

ISA-South Business Meeting
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MINUTES

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Present: Vendulka Kubalkova, Roger Coate, Bill DeMars, Jamie Frueh, Jim Rinehart, Nikos Zahariadis, Ido Oren, Sami Barkin, Darin Van Tassell

ISA-South President Roger Coate called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m.

Vendulka Kubalkova – Report on the Miami Meeting

ISA-South Vice President Vendulka Kubalkova presented an overview of the Miami meeting. There were a total of about 180 panelists plus significant numbers of additional attendees. Representatives of 80 different universities participated. Included were 20 universities from outside the southern region, plus 17 universities from 11 different countries. The finances of the conference were sound. Fifteen scholarships were awarded. The assembled expressed their appreciation to Vendulka and her staff, especially Amabel Akwa-Asare, for hosting a terrific and well-attended conference.

Jim Rinehart – Treasurer's Report

As of June 30, 2005, ISA-South had \$11,419 in its account. We remain the best funded of all the regions. \$2,250 was distributed in checks to graduate students. International students reported some difficult cashing checks locally. Students should be reminded of this next year.

Nikos Zahariadis – Birmingham Conference in 2006

The 2006 conference will be held in Birmingham, Alabama, October 20-22. The theme will be human rights. The conference hotel is the Radisson (\$91 plus tax; airport transportation is included – please contact the hotel). All panels will be held at the conference hotel. The date and the hotel are fixed. Highlights tentatively planned are: a tour of the Civil Rights Institute; reception at President Garrison's house; and luncheon speaker, Artur Davis, U.S. House of Representatives. Excellent undergraduate students are encouraged to attend. The assembled reaffirmed their enthusiasm for the Birmingham conference and thanked Nikos for agreeing to host us again.

Graduate Student Stipends – Birmingham

The following motion passed unanimously:

Nikos Zahariadis is authorized to award up to 15 graduate student stipends of \$150 each to help defray the costs of travel to the Birmingham conference. The total amount of funds approved is \$2250. Priority will be accorded members of

ISA-South. Membership in ISA-South means that the applicant is a member of ISA who a.) checked off the ISA-South membership box; or b.) who lives in the geographical area of ISA-South.

New Business

- Darin Van Tassell of Georgia Southern University offered informally to host the 2007 conference in Savannah. The school's provost and president are supportive. Georgia Southern has good connections with Savannah, and frequently holds conferences there. Darin will seek some school support to help defray the costs of registration and will explore a range of hotel prices. Darin's offer was enthusiastically received. He will prepare a formal proposal for the council to consider at the San Diego business meeting.
- Web-based newsletter. Vendulka graciously agreed to coordinate a web-based newsletter. This will be an excellent recruiting and publicity tool for future conferences. The newsletter will be posted on the ISA-South Website. Also, ISA national can e-mail the newsletter link to all ISA-South members.
- The council thanked Tom Janes for his help organizing ISA-South's web presence. Roger will consult with Tom Volgy on the issue of outside webhosting, and we will take up Tom Janes's suggestions at the San Diego business meeting.

Thomas Smith – Elections for 2006

Ido Oren and Darin Van Tassell were nominated and seconded to be placed on the ballot for executive council. Thus, the ballot will appear as follows:

President (choose one):	Vendulka Kubalkova
Vice President (choose one):	Nikolaos Zahariadis
Executive Council (choose two):	Ido Oren
	Darin Van Tassell

As is the tradition, nominations will remain open for a week after the finalized version of the meeting minutes are completed, to allow for the submission of additional nominations. Electronic balloting will be handled by ISA national again this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.