



“Promoting Excellence in Information Management: Education, Practice & Research”

President’s Corner

The Board of Directors met in Toronto, Canada (before AMCIS) to discuss issues of importance to AIS, SIG-ED, and support for informatics education. We are delighted to report that long-time IAIM SIG-ED member and journal editor Mary Granger was elected Vice President of AIS Education! Similarly, SIG-ED member Roy Johnson (who had previously served as VP of AIS Education) was elected to VP Accreditation for AIS. Thus, our membership is now very well represented on the AIS Council.

As reported during the BOD meeting the SIG-ED is currently in good financial condition. Correspondingly, the BOD has voted to allow reimbursement (up to \$500 with BOD approval) of reasonable out-of-pocket expenditures encountered in association with conference organization. This would enable a partial offset to expenses encountered by the conference chair (or other designee) to preview and make arrangements in the forthcoming conference city. For example, Carina has made several stops in Paris this past year to prepare for the IAIM 2008 Conference – if her school does not cover the associated expenses then Carina can petition the SIG-ED IAIM board to approve expense reimbursement of up to \$500.

Craig Van Slyke, our current membership chair, reported that the SIG-ED membership is doing well and that plans were in place for a joint SIG-ED and SAIS hospitality suite during AMCIS in Toronto. Al Harris reported that since March 2008 all active members have been receiving a hard-copy of the Journal of Information Systems Education (JISE). We hope you all have been enjoying this valued, IS education focused journal.

During the BOD meeting a new set of Honor Society Bylaws was approved. Alpha Iota Mu (AIM) now has a Board of Directors that includes: Jim Buffington, President; Dennis Bialaszewski, Vice

President; Raymond Papp, President Elect; Albert Harris, Secretary; Tom Case, Treasurer. In addition, many additional faculty have recently been inducted into AIM indicating a strong demand and growth potential for this AIS SIG-ED sponsored society.

Carina de Villiers gave a report on possible hotels, conference venues and associated cost for options related to the upcoming IAIM 2008 Conference this December in Paris. After considering options presented, the BOD recommended moving forward with Carina’s suggestion of the IBIS Paris Berthier Porte de Clichy hotel. Carina indicates that all arrangements are going smoothly; she personally reviewed the potential venues by stopping by Paris and has plans to stop again in Paris to finalize arrangements during her return trip to South Africa. Jan Seruga (Research Chair) reported that, thus far, submissions had been slow for the conference. Nonetheless, the submission period was not yet complete. Fortunately, several dozen more submissions were received before the submission period closed and we should have a full agenda for our Paris Conference. (Note to all: early submissions are appreciated by conference, research and track chairs)

Geoff Dick (Affiliated Conferences Chair) reported that about 50-60 papers are submitted to the Education Track of all AIS conferences. It appears that our affiliated conferences initiative is working well – and perhaps stretching the resources of our affiliated track chairs. Geoff Dick encouraged all IAIM members to volunteer and serve as reviewers for all AIS conferences.

Importantly, SIG-ED IAIM will take over the AIS web site for IS Education pedagogy. Mark Serva, Diane Fischer, and Chelley Vician are heading up a team that en-

courages and manages contributions to keep them updated and valid. We encourage more members to get involved as we need volunteers to “manage” parts of the site. Also pertaining to faculty support for pedagogy, Mark Serva is leading an initiative to develop some Faculty Workshops at AMCIS.

Along similar lines I want to commend SIGED members Geoff Dick and Craig Van Slyke for their coordination and editorial roles for the AIS Enrollment Wiki. Geoff is editor for the AIS ‘Industry Involvement’ wiki and Craig is editor for the AIS wiki focusing on ‘Student Marketing Materials’ and Approaches to Promoting IT Careers and Programs. Let’s hope they can help us all better understand the human capital needs of industry and refill the pipeline for IS talent.

As you can see your SIG-ED is involved in many initiatives to support the IS Education community. We would like you to become more involved and to encourage your colleagues to also join our active education focused community. ELECTIONS will be held this Fall to fill new positions. Raymond Papp will be conducting the call-for-candidates and elections over the next few months. We hope you will consider nominating someone (or yourself) for the open positions.

