

ISA-South Business Meeting
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MINUTES

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Present: Vendulka Kubalkova, Nikos Zahariadis, Darin Van Tassell, Jim Rinehart, Thomas Smith, Tom Badey, Ido Oren, John Miglietta, Thomas Doleys, Nayef Samhat, David Ellis, Pia Wood, Victoria Perez-Rias, Sandra Hunkele, Ann Tickner, Supad Ghose, Mary Meyer McAleese, Louise Pedneault, Hans-Martin Jaeger, Harry Chertnotsky, Heidi Hobbs, William DeMars, Regina Gaillard, Jim Winkates, Patrick Mayerchak, Don Rogers, Susan Northcutt.

The meeting commenced at 5:05 p.m.

The Birmingham Conference – Nikos Zahariadis

About 90 people participated in the program – roughly 60 faculty and professional members and 30 graduate students. Registration fees raised \$4,150. Nineteen graduate student travel stipends were awarded, and all 19 students attended.

Paper & Panel Suggestions

Pat Mayerchak lamented that many panelists send their papers to discussants at the eleventh hour. Discussants were encouraged to contact panelists well in advance and set strict deadlines. Pia Wood suggested that panelists be required to prepare a one-page précis of their paper, to be made available in advance to all conference attendees. At the panels, more time could then be devoted to more informed discussion. The assembled encouraged Darin Van Tassell to be inventive in the composition and dynamics of panel presentation at the Savannah meeting in 2007.

2007 Savannah Meeting – Darin Van Tassell

Darin Van Tassell reported on preparations for Savannah. The date is October 25-27, 2007. President Jimmy Carter is a possible keynote speaker. The room rate at the conference hotel is \$152. Twenty rooms will be available at \$109 for graduate students. Proposed registration fee is \$75 for faculty/professional and \$35 for students. Workshops on professional development and teaching are planned. A 3-hour dinner cruise is a possibility at \$50/person. The University of South Georgia has pledged about \$4,000 to help defray conference costs.

Treasurer's Report – Jim Rinehart

The state of our finances is strong. At the end of July 2006, ISA-South had \$9,789 on hand. The balance sheet showed \$9,663 in income and \$10,783 in expenditures. The Miami meeting cost a little over \$5,000. We paid 19 graduate student travel stipends for the Birmingham conference totaling \$2,850.

The Newsletter – Vendulka Kubalkova

Vendulka plans to strengthen the interactivity of the newsletter. Lisa Prugl is editor of the book review section. Vendulka is also planning a survey and “tour” of the region.

Nominations for Secretary and Executive Council

The following nominations were made for officers and executive council starting in 2007:

Secretary:

Thomas Smith (University of South Florida St. Petersburg)

Executive Council:

John Miglietta (Tennessee State University)

David Ellis (New College)

Susan Northcutt (University of South Florida)

Nayef Samhat (Centre College)

Thomas Doleys (Kennesaw State University)

Under our bylaws, the president of ISA-South may, with the consent of the executive council, appoint a graduate student to the executive council for a one-year term.

Future Meetings

John Miglietta expressed preliminary interest in hosting the ISA-South in Nashville in 2008. He will see whether his institution, Tennessee State University, would contribute its support.

Tom Badey expressed interest in hosting the meeting at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia in 2008 or 2009. Randolph-Macon is supportive.

The Website

Nikos updated the group on the status of the ISA-South website, which is currently housed on the University of Kentucky server. Tom Janes, who has so ably maintained the site, is no longer at Kentucky and recommends that we move the site to a commercial hosting service. Nikos made the motion that we purchase the domain name www.isa-south.org for about \$15 and pay roughly \$50/year to a hosting service. The motion passed unanimously.

The assembled thanked Tom Janes for his service. David Ellis at New College will consult with Nikos about the possibility of serving as the new webmaster.

Miscellaneous

Ido Oren announced that a proposal is on the agenda at the Chicago ISA meeting to fund professional development activities at regional conferences.

ISA President Ann Tickner congratulated the assembled on a successful conference.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.