

Minutes of the IS Section Business Meeting

August 10th, 2004

7:00 – 8:15 am

Orlando, Florida

- Nancy Bagranoff, president, called the meeting to order at 7:00 am and welcomed the members to the IS Section Business Meeting and breakfast.
- Vern Richardson, Annual Meeting Session Coordinator, presented a report on the annual meeting. He indicated that 29 papers were submitted and 14 were accepted. We were allotted 4 individual sessions and one joint session with AI/ET. In addition, 4 panels were proposed and 3 were accepted.
- Chris Wolfe presented the IS Section Mission Statement as follows:
 - The mission of the Information Systems section of the American Accounting Association is to create and disseminate knowledge of accounting information systems and all aspects of information technologies as they relate to accounting by promoting excellence in research, teaching, and practice and encouraging and supporting new scholars and educators in the field.
 - Chris also proposed to end the first sentence with “practice” and then add a sentence. After discussion, the final sentence would read “The section also encourages and supports new scholars and educators in the field.”
- Nancy conducted a discussion of the elections process including raising the question of changing to a contested election process. After discussion, it was decided that the bylaws committee should research the issue in more depth and bring a recommendation to the group next year.
- Nancy requested nominations for a new Research and Publications officer to fill the remaining one year of a two year term. Jim Hunton nominated Sev Grabski. Kathy Hurtt seconded the nomination and Sev was elected.
- Uday Murthy presented a change to the criteria for the Notable Contribution to the Literature award. The eligible time frame is to be articles published at least three years prior with no limit. In addition, the wording will be clarified to indicate the contribution is to the research literature.
- Vicky Arnold summarized the criteria for the *JIS* editor used in the search for a new editor. She reported that nine people were nominated. Three declined to be considered, leaving six people who were evaluated. Vicky then announced that Brad Tuttle with the University of South Carolina was chosen and has accepted the position to begin January 2005.
- In Dan Stone’s absence, Brad Tuttle presented a report *JIS* activity. At the beginning of the year there were 31 papers in process, 50 new submissions were received, 14 were accepted and 25 were rejected leaving 36 in process at the end of the year. Turnaround time increased in 03/04 due to a change in administrative assistant, but is more current now. Even with the increase, the journal maintains a turnaround time around the average for all AAA journals.

- Scott Summers led a discussion of the mid-year meeting. Stephanie Bryant presented a report of the 04 Mid-Year meeting. A copy of the report is attached. Scott indicated that the 05 meeting is Jan 5-8 in New Orleans. The meeting will include a reception on the 5th, the new scholars workshop on the 6th, and the regular meeting on the 7th and 8th. The IMA is providing two \$1,000 awards, one for the best academic paper and one for the best education paper.
- Nancy presented the treasurer's report on behalf of Guido Geertz. A copy of the report is attached.
- Awards were presented as follows:
 - Best Reviewer *JIS* – David Hayes
 - Outstanding Dissertation – Yi-Ching Kao for *Longitudinal and Externality Considerations in Evaluating the Performance Impact of Information Technology*.
 - IS-Section Mid Year Outstanding Research Paper - *The Effect of Incentives on Knowledge Sharing in Computer-Mediated Communication: An Experimental Investigation* by Eileen Z. Taylor.
 - IS Section Mid Year Outstanding Education Paper - *Caroline's Candy Shop: An In-Class Role-Play of the Revenue Cycle* by David C. Hayes and J. Kenneth Reynolds.
 - Outstanding Service Award – Ronald M. Young for distinguished service as newsletter editor.
 - Outstanding Service Award – Dan Stone for distinguished service as editor *JIS*.
 - Outstanding Service Award – Srinivas Dharanipragada for distinguished service as editorial assistant *JIS*.
- The meeting was handed over to the new president, Chris Wolfe, Texas A&M.
 - Chris thanked Nancy for her hard work during the past year and presented her with a plaque to recognize her efforts.
 - Chris then summarized his agenda as follows:
 - Develop a white paper documenting the positive benefits of AIS on accounting students.
 - Develop strategic objectives to meet the mission statement.
 - Work with AAA to obtain more value for the section including a systems editor on *TAR*.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 am.