

IS Section Executive Committee Meeting
January 4, 2007
9:00 a.m.
South Ballroom, Hilton Desoto Savannah

Present: Sev Grabski, Elaine Mauldin, Mary Ann Curtis, Georgia Smedley, Stacy Kovar, Marcia Watson, Ram Sriram, Carolyn Strand Norman, Marcus Odom, Vern Richardson, Bruce Dehning, Scott Summers, Marianne Bradford

Treasurer Report

Carolyn Strand Norman

Carolyn Strand Norman presented the cash flow report for 2005-2006, as shown in Appendix 1 – Cash Flow Report.

Important figures are shown here:

- Substantial reduction in charges for overhead projectors at the midyear meeting since we brought our own. Scott Summer initiated this approach.
- It continues to be important that the midyear meeting break even.
- There was a discussion of the journal royalty rates. Bruce Dehning will follow up on this to see the status of the journal royalty rates.
- Scott Summers will approach KPMG to continue to fund the midyear meeting – potentially at a higher level. We will ask for equity with the international and audit sections. Scott proposed asking for \$15,000 – the same amount that the international session receives.

Midyear Meeting Coordinator's Report

Mary Ann Curtis provided the report. Registration for this year's meeting will be around 130. We expect to break even. The education and the research committees selected the papers this year. Sev Grabski discussed the process to review the papers. We discussed whether we would like this to continue. Sev mentioned the possibility of a new format, with a break in the middle where people could easily switch sessions. Several different alternatives were proposed. There was nearly unanimous sentiment to suggest such changes to Bill Heninger, 2008 midyear coordinator, and Uday Murthy, 2008 midyear meeting research paper coordinator.

Mary Ann suggested we continue to have an assistant chair (possibly named program chair) to assist the chair of the midyear meeting as well as a way to train for the next year. Scott charged Mary Ann to update the manual and propose this position. The JIS research forum was opened to everyone but the late due date of Dec. 1 caused a challenge in finding discussants.

There were seven submissions in the education area and three were accepted. The rest were accepted to the forum; two have decided to have their paper discussed in the forum. There were 29 submissions in the research area and fourteen were accepted.

The JIS research forum received 20 papers. Sixteen of the papers were accepted. The JIS Research Workshop received many fully completed papers. She suggests that the JIS Research Workshop is for new ideas or proposals. Some expressed that even though there are full drafts, they may be early on in their development that could use the help of the JIS workshop. The consensus was to suggest “early work in progress”, whatever length that might be. The other suggestion was to make the call for papers in the same document for both the conference and the JIS workshop so the author can make the choice of where to place the conference. Scott suggested that certain papers and authors, at the discretion of the research committee, be invited to submit their paper to the JIS research forum. Questions were raised on whether JIS research participants be included in the program.

There are 21 doctoral students and 11 new faculty members in the New Scholar Consortium.

Bruce Dehning gave the time and date of the 2008 meetings. It will be at the Redondo Beach, CA Crowne Plaza Hotel from January 9-12, 2008.

JIS Update

There were 51 submissions in the past year from July 1 2005 to June 1, 2006. However without the conference there is a reduction, there were 28 submissions from January 2006 to December 2006. Brad explained the difference is due to the conference.

One of the goals of JIS has been to send a paper to each person on the editorial board. This may extend the review times a little. There was a short discussion of who is and who should be on the editorial board. Brad will continue to consider who should be on the editorial board.

There was also a discussion on the direction of the journal. Chris Wolfe and Bruce Dehning are editing a developmental special issue. Guido Geerts is guest editing a special issue of JIS to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the REA model.

There are higher expectations for the education-oriented articles to raise the level of expectations and theory. Brad is also seeing an increase in the practice area, where there is not a requirement to show a contribution to theory.

As soon as JIS receives a copyright release, they are posting the abstracts to the SSRN.

Brad Tuttle had some evidence that the number of PhD programs offering IS concentrations and found that number is decreasing. He suggested that there be a committee to address this.

Education Committee Report Presented by Marianne Bradford

They did the C3 project and reviewed the education papers. She suggested that committees have a longer tenure simply because it takes some time to be effective as a committee and once they become effective, the year is up.

Scott Summers suggested we implement a two-year tenure on each committee with a rotating chairperson. Although no vote was taken, many agreed that this would be a helpful direction.

Membership Committee Report Presented by Del Devries

The membership committee had hoped to piggyback off the AAA efforts but have not yet received the membership database. One proposal at the AAA level is to change the fee structure for each type of member: community college, 4-year college, research school, etc.

The fall in membership in the IS section closely corresponds to the loss in membership at the overall AAA level.

The membership committee is working on a definition of what makes a good member, so that efforts can be made to help develop other good members.

Miscellaneous Committee Reports

The Notable Contribution to the Literature committee and Outstanding Dissertation committees are preparing their annual announcements requesting nominations for these awards.

The Research and Publications Committee (with Sev Grabski as chair) was charged with beginning the process to replace the JIS editor. The timeline was discussed and the suggestion was made that the new JIS editor be introduced at the annual section business meeting in August 2007.

The meeting was dismissed at 12:02pm.

The executive committee then met in executive session with Elaine Mauldin, chair of the bylaws committee to discuss potential changes in the by laws associated with the desired characteristics of section offers. The by-laws committee was charged with considering by laws changes and making recommendations at the August 2007 section business meeting.

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