

**Minutes of the ABO Section of AAA Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, October 19, 2007
ABO Annual Conference - Philadelphia, PA**

Respectfully submitted: Jennifer Joe, Secretary-Treasurer

Executive Committee Members in attendance:

James Bierstaker
Charles Bailey
Wendy Bailey
Cindy Blanthorne
Tom Clausen
Tim Louwers
D. Jordan Lowe
Sean Peffer
Janet Samuels
Mike Shaub
Mike Shields
Axel Schulz

1. Sean Peffer, President, called the meeting to order.
2. Sean requested the members approve the minutes of the August meeting held in Chicago. Tom Clausen made a motion that the minutes be accepted. James Bierstaker seconded the motion and the body voiced their approval.
3. Sean read the BRIA Editor's report submitted by Bryan Church who was unable to attend the conference. The report noted that there will be two issues of BRIA in 2008 and that Theresa Libby will be new editor beginning January 2008.
4. Cindy Blanthorne, Newsletter Editor, expressed concern that she has not been receiving a lot of content from the members of the Section. She indicated that she was not sure about her full responsibilities and what she should be doing to encourage more contributions from the members. Sean Peffer noted that this issue was a problem for all the officers and that, specifically, there is no record of defined responsibilities and duties of the Newsletter editor. Members then discussed why they thought the members weren't reading and being engaged with the Newsletter. They wondered whether sending it out by hard copy rather than email might be a way to generate interest and readership. The cost associated with the print version was discussed. Cindy said that she would have a conversation with the Auditing Section to learn how we could produce a shortened form of the Newsletter that would be more widely read.
5. Website- Charlie Bailey reported that a subject pool for online experiments (students willing to participate in studies) was established. Section members would be able to contact the pool for participation in their studies. IRB issues were discussed. The body was uncertain about what would be ABO's

- responsibility as a section with respect to IRB issues. Most people felt that IRB compliance issues should be left to the investigator's institution.
6. Working Paper Series - John Rigsby was absent so there was nothing to be reported. Cindy noted that John would likely have an issue in the Spring since there was not a lot to report in the Fall.
 7. Awards Committee- Sean Peffer reported that we don't have two separate awards committee as we had initially thought and discussed in the August meeting. There is one committee that makes the selection for both awards. We are not required to give the lifetime award every year. Jeff Sprinkle will serve as a sub-committee chair to decide about the lifetime award. He will select committee members and serve under Kristy Towry. Kristy Towry reported that she recruited two new committee members to help with the selection of the dissertation award (Susan Krische and Jackie Hammersly). Mike Shields suggested that maybe we should be issuing more awards – e.g. a best paper award for the annual conference.
 8. Publications Committee- Mike Shields reported they considered 25 nominees for the role of BRIA Editor – only three of which consented to be considered and the committee selected Theresa Libby. Two of the nominees had proposed using co-editors and several associate editors for different areas. The committee did not like this idea. The new editor will assume leadership in January.
 9. Nominations Committee: Tim Louwers reported that he has already recruited two new members (Don Finn and Arnie Wright). He would like to have some more members. He further stated that he would like individuals who served as President in the past to become committee members. Charlie Bailey and Stacy Kovar were nominated to serve. The goal is to have three candidates running for each position. The body discussed whether this would be appropriate – most agreed that this is a good idea providing that we can attract candidates. Tim made the motion made to nominate members listed above. Wendy Bailey seconded and the Executive Committee gave its unanimous consent.
 10. 2007 AAA Annual Meeting – Rich Houston was absent and there was nothing to report.
 11. 2008 AAA Annual Meeting – Bill Pasewark was absent and there was no report filed.
 12. 2007 Midyear Conference Report – James Bierstaker reported that there were 58 submissions to the conference this year (compared with 50 last year) of which 19 were from emerging scholars. When compared with the prior year, most of the increased submissions came from more emerging scholar submissions. Jim noted that many good papers that received two “probably accept reviews” were pushed to the forum because the program was full. He thinks that we can have an additional session or have another concurrent session for emerging scholars. He, however, also noted that we have to be cognizant of the quality of the papers. There are 124 registered participants at the conference and 45 doctoral students. We discussed the possibility of establishing an Emerging Scholars Award for the midyear meeting. Jennifer Joe noted that there were many complaints about the way in which paid support for the doctoral students was awarded. One issue is that we don't have a precise estimate of the actual cost to run the consortium and the midyear meeting because of how AAA reports the cash payments. She

- reminded the body that this was an issue that was discussed when we established the 2008 budget at the August meeting. Jennifer noted that figuring out the real cost might actually help us to obtain full funding from D&T to cover all of the Doctoral Consortium expenses.
13. 2008 Midyear Conference- Jean Bedard is the Chair and the Co-Chair is Jay Thibodeau. Jean Bedard made a motion that we give a Best Paper award and an Emerging Scholar award. The recipients of these awards would receive plaques and a small monetary award. Wendy Bailey seconded the motion and the body gave its unanimously support.
 14. Location for 2009 was discussed. Sean Peffer proposed New Orleans. There was a general consensus is that this would be a good location. Sean made motion to have AAA investigate that location because AAA just wants us to consider one location. Jim seconded. Tim Claussen opposed New Orleans but the majority voted in favor of New Orleans. Jennifer Joe noted that we should ensure that a member scout out the location that the AAA staff selects to ensure it would meet certain minimum criteria like proximity to restaurants and other hotels. There were a lot of complaints about the remote locations selected by the AAA staff. Sean proposed as Seattle as the Option B location. Wendy seconded this motion and the vote in favor was unanimous.
 15. Sean noted that we should consider the definition of ABO. We need to start a conversation about what is a behavioral paper. What types of papers should be selected? Jim noted that it is a dilemma – many archival papers were submitted and finding archivalists to review the papers was difficult.
 16. Motion for adjournment was made by Tom Clausen and seconded by Wendy. Members were unanimously in favor of the motion.