Best Regards,

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By Laws Proposal Secretary’s Report

As part of the election process I’d like to suggest the addition of an official position titled Research Chair and an affiliated position titled Research Co-Chair. Currently the By Laws do specify a “Research Committee” responsible for the call for papers announcement, paper review, and proceedings publications.

The Research Committee will have a program chair and a proceedings chair, who will serve as co-chairs of the Research Committee.” However, based on my many years of IAIM experience (with 3 as the “Research Chair”) the reality is that the Conference involves many folks including: Conference Chair (President Elect), Research Chair, Program Chair, Proceedings Chair, and several track chairs. One track chair is typically highly involved as either an incoming Research Chair (learning the ropes) or as the outgoing research chair (mentoring the new chair). Thus, my suggestion is to recognize the significant contributions made by these key people by officially recognizing the positions.

My suggested re-phrasing of this By Laws Section is: “Research Committee responsible for the call for papers announcement, paper review, and proceedings publications. The Research Committee will have a Research Chair (currently Jan Seruga), Research Co-Chair (currently Kathie Wright), Program Chair (currently Craig Tyran) and a Proceedings Chair (currently Jim Whitworth). The Research Chair will serve as chair of the Research Committee.”

We would appreciate any feedback you have regarding this proposal and we will be seeking a formal vote for approval at our next all member business meeting (at the December Conference in Paris).

Tom Schambach
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Al Harris

Your Board met on Thursday, August 14 in Toronto for a five-hour meeting. Board Members attending the meeting were Tom Schambach, President; Carina de Villiers, President-Elect and Program Chair; Dennis Bialaszewski, Vice President; Diane Fischer, Treasurer; Al Harris, Secretary; Craig Van Slyke, Director, Membership; Jan Seruga, Director; Meg Murray, Director; Mark Serva, Director; Kathie Wright, Research Chair; Craig Tyran, Exhibits, Publicity Chair; Mary Granger, AIS VP; Tom Case, Managing Editor; Sharlett Gillard, Historian; Geoff Dick, Affiliated Conferences Chair.

In 2008, we will be meeting in Paris prior to ICIS. Carina de Villiers is Program Chair. We will meet at the IBIS Paris Berthier Porte de Clichy hotel. We have attempted to keep the registration fee as low as possible. The IBIS hotel is an affordable venue for Paris. I hope everyone will attend. We believe it is appropriate that an organization which strives to enlighten the world through information technology will be meeting in the City of Light. As always, we urge all our members who are doing interesting and innovative work in the classrooms or with their curriculum to consider sending us a paper.

Geoff Dick, Mary Granger, and Craig Van Slyke are continuing efforts to have IAIM play a larger role in sponsoring education tracks at AMCIS, ICIS, and ECIS. We encourage all IAIM members to take a proactive role in serving as reviewers for these education tracks. Your Board is in agreement that we have a responsibility to work closely with AIS in shaping the nature of our contributions to AIS.

Our intention is to continue to organize our conference in conjunction with ICIS. We hope to

see you in Paris, France in December 2008, Phoenix in December 2009, and in St. Louis in 2010.

Everyone should have received their first two copies of the Journal of Information Systems (JISE) as a part of your membership. JISE is the leading academic journal on information systems education. The Board believes that the addition of JISE is a significant benefit of membership in IAIM.

Mary Granger, Education VP of AIS, said that the area of accreditation is being addressed by the AIS Board. There was a Panel at AMCIS on accreditation. The AIS Board voted not to continue with ABET for IS accreditation. ABET accreditation requires at least 30 credit hour in IS and business schools generally cannot get that many hours into the IS program.

Mark Silva reported on an effort to develop some Faculty Workshops at AMCIS. The first one would be at AMCIS 2009 in San Francisco. Discussion and questions followed. Is there a theme? Who is the target audience? How long? When in relation to the AMCIS conference – before or after? Mark Silva said that a good workshop will require up to 4 people.

