

2016 Diversity Section Breakfast Meeting Minutes
American Accounting Association Annual Meeting, New York City
August 10, 2016

1. Meeting called to order at 7:13 AM
2. Greeting from Section President (Evelyn McDowell)
3. The President presented the minutes from last year's meeting and motioned for approval. The motion was carried unanimously.
4. Diversity section committee chairs provided an update. Topics mentioned were:
 - a. Mark Dawkins:
 - i. The AAA's discussion of expanding section journals
 - ii. Discussion of the AAA's headquarters move to Sarasota, Florida.
 - iii. The AAA's relatively new policy of featuring contested elections (as opposed to uncontested elections) is a subject of debate. At issue is that contested election candidates often fail to run for other positions if they lose a contested election, which serves to reduce the pool of members willing to serve.
 - b. Craig Sisneros:
 - i. There is now an AAA section for accounting historians.
 - ii. There has been debate at the AAA about increasing dues and what expenses dues should be used to pay.
5. The Treasurer (Robert Marley) presented the Section's Annual Financial Report
6. The Research Coordinator (Helen Brown-Liburd) discussed issues pertaining to section research submissions.
7. Mid-Year Coordinators (Stephanie Mason and Derek Barr) provided the highlights from last year's mid-year meeting. Last year, a record number of research submissions were received.
8. The President recognized donors and member service by presenting awards of appreciation.
9. The section unanimously approved the slate of officers for the coming year at 7:58 am.
10. The newly elected section President (Maria Caban-Garcia) presented an acceptance speech and provided an overview of the policies and projects she aims to address over the coming year.
11. At 8:16 am, a motion to adjourn was proposed and passed unanimously.
12. The meeting adjourned.