

Minutes of FARS Business Meeting
Friday, January 24, 2020 Nashville, TN
5:30 to 6:15pm

- I. Meeting was called to order by Sarah McVay, President
- II. Minutes of the 2019 FARS Business Meeting (see Business Meeting slides) – approved unanimously
- III. Current Year Innovations:
 - a. Business Meeting was conducted at MYM instead of at the Annual meeting to try to boost attendance – nearly double compared to prior years.
 - b. Full day (Thursday) doctoral consortium was hosted at Tennessee State University. Early feedback on the quality and logistics of the offsite consortium has been positive. Planning and executing future offsite consortiums will benefit from this experience as well as survey responses from student attendees.
 - c. A technical session focusing on social network analysis was held Thursday afternoon (1-6pm). Despite a quality program and expert instructor, attendance was low relative to prior years, perhaps because the session has previously been held Friday morning. Survey responses should help us learn more.
 - d. Thursday night reception and Friday morning plenary session were well-attended. No closing reception (held in Seattle at 2019 FARS MYM) was held to save costs.
 - e. Research roundtables on Saturday morning: 34 papers across 16 tables. Early feedback has been positive, and more insights will be gathered from the survey sent to registrants.
 - f. Overall, 49 concurrent sessions were offered, 7 more than prior year in Seattle.
- IV. 2021 Midyear meeting
 - a. Denver, CO.
 - b. All day doctoral consortium will be held offsite, likely at University of Denver.
 - c. MYM from 8 am Friday to 4 pm Saturday.
- V. Council Representative Report
 - a. Brian Bushee shared insights from meetings with council members and AAA national office.
 - b. Attendees of the Business Meeting discussed efforts to obtain more detailed and timely financial information from the AAA to facilitate better decision-making about budgeting matters, including dues and meeting costs.
- VI. Treasurer's Report by Adam Greiner (see Business Meeting slides)
- VII. Election of members of the Nominations Committee
 - a. The following were nominated from the floor to serve on the Nominations Committee – Weili Ge (University of Washington), Jeff Hales (UT – Austin), Darren Roulstone (The Ohio State), and Melissa Lewis Western (BYU).
 - b. Slate of four nominees passed unanimously.
- VIII. Other matters
 - a. None.
- IX. Meeting adjourned