Dennis Bialaszewski announced that Indiana State University (ISU) has assigned someone for support. Dennis said that ISU also has a webmaster and some money to put the web site on its own server. AIM now has a Board of Directors that includes:

Jim Buffington, President
Dennis Bialaszewski, Vice President
Raymond Papp, President Elect
Al Harris, Secretary
Tom Case, Treasurer

At the Midwest AIS meeting, 5 people were inducted into AIM. After the Board meeting in Toronto, three of the IAIM Board members were inducted into

AIM.

It has been a pleasure to be the Secretary for a group of people that are passionate about education and information systems. I look forward to continuing to serve as Secretary of IAIM and on the IAIM Board.

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2008 SIG:ED-IAIM Annual Conference

Conference details:

The conference will start at 12:00 on Saturday 13 December 2008 with a lunch and end on Sunday 14 December at 17:00.

Preliminary conference program:

Saturday 13 December	08:00 – 12:00	SIGEd: IAIM board meeting (board members only)
Saturday 13 December	12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
Saturday 13 December	13:00 – 18:00	Panel discussions Plenary sessions
Saturday 13 December	18:00	Reception
Sunday 14 December	09:00 – 12:00	3 tracks, reviewed papers
Sunday 14 December	12:00 – 13:00	SIGEd: IAIM Annual meeting
Sunday 14 December	13:00 – 17:00	3 tracks, reviewed papers

Conference venue:

The conference will be held in the [IBIS Berthier Porte de Clichy Hotel](#).

Name of the hotel: Ibis Paris Berthier Porte de Clichy 17ème

Address: 163 bis avenue de Clichy

Town: 75017 PARIS

Country: FRANCE

GPS: N 48° 53' 31.99"
E 2° 19' 0.97"

Tel: (+33)1/40252000

Fax: (+33)1/40252600

Hotel code: 2189

Hotel Manager: Mr. Philippe RAGO

The IBIS Berthier Porte de Clichy is only 3.2 km from the ICIS conference hotels and conference centre, 15 minutes by Metro at the second stop.

The metro stop is approximately 5 minutes walk from the hotel.

The hotel is in a safe environment. WiFi is available in your

room at approximately €4.5 per connected hour.

From Charles de Gaulle Airport you can take a taxi to the hotel (approximately €40) or the train. There is unfortunately no shuttle service to the hotel.

Accommodation:

Booking can be done through the ICIS 2008 web site. If you want to stay in the conference venue you can book directly with the hotel (http://www.ibishotel.com/ibis/fichehotel/gb/ibi/2189/fiche_hotel.shtml).

Booking directly with the hotel will give you a cheaper rate than the advertised rate on the ICIS web site. Rates vary depending on the time and duration of your stay. **It is recommended that you book early to ensure that you get a room.**

Registration:

Registration for the conference is on the ICIS web site; choose

either ICIS registration (if you are going to attend ICIS after this pre-conference and remember to mark the ancillary meeting) or Ancillary meetings only (if you are not going to attend ICIS).

Conference Committee:

Carina de Villiers, University of Pretoria, Conference Chair, carina.devilliers@up.ac.za

Jan Seruga, Australian Catholic University, Research Chair, Jan.Seruga@acu.edu.au

Craig Tyran, Western Washington University, Program Chair, Craig.Tyran@wwu.edu

Jim Whitworth, Georgia Southern University, Proceedings Chair, whitwo@georgiasouthern.edu

Machdel Matthee, University of Pretoria, Registration Chair, machdel.matthee@up.ac.za

Tom Schambach, Illinois State University, President, schambach@ilstu.edu



Area Map of Paris



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Honor Society Report



Dennis Bialaszewski was appointed as the Director of Alpha Iota Mu in December in Montreal at the SIGED: IAIM Board meeting. Dennis and Jim Buffington worked on updating the bylaws. They then distributed the updates to board members and revised the bylaws based on the board's input. The updated bylaws were presented to the SIGED: IAIM Board during the June board meeting in Toronto and were approved unanimously.

Dennis has solicited Ayman Abuhmadieh from Indiana State University who has volunteered to take over the updating of the Alpha Iota Mu website. However, work has not yet started as Ayman is waiting for a dedicated server to be purchased. Our belief is that this should happen

quite soon. Dennis has also obtained secretarial help through a request to the Dean of the College of Business at Indiana State. Alice Adams will be updating the Alpha Iota Mu database and mailing out certificates, pins, and honor cords.

