

ISA-South Business Meeting San Diego, California **March 24, 2006**

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Present: Vendulka Kubalkova, Roger Coate, Jim Rinehart, Ido Oren, Sammy Barkin, Darin Van Tassell, Barry Balleck, Harry Chernotsky, Howard Warshawsky, John Stempel, Thomas Smith

ISA-South President Vendulka Kubalkova called the meeting to order at 7:04 a.m.

ISA Governing Council Meeting - Vendulka Kubalkova

The regional presidents have asked for additional funds to be made available to the regions. The funds are not immediately available. ISA national plans to establish a pool of money that regional associations may apply for. The monies could help underwrite regional conference by funding workshops, staff support, guest speakers, graduate student participation, professional development, etc. This additional support might make it possible for schools with modest resources to host regional conferences.

The following motion was adopted unanimously:

"That ISA national provide flat subsidies to the regions for regional initiatives, including conference enhancement, rather than have regions apply for funds from a pool of money."

Treasurer's Report - Jim Rinehart

ISA's current balance is \$9,075. There was a pre-conference and a post-conference dip in the account balance in 2005. Part of the dip may be due to more generous travel grants to graduate students. Jim will check with Dana Larsen at ISA National on the reason for the dips in the account.

Birmingham Conference

Nikos Zahariadis circulated an update to the Executive Council prior to the San Diego meeting. Preparations for Birmingham are in good hands with Nikos. A free visit to the Civil Rights Institute is planned. ISA President Joanne Tickner is scheduled to attend. The cost of the Radisson in Birmingham is \$91 per night. Parking is complimentary. The hotel also runs a complimentary shuttle to and from the airport.

ISA South Website

Vendulka will ask ISA National if they will permanently host the ISA-South website. As our webmaster Tom Janes has requested, we would like to have broader access to update the website. Conference hosts, for example, could update the site directly rather than having to channel changes through the webmaster.

Savannah Conference - Darin Van Tassell & Barry Balleck

Darin Van Tassell and Barry Balleck of Georgia Southern University presented a working bid to host the conference in Savannah October 25-27, 2007. The aim is a truly interdisciplinary conference. Jimmy Carter is a possible keynote speaker. The Savannah Marriott quoted a rate of \$159 per night. Conference registration is estimated at \$65-75, \$35-40 for graduate students. The Provost at Georgia Southern has pledged a financial

cushion. Hopefully it will be possible to defray lodging costs for graduate students, possibly through ISA National funds. The Council was interested in suggestions for cheaper lodging as well. The Council unanimously approved Darin and Barry's plans to host the conference in Savannah.

Newsletter - Vendulka Kubalkova

Vendulka will coordinate the ISA-South newsletter. The next issue will report on the San Diego conference. A state-by-state tour of the region is also planned for the newsletter. Liz Prugl has agreed to organize reviews of books published by regional members.

The Council formally approved plans for the newsletter.

Inactive Board Members

Two inactive student member of the executive council - Charles Gleek and Karan Casey Doczi - were removed from their positions. Under the bylaws of ISA-South, the Executive Council can make one-year student appointments to the Executive Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 a.m.