

Diversity Section
American Accounting Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2013 - Anaheim, CA

Raymond Elson, President, opened the meeting at 7:30 am by welcoming everyone and recognizing past presidents and volunteers. Raymond stated that one of his major goals as president was to improve communications within the section. He accomplished this goal partially with the use of email. He thanked the AAA staff for their assistance with section activities. Raymond distributed handouts to each attendee that included the agenda, minutes from the 2012 annual meeting, and the call for papers for the mid-year meeting.

Next Michael Robinson, Treasurer provided a financial report on the section. He noted that the section is doing relatively well and is generating a surplus. Currently the section has a surplus of \$48,716. However, AAA membership and the section membership both declined slightly. The section's current membership is at 221.

Raymond presented an award of appreciation to Ernst & Young. Mark Dawkins accepted the award on behalf of Ernst & Young.

Kathryn Epps, Past President and Section Council Representative provided an update on the AAA Council activities. Kathryn described the major duties of the council and summarized recent efforts.

Nicole provided update on midyear meeting. The meeting will be held Friday Nov 1 - 3 at Intercontinental Buckhead in Atlanta, Georgia. The theme will be Redefining Diversity in Research, Teaching, and Service. Nicole encouraged members to submit papers to the meeting.

Raymond Elson presented the bylaws and announced the Pay-It-Forward program that finances doctoral students' travel to the mid-year meeting. Raymond then presented the following section awards: Ola Smith and Evelyn McDowell were presented with a service award for their efforts in chairing the midyear meeting. Amelia Baldwin was presented a research award for her research in diversity. Mark Dawkins was presented with an excellence in service award.

Raymond then recognized administrators, newly tenured faculty, promotions, and new hires.

Following that he introduced the new slate of officers: President - Dahlia Robinson, Vice President - Andrea Roberts, Treasurer – Michael Robinson, Secretary – Ola Smith, Membership – Peter Johnson, Newsletter Editor – Nelson, AAA Commons Editor – Amelia Baldwin, AAA Commons Editorial Board Member. Kathryn Epps agreed to continue as Council Representative, and Evelyn McDowell agreed to serve as annual meeting liason. Maria and Nicole agreed to serve two years as Chairs of the mid-year meeting.

The section recognized major achievements by section members. Carolyn Callahan, Dean at University of Louisville, and Raymond Elson as Outstanding Beta Alpha Psi advisor .

Raymond then turned the meeting over to the new section president, Dahlia Robinson. Dahlia announced that one of her major goals would be to energize people in the section. Dahlia stated that she will look again at strategic plan especially in regards to energizing the section.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.