by Alan Mayer*

1. We elected the nominations committee. The committee is Richard Baker (non-voting Chairperson of committee), Dick Bernardi, Charlie Cullinan, Patrick Kelly, and Linda Bradley McKee.
2. New officers and coordinators were announced. See our website for a complete listing of the new officers.
3. Alan appointed a mid-year meeting exploratory committee. Parveen Gupta chairs the committee with Linda Ruchala and Tim Louwers serving as members. There appears to be support for a mid year meeting since 38 out of 40 people who responded to his e-mail poll were interested in pursuing it.
4. There was a brief discussion as to whether or not we wanted to raise dues by \$5. There was general support for doing so. An e-mail ballot will be sent to all members to vote on this issue.
5. Pamela Roush was asked to form a committee to update the By-laws.
6. Jesse suggested that we use the newsletter as an outlet for students to publish their work. Tony suggested that the journal be used as a means to promote new scholars and doctoral students who have an interest in PI.
7. Ann as the VP of education and research is going to gather syllabi of classes in ethics, etc. for the section members.
8. Richard Baker is going to run the ethics symposium in 2007. He asked that people submit their papers.
9. Prem Sikka is on the committee for notable contributions to the literature. He would like suggestions regarding papers to put forward.

The meeting was adjourned.