

MINUTES - April 18, 2002  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Northeast Region American Accounting Association

Steering Committee Members present were: Peter Battelle, Priscilla Burnaby, Karen Cascini, Mary Collins, Susan Hass, Mark Higgins, Phil Jagolinzer, Steve Jarett, Pat Poli, John Ribezzo, and Robert Colson (*ex officio*). Robert Walsh, from Marist College, was also present.

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2002, in the Lincoln Room at the Marriott Hotel, in Providence, Rhode Island.
2. The Committee waived the reading of the minutes of the January 4, 2002 meeting and they were approved by unanimous consent.
3. Discussion took place around the bid by Marist College to host the 2004 meeting of the region. Robert Walsh, the proposed Program Chair, answered questions from committee members. It was moved and seconded to hold the 2004 meeting in Albany, New York, hosted by Marist College, with Robert Walsh as Program Chair, at either the Desmond or Marriott Hotel in that city (a decision to be made in conjunction with Dee Strahan, the AAA Program Coordinator). The motion was approved unanimously.
4. Robert Walsh was immediately welcomed as a member of the Steering Committee and will be a national Council representative (along with Mark Higgins) from the region for the 12 months ending April 30, 2003.
5. It was moved and seconded that the proposed Standing Rule #1, "BIDS TO HOST REGIONAL MEETINGS OF REGION", draft dated 2/14/02, be approved. The motion was approved unanimously. [A copy is attached.]
6. Discussion focused on the Doctoral Consortium and what the region should do about it. Ideas offered included: A) special sessions for doctoral students; B) ask doctoral students to be discussant for papers on the program; and C) give an award for the best doctoral student paper submitted to the regional meeting.
7. A motion was made and seconded to have the region sponsor two awards beginning at the meeting in Fairfield, Connecticut, one to the best doctoral student paper submitted, and another for the best "new" faculty manuscript submitted. The motion was approved unanimously. Mark Higgins will develop the criteria for the awards and publicize them so that manuscripts will be forthcoming for the April 2003 meeting.
8. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. so that committee members could attend part of the Opening Reception before the annual committee dinner.

[Minutes prepared by Philip Jagolinzer]