

# Newsletter

ISA South General Business Meeting  
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- MINUTES -

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ISA-South President Ido Oren called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Ido announced that the business meeting at the ISA Honolulu conference will be held Friday, March 4 at 7:30 a.m. Breakfast will be available.

Ido reported that as of the end of June, ISA-South had \$12,429 in its account.

Roger Coate reported on the Columbia meeting. 189 people registered for the conference. ISA President Jacek Kugler addressed the plenary session on Friday night. Greg Raymond gave a rousing Saturday luncheon speech. Twelve \$100 student scholarships will be paid to students who applied for the scholarships and participated in the conference. Roger will prepare a full financial report on the meeting.

Jim Winkates commended Roger on an excellent conference and on attracting many non-political scientists to the meeting.

Vendulka Kubalkova (University of Miami) and Nick Onuf (Florida International University) reviewed plans for the 2005 conference, which they will co-host in Miami. Vendulka made assurances that the conference will honor the traditions of ISA-South. Henry Hamman from the University of Miami will also assist in hosting the conference.

Because the conference will coincide with the beginning of high tourist season, accommodations will be relatively expensive. A bloc of rooms may be negotiated at the Hyatt in downtown Miami. Arrangements will also be explored with other, less expensive hotels in the area. We may want to subsidize graduate student accommodations.

Nick Onuf reviewed the theme of the conference: "Theory & Practice." The program will be inclusive. Nick hopes for broad participation by graduate students and junior faculty.

Tom Badey noted that given the distance of travel as well as the price of accommodations, ISA-South should not overcommit to a bloc of rooms.

Karan Casey Dóczi noted that graduate students will be available to assist during the

conference. They could also serve as "host families" for other graduate students.

Vendulka asked if there were objections to Bacardi sponsoring the Friday night reception, which would help the meeting's bottom line. None was voiced.

Ido and Roger will continue to work with Vendulka, Nick and Henry as planning continues for the Miami conference.

Roger Coate noted that we might consider raising the amount of money for student stipends to help defray the costs of attending ISA-South. We could give more awards or bigger awards. It was noted that even modest stipends might be matched by graduate students' home institutions.

The following nominations were made for the 2005 slate of ISA-South Officers:

- Roger Coate - President
- Vendulka Kubalkova - Vice President
- Jim Rinehart - Treasurer
- Tom Badey - Executive Council
- Karan Casey Dóczy - Executive Council
- Charles Gleek - Executive Council

ISA-South Secretary Thomas Smith will continue to accept any late nominations.

Preliminary discussions were held concerning future venues for ISA-South. For 2006, two possibilities were raised: Nikos Zahariadis offered to host the meeting at the University of Alabama at Birmingham; Atlanta was also suggested, assuming we can get a firm commitment from a program chair at Georgia Tech. For 2007, J. Calvitt Clarke and Steve MacIsaac of Jacksonville University are interested in hosting us there.

Nikos made a motion that we defer a decision on the 2006 venue to our Hawaii meeting. Motion carried.

Jim Winkates made a motion that we acknowledge the Jacksonville offer, which we will consider seriously. Motion carried.

Tom Badey made a motion on behalf of Mary Meyer that we increase the prize money for the annual ISA-South Graduate Student Paper Awards by \$50 for each award beginning at the 2005 meeting: Grand Prize winner increases from \$200 to \$250; 1st runner-up increases from \$150 to \$200; 2nd runner-up increases from \$100 to \$150. There has been no increase in the past 8 years, perhaps longer. It's time. Including the \$110 expense for plaques and engraving, the cost of the contest will rise to about \$710 per year. Motion carried.

Ido thanked Roger for a terrific conference in Columbia and adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.