

# Southern Association for Information Systems

## *Business Meeting Minutes*

March 26, 2021  
12:00pm

**Meeting Facilitator:** Richelle Oakley, SAIS President

**Attendees:** Donald Baldwin, Amy Connolly, Michael Cuellar, Bernie Farkas, Joy Godin, Jeff Kaleta, Nima Kordzadeh, Christopher Kreider, Shawn Lough, Thema Monroe-White, Jeannie Pridmore, Karthik Umapathy, Jignya Patel, Brandis Phillips, Faris Sahawneh

- I. Richelle called meeting to Order.
- II. Chris made a motion to approve last year's minutes. Karthik seconded. All approved.
- III. Officer Reports
  - a. Program Chair Report – Chris discussed the success of the JSAIS Research Workshop.
  - b. Conference Chair Report – Bernie stated next Friday the program chair, conference chair, and president are meeting to begin planning the details for SAIS 2022.
  - c. Treasurer Report – Richelle stated AIS is still in the process of transferring the funds from SAIS 2020.
  - d. Secretary Report – None.
  - e. JSAIS Report - Karthik reported on in 2020 JSAIS published 4 papers and discussed issues with JSAIS reviewers that are not a part of the Board. The quality of the review is not as detailed, or they simply say no to the review. Michael Cuellar discussed AIS helping to index JSAIS with Proquest. He also stated there are 2 papers waiting for revisions.
  - f. Marketing and Communications Report – Jeff discussed the debate between Facebook and LinkedIn as the primary social media account for SAIS. He also stated the updates to the website are continuously made throughout the year.
- IV. Elections
  - a. Secretary – Amy self-nominated. All voted in favor.
  - b. Treasurer – Bernie stated that Jim retired last year. Richelle will email Jim Wynne to see if he is still interested in serving as the Treasurer. **An electronic vote will occur for this position.**
    - i. We discussed the need for an Assistant Treasurer position (non-voting, non-Board position) to support succession planning. Bernie made the motion to create the position. Karthik seconded. All voted in favor.
    - ii. Shawn self-nominated for the Assistant Treasurer position. All voted in favor.
  - c. Marketing & Communications Chair – Chris nominated Jeff. Jeff accepted the nomination for the position. All voted in favor.
  - d. Journal Liaison – Karthik self-nominated. All voted in favor.
  - e. Technology Chair – Michael Lapke self-nominated. All voted in favor.
  - f. Assistant Marketing & Communications Chair – Thema self-nominated. All voted in favor.
  - g. Assistant Program Chair – Jignya self-nominated. All voted in favor.
  - h. Assistant Conference Chair - Richelle will email Sue Feldman to see if she is still interested in serving. **An electronic vote will occur for this position.**
  - i. Student Liaison – Michael Cuellar self-nominated. All voted in favor.
- V. New Business
  - a. Richelle recapped the attendance at JSAIS research workshop:

- i. 23 attended Alan Dennis' presentation on "Digital Humans"
    - ii. Room A: 13 attendees
    - iii. Room B: 5 attendees
    - iv. Room C: Presenters did not show up
    - v. Room D: 6 attendees
    - vi. 24 attended recap of research workshop
  - b. Richelle requested volunteers to represent SAIS at AMCIS & ICIS 2021 Member Connect. Amy stated that if the Member Connect doesn't conflict with any other events that she is already committed to, she will represent SAIS. Joy encouraged others to market SAIS Conference while at other conferences in the IS discipline.
  - c. Bernie asked for suggestions to improve the conference. Richelle suggested if there is a keynote speaker that you would like, feel free to share that with Bernie. She also stated if there are sponsors (software, publishers, etc.) send them to her.
  - d. Michael Cuellar stated JSAIS could be cross-referenced with a DOI for \$275. He will cover the first year and requests for SAIS to cover in the future. The cost will be discussed at the next in-person meeting and conference in March 2022.
- VI. Chris motioned to adjourn. Michael Cuellar seconded. Meeting adjourned.