Ray Papp ordered new AIM pins and shipped several to Dennis. They are now available through Dennis. We have depleted our supply of honor cords and more are being ordered. Dennis inducted faculty from 12 universities since the end of May 2008. They are considering starting chapters at their respective institutions. The inductions took place at MVAIS 2008, the SIGED: IAIM Board meeting, and at the Educational Testing Service (Princeton, NJ). Dennis also serves ETS in developing the content and structure of the CLEP exam in Computer Applications and Information Systems.

The Alpha Iota Mu nominations committee of Joe Harder, Jim

Buffington, and Dennis Bialaszewski proposed the following slate of Alpha Iota Mu officers for the coming year:

Past President: Jim Buffington

President: Dennis Bialaszewski

President Elect: Ray Papp

Treasurer: Tom Case

Secretary: Al Harris

This slate was provided to the SIGED:IAIM board during the June board meeting. The election by eligible Alpha Iota Mu members will take place in December.

A thank you should be given by our organization to Jim Buffington for the fine work he did for Alpha Iota Mu over the last several years. We would not have the opportunity for the growth we now have without Jim's efforts. Please address any AIM questions to Dennis at

D.Bialaszewski@att.net or

DBialaszews@isugw.indstate.edu.

Membership Report

IAIM held a joint hospitality room (with Southern AIS) at AMCIS in Toronto. Our best guess is that approximately 50 people attended, many of whom were not SIGED members. Thanks to Meg Murray and her family for helping with the logistics (in other words, helping to lug the beer and wine to the room!) We'll plan to have similar events at future conferences.



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Treasurer’s Report

9/29/2008

IAIM TREASURER'S REPORT

Statement of Changes in Cash Position

Summary for July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008

Sources of Cash (Revenues) :			
Memberships (net)		\$2,760.00	\$2,760.00
	2007 Conference Registrations	\$14,630.00	
	Total 2007 Conference Income		\$14,630.00
	Total Income to date		\$17,390.00
Uses of Cash (Expenses):			
JIER Vol 9 #1			
Mailing		\$280.95	
	Formatting	\$500.00	
	Omnipress	\$1,975.00	
	Total JIER Expenses		\$2,755.95
JISE			
Vol 19(1)		\$1,059.50	
Vol 19(2)		\$953.50	
	Total JISE Expenses		\$2,013.00
Proceedings			
	Formatting, cds	\$760.00	
	Total Proceedings		\$760.00
	2007 Conference Expenses		
Keynote		\$980.00	
Postage		\$16.08	
A/V		\$620.26	
Gifts		\$25.00	
	Breaks, Lunch	\$5,717.39	
Reception		\$1,674.93	
	Total 2007 Conference Expenses to date		\$9,033.66
	Total Expenses to date		\$14,562.61
	Net Income to date		\$2,827.39
	Beginning Cash Balance as of 7/1/2007	\$12,689.97	
	Ending Cash Balance as of 6/30/2008	\$15,517.36	



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Notes:

1. Membership dues 2005-6: \$905.00
Membership dues 2006-7: \$1,390.00
 2. 2004 Registrations: \$15,415.00
2005 Registrations: \$17,770.00
2006 Registrations: \$11,025.00
 3. 2004 A / V: \$192.60
2005 A / V: \$1,140.48
2006 A / V: \$1,744.55
 4. No AIS room charge in 2004, 2006
2005 room charge: \$1,500.00
 5. No charge for reception beverages 2006
- *** 2007 Conference: Income (\$14,630.00) - Expenses (\$9033.60) = \$5,596.34
- *** 2006 Conference: Income (\$11,025.00) - Expenses (\$5,731.02) = \$5,293.98
- *** 2005 Conference: Income (\$17,970.00) - Expenses (\$16,290.84) = \$1,679.16
- ***2005-6 fiscal year: total income: \$18,520.00 total expenses: \$22,996.17
- IAIM ended the 2005-6 fiscal year with a net loss of \$4,476.17
- IAIM ended the 2006-7 fiscal year with a net gain of \$238.43
- IAIM ended the 2007-8 fiscal year with a net gain of \$2827.39