

ACIS General Business Meeting
16 April 2005
Keogh Institute of Irish Studies, University of Notre Dame

Meeting called to order at 11:40 am.

Motion: to approve the minutes of the annual business meeting, 7/16/04.
Seconded; motion approved unanimously.

Motion: to forward to the membership the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee to the membership, on which a mail ballot is required. Seconded.
Discussion: will the report be contextualized? Yes.

Vote: 23 yes, 15 no. Motion passed.

Motion to table the motion on the floor.
Second.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: to reconsider the first recommendation by the Ad Hoc Committee.
Second. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion: there is a broadening pool of people in both fields, but not equally qualified to do both; we need a separate language position. Perhaps the membership needs a different forum for wider discussion of these issues, a comprehensive discussion of governance.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: that future ACIS conferences have 2 days of business meetings.
Discussion: This would be difficult to organize.
Motion failed to be seconded.
Motion withdrawn.

Recommendation to the next host to include lunch with the business meeting.

Motion: that recommendations #5 & 6 proposed by the executive not be sent to the membership for a vote.
Seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.

II

B. Exec recommends to the new committee

C. ACIS history. Harrington suggested that the committee is still open to accepting proposals.

Discussion: Perhaps there has been little interest because the money is too little.

Motion: to double the sum offered for the organizational history.

Seconded.

Discussion: It would be up to the executive committee to decide how the money would be apportioned. The project was originally intended as a history of ACIS written by a competent organizational historian. Note: a few years ago, this was expanded to Irish studies. Worth considering how this will contribute to our mission.

Yes 43; No 3; Abstentions 2. Motion passed.

[Meeting moved at 12:52. Meeting resumed at 1 pm].

D. Graduate student and untenured faculty travel funds. New executive will consider these

issues.

E. Electronic communications.

There have been some problems with the new system, but many benefits. Refer to Matt Jocker's presentation in the Liverpool minutes for a discussion of the reasons for switching to an online voting system.

Discussion. Concern was expressed that this change is cutting off access to those who don't have e-access, especially our "lay" members and especially with regard to conferences. Concern was expressed about state of the database, which is overly complicated; are we over-technologizing when our needs for technological advancement aren't that great? Others noted that new members attracted by the ease of use. It was suggested that members might be able to their interest in paper ballots at renewal.

F. Past presidents' meeting. It was noted that this was an interesting and unique forum, which Wall has suggested will be considered for the next meeting.

III. Vice President's Report.

A. Election results

B. Book prizes

C. Future conference sites.

The executive accepted these offers.

2006: University of Missouri, St. Louis. April 19-22. Co-sponsored by several Irish groups, colleges, and universities.

2007: CUNY

IV. Treasurer's Report

A. Our overall coffers are fine, even increased. Note the deficit in expenditures this year. We need to, and will, pursue memberships and renewals.

Recommendation: to invoice those who participated in the Notre Dame conference who are not current members.

Q: How many delinquency notes will there be? Perhaps step up delinquency notices, and drop people from membership when they do not renew. Recruitment activities might be stepped up, including a membership committee that might buy mailing lists for other organizations. Eamonn: will be encouraging the discipline reps to actively recruit and raise our profile in other organizations. Consider sending newsletter first class. Note that the budget includes a membership development line.

Motion: to send Newsletter issues first class, and that the appropriate newsletter contain a membership renewal form.

Second. Motion approved unanimously.

Suggestion: include an envelope.

Motion: to approve the budget. Seconded; motion approved unanimously.

Daire Keogh:

Motion: that international members be required to pay the international Euro rate.

Seconded; motion approved unanimously.

V. Publications

Harrington: what kinds of things should ACIS be doing? Please consider in the future.

Possibilities: discounted rate for members for journals (New Hibernia Review, Eire-Ireland, etc.).

Could a membership rate include a discounted rate to a short list of journals? Creighton University Press may be interested in taking up the annual.

VI. New Business

Motion: that the annual general meeting recommend to the organizers of national meetings that the same financial concessions made to students be made to retired people.

Seconded. Discussion: many retired people teach part-time; what about part-timers who aren't retired?

Yes 15 No 13. Motion passed.

Motion: to express our warm thanks for all the support and hard work required to put on a wonderful conference.

Motion approved, seconded; motion approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully reported,

Kathryn Conrad