

ISA-South Business Meeting
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Present: Jim Rinehart, Thomas Smith, Ido Oren, John Miglietta, Nayef Samhat, David Ellis, Harry Chernotsky, Susan Northcutt, Roger Coate, John Stempel, Michael Stoll.

The meeting commenced at 7:35 a.m.

Darin Van Tassell was unable to attend due to travel conditions and provided Harry Chernotsky with details of the Governing Council meeting and the Savannah conference. The meeting was chaired by Jim Rinehart.

Governing Council Meeting – Harry Chernotsky

ISA has instituted a new system of workshop grants. Workshop grants will be available only for the ISA national conferences, not the regional meetings. Four grants of \$25,000 each and four of \$5,000 each will be made available each year.

ISA has appropriated \$10,000 annually for professional development funds. Grants of \$2,000-\$3,000 will be available for professional development activities at regional conferences. Darin is preparing a professional development grant for the Savannah meeting.

The Governing Council is constituting an ad hoc panel to examine regional governance issues.

The Governing Council passed a resolution defending academic freedom.

Savannah Conference – Harry Chernotsky

The conference will be held October 25-27, 2007 at the Savannah Marriott Riverfront Hotel. Registration rates are: \$75 (early), \$90 (late), and \$35 (student). Room rates are \$152/night for regular participants and \$109/night for graduate students. Darin hopes to have two speakers, one cosponsored by the World Affairs Council of Savannah on Thursday evening; the other at the Saturday luncheon. Possible speakers include John Edwards, Hillary Clinton, or John McCain; and one of the hostages held at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran. A plenary session will be convened on Saturday afternoon. There

will be no Sunday panels. Susan Northcutt and Thomas Smith will consult with Darin about preparing a professional development grant for Savannah.

Future Conferences

Tom Badey will propose hosting the 2008 meeting at Randolph-Macon College. The Executive Council will vote on Tom's proposal via e-mail.

John Miglietta at Tennessee State University expressed interest in hosting the conference in Nashville in 2009. John will have more information by the Savannah conference.

Nayef Samhat raised the possibility of submitting a one-page précis of papers before conferences. David Ellis encouraged participants to upload their papers to the ISA-South website before the conference.

Treasurer's Report – Jim Rinehart

As of January 31, 2007, ISA-South had \$7,917.16 in its account.

Graduate Student Support for the Savannah Conference

The Executive Committee passed a motion to raise the graduate student travel stipend to \$200 per student for the Savannah conference. The total amount of the stipends is not to exceed \$3,600. The motion applies only to the Savannah conference. Darin has discretion in awarding the grants within the confines of the standing criteria used at the Miami and Birmingham conferences.

The Website – David Ellis

ISA-South has purchased the domain name www.isa-south.org and has moved the site to a commercial server. About 100 people have signed up for the new ISA-South listserv. David is in the process of gathering information about graduate programs in the region to post on the website. Grant and fellowship opportunities can be posted as well.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m.