Minutes – AAA Information Systems Section Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 5, 2008, Anaheim, CA

President - Elaine Mauldin

- Distributed handouts with charges for officers and committee chairs
- Distributed a list of officers and committee chairs – please check to assure all of the information is correct
- ISACA – As a result of the meeting on Sunday with ISACA representatives, the AAA IS section and ISACA have developed a memorandum of understanding that will include several benefits – ISACA will sponsor a faculty workshop at the mid-year meeting; Individuals who are academic advocates will be given half-price registration and individuals who are an Academic Advocate and a CISA will receive free registration; ISACA will provide access to old CISA exam questions; ISACA student memberships are already $25; ISACA will be offering scholarships and grants for PhD students and new faculty that will include access to data, and, some time in the future, access to a database compiled for research purposes.
- AAA Commons – The section web site will move to AAA Commons. Terry Glandon will be working with Bruce Dehning to facilitate this transfer.

Mid-year Meeting

- Doctoral consortium – Brad Tuttle will be organizing.
- JIS Workshop - Patrick Wheeler will organize.
- September 1 will be the paper deadline – This is usually extended to September 15. The group agreed to simply have the official deadline be September 15.
- There will be a new policy for submissions – if a paper is presented at AAA Annual meeting, it should not submit to the mid-year meeting unless it is substantially changed.
- Education papers submitted to the mid-year meeting will go directly to Ronnie Daigle (Education Issues Committee Chair) rather than to Faye Borthick (Research and Publications Committee Chair).
- The number of sessions will be determined by quantity and quality of submissions.
- Vernon Richardson inquired about whether it would be beneficial to get a CPA firm to help pay for PhD students to come to conference. The consensus was that this type of sponsorship would be beneficial, especially since our money from KPMG money is no longer designated only for the new faculty conference.
- The group agreed that, for future mid-year meetings, the IS section and the AIS Educator Association should allow one another to sponsor a session at the other's meeting without cost, rather than exchanging payments. This will simplify ordering of food, and avoid extra checks. The Secretary will correspond with AIS Educator Section president with a copy to Mid-year meeting coordinator (Marianne Bradford).

Treasurer - Mary Curtis

- Breakfast at the Annual Meeting is now breaking even.
- Some individuals have inquired about why the cost of our breakfast is higher than other sections. Mary explained that this is because we don't subsidize the cost of our breakfast.
- Feedback from members suggests a preference for the hot breakfast, rather than continental breakfast.
- The group discussed other alternatives for our business meeting – include lunch or a meeting with no meal. It was decided to stay with a breakfast meeting.
- Mid-year meeting – The $25,000 received in sponsorship from KPMG is included in the inflows for the meeting. Without this, we would have lost money. The deficit was primarily because we were 60 person-nights short of meeting the hotel requirement and had to pay a penalty.

Membership Services - Del DeVries

- The AAA Commons will give us a way to touch members; there is a committee to discuss how to utilize this.
- The AAA will soon be able to share more data with sections; for example, they will be able to tell us how many section members come to the Annual Meeting breakfast versus the total number attending the meeting.
- 1-1/2 years ago, the AAA developed a master database that matches AAA data to data in Hasselback. However, the AAA Commons is not linked to AAA Database, but we will be able to restrict access to resources on the Commons based on section.
- The AAA Commons includes an area for content area discussions. The AAA Commons committee may want to encourage individuals to be content area leaders to assure some content exists in this area Commons.

Notable Contribution to the Literature - Kathy Hurtt

- We need to acquire an archive of those people who have received the award and put it on web site or pass it down.
- Kathy distributed a modified copy of the Call for Nominations with the following suggested changes:
    o Currently, papers must have been published at least 3 year prior to be considered. The committee suggests changing this to 10 years. The executive committee voted to recommend that the committee change the requirement to 7 years.
    o Currently, individuals on the Executive Committee (president, president elect, past president, secretary, treasurer) are excluded from consideration for the award. The committee recommended removing this exclusion, because it eliminates a number of good candidates. The group agreed that removing this exclusion would be acceptable, given that these individuals are not members of the selection committee and have no authority over its decision.
    o The deadline for submissions should be changed from March 31 to December 31.

