# Southern Association for Information Systems

# Business Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2020

## 12:45 PM

## **Meeting Facilitator**: Jeannie Pridmore, SAIS President **Attendees**: Joy Godin, Nima Kordzadeh, Richelle Oakley, Bernie Farkas, Jim Wynne, Jignya Patel, Karthikeyan Umapathy, Jeffrey Kaleta, Christopher Kreider, Dawit Demissie, Roland Weistroffer, Prapti Burkul, Michael Lapke, Sue Feldman, Thema Monroe-White, Adriane Randolph

1. Jeannie called meeting to order. Motion to approve last years minuted passed: YES-All, NO- 0
2. Bernie Farkas gave a program report: 53 submissions, 46 accepted papers and 41 were included in the program. 5 of the 46 that were accepted cancelled last minute due to COVID-19
3. Richelle gave an overview of attendees

42 unique visitors to the Remo platform (out of a total of 56 who registered)

20-22 people attended the keynote speech

19 people attended the the sponsor sessions

23 people attended the award ceremony

20-22 participants for paper presentations on each day

III Jim (treasurer) reported that the beginning balance on March 21, 2019 was $31,956.21. Total expenditure was $16,301.43 which left the current balance for this year is $15,654.78. This doesn’t include the sponsorship money yet to be received from AIS. Jim also compared financials from 2010 to 2020.

A suggestion to increase the early registration fees by $25 and late registration fess by $50 was also made to cover the cost of SAIS which has not increased since the past 15 years. Suggestions were made to decrease cost of SAIS: (1) to move the venue for 2022 to University of Tampa and (2) offer virtual attendance option for interested participants and charge them a nominal fee.

IV. Secreaty (Jignya Patel) had nothing to report.

V. Karthik reported that the Journal of the Southern AIS published 2 volumes in 2020: volume 6 containing 2 articles and volume 7 containing 1 article. A total of 5 submissions were received, out of which 2 were rejected are 3 are still in review cycle.

VI. The miniconference will be a 1-day virtual event that includes AIS speaker, guest speaker, and a round table discussion with workshops similar to pre-ICIS and pre-AMCIS. A suggestion was made to use the mini-conference as a doctoral consortium and selecting the best papers from the consortium for publication in JSAIS.

VII. Karthik reported that the Journal of the Southern AIS published 2 volumes in 2020: volume 6 containing 2 articles and volume 7 containing 1 article. A total of 5 submissions were received, out of which 2 were rejected are 3 are still in review cycle.

Members agreed to fast tracking award winning papers and certain tio selected papers to be included in JSAIS. All other papers will be included in the mini-conference preceedings

VIII. Chris reported that the technical side of the conference is under contraol inspite of facing a few password resetting challenges. He also mentioned that he had been filling an interim position and is looking for someone to take over his position.

IX: Members elected

* 1. Program Chair: Christopher Kreider
  2. Assistant Program Chair: Jignya Patel
  3. Marketing & Communications Chair: Jeff Kaleta
  4. Assistant Marketing & Communications Chair: Thema Monroe-White
  5. Treasurer: Jim Wynne
  6. Secretary: Nima Kordzadeh
  7. Journal Liaison: Karthikeyan Umapathy
  8. Student Liaison: Michael Lapke
  9. Assistant Conference Chair: Sue Feldman
  10. Director and Assistant to Treasurer: Joy Godin

X. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm