

Minutes of FARS Business Meeting
Zoom
Saturday, January 22, 2022
7:30 to 8:00pm EST

- I. The Business Meeting was called to order by Stephannie Larocque, President, conducted via Zoom during the Midyear meeting (MYM), and attended by approximately 15 people.
- II. Current year innovations
 - a. Similar to last year, the doctoral consortium was held online, with over 120 doctoral student attendees and 15 faculty presenters.
 - b. Overall attendance for the 2022 MYM is estimated to be approximately 720 participants.
 - c. A process has begun for fundraising for named FARS awards.
 - d. A new Integrating Research and Practice Committee was added to FARS this year. Members are encouraged to follow FARS's LinkedIn page to increase the exposure of FARS members' academic research, especially within the practitioner community.
 - e. The FARS/JFR Research Methods Mini-Conference will take place during March 2022, rather than during the FARS Midyear Meeting.
- III. Future Midyear Meetings
 - a. The 2023 FARS MYM will be held in Phoenix, AZ at the Renaissance Phoenix Downtown Hotel, January 19-21, 2023.
 - b. FARS plans to hold its 2024 MYM in Denver.
- IV. Council Representative Report (Stephannie Larocque reported on behalf of Brian Bushee)
 - a. Recent data suggest that AAA membership has rebounded from the decrease in FY 2020-2021.
 - b. A new AAA Meetings Committee has been created to help sections plan MYMs.
 - c. The AAA is hiring a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) full-time staff person. We expect some guidance to come once the position is filled.
- V. Treasurer's Report by Adam Greiner
 - a. Membership in 2020-2021 was down by 14% (faculty and student memberships were down 16% and 10%, respectively). Submissions to the 2021 MYM were down 32%, while registrations for the 2021 MYM were up (faculty and student registrations were up 17% and 76%, respectively).
 - b. Revenues and expenses in 2020-2021 were down due to the 2021 FARS MYM being held virtually rather than in-person as in 2020. FARS experienced net inflows of approximately \$61,000 for the FY 2020-2021.
 - c. Overall the section is in a good financial position.
 - d. While we did move the 2022 MYM from Denver to a virtual meeting, the AAA staff was able to negotiate a zero cancellation fee with the hotel rather than the large (i.e., six-figure) cancellation fee we were anticipating.

- e. For the FYE 2020, digital downloads of manuscripts in JFR were down 26% to 5,307 from FYE 2019 and up 39% from FYE 2018. This information was made available after the business meeting.
- VI. Election of members of the Nominations Committee
- a. The following were nominated from online attendees to serve on the Nominations Committee – Brian Bratten (University of Kentucky), Melissa Martin (University of Illinois-Chicago), Cathy Schrand (Wharton), and Franco Wong (University of Toronto).
 - b. Nominees were seconded without objection.
- VII. Other matters
- a. Attendance at the midyear meeting and doctoral consortium have increased the last two years with the change in format to virtual. It was suggested that FARS consider offering virtual components to future MYMs, such as panel discussions, research presentations by distinguish researchers, and plenary sessions. The program for next year may experiment with certain virtual offerings to see how well they are received.
 - b. It was noted that staggering FARS leadership positions (e.g., having a Secretary/Treasurer-Elect) has been very helpful in ensuring a smooth transition in leadership from year to year.
- VIII. Meeting adjourned