- The committee will be developing a more structured selection process that will include the committee doing an analysis of potential candidates, looking at a citation analysis for the candidates and having previous winners evaluate the new nominees.
- The committee recommended to change the bylaws to require the award be given to a paper addressing AIS versus IS issues. Later in the meeting, while discussing the requirements for the Dissertation Award, the group agreed that this focus could be maintained by emphasizing the requirement in the call for papers that all recipients be a member of the AAA-IS Section.

By-Laws

- The bylaws currently read that the chair of the Research and Publications committee should be an appointed member. The committee recommends that this be changed to an elected member, with a new chair each year as the old chair rolls off the committee.   This will be formally considered by the by-laws committee in the upcoming year.

Research and Publications Committee – Uday Murthy

- During the last year, the committee decided to double the submission fee to be more in line with other publications.
- During the year, the committee voted to eliminate the Education section in JIS. The last date for submissions of educational research was December 31.
- A special issue, edited by Roger Debreceny will appear in the 2010 issue. The topic is "Reviews of Information Systems Research"
- The idea of providing some sort of sponsorship to the AIS Educator Journal was discuss
  - Stacy Kovar, current editor of the AISEJ – described the possible for joint sponsorship between the AAA IS Section and the AIS Educator Association. The AISEA has approved exploring this idea.
  - The group discussed whether this idea should be pursued. Factors discussed included the costs and benefits, including the availability of other outlets for AIS Educational Research, the response from members who were disappointed by the decision to eliminate the Education section of JIS. Faye Borthick suggested developing a task force to examine the idea that was not involved in the original decision to eliminate the Education section of JIS. Martha Eining, the new member of the research and publications committee could be the representative from the section on this task force, along with a member of the AISEA.
- In the upcoming year, the committee is planning a survey of reviewers and authors of JIS to assess satisfaction with the process.

Outstanding Dissertation Award

- This award has had a decreased number of submissions in past years. The committee inquired about what happens if only one paper is submitted? Should the award be automatically given to that submission? The group agreed that it should be.

- The group discussing the description of the award to in the bylaws to require the paper be an AIS rather than IS paper. The consensus was to maintain flexibility for both awards (Outstanding Contributions to the Literature and Dissertation) by relying on the requirements in the calls for papers that say the recipients must be section members. This restriction should be effect in assuring the primary focus would be on AIS.

Educational Issues and C3 - Ronnie Daigle (with Sarah Bee, co-editor)

- The committee recommended a that the time line for publication of C3 be extended as follows: Previously, the call for papers came out in January, the submission deadline is the end of February, communications to authors are issued by April 1, second communications are received from authors by June 1, and the final copy is distributed at the Annual Meeting; The committee proposed that the call for the coming edition be made with fall newsletter, the deadline for submissions be November 15 and that the first communication to authors be January 15 with a second round of communication by February 15 and March completion. After discussion, the executive committee recommended that the call for papers be made in the fall newsletter, but that submissions deadlines be kept in January as before. Subsequent deadlines can be adjusted by the committee without the Annual Meeting serving as a final completion deadline, given that the next edition will only be submitted via the Web, not on CD at the Annual Meeting.

JIS Editor's report- Paul Steinbart

- 92 submissions in fiscal year
- Acceptance rate – 16.5%
- Turnaround – 84 days on first round
- Only 20 so far for Paul through June which will result in lower submissions if this pace continues
- SSCI rejected because of international authorship and lack of citations; all AAA journals are in SCOPUS (competitor to SSCI)

Newsletter Editor Report – Marcia Watson

- The newsletter has been redesigned.
- The end of September will be the deadline for the Fall issue.

There was no regional activities report, new business or old business.

Submitted by Stacy Kovar – Secretary 2008-2009.