

ACIS Business Meeting
Sheraton Hotel, St. Louis, MO
21 April 2006

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 AM.

Wall began with thanks to the executive committee and to Bob Lowery and Boston College.

Wall provided a summary of the action items established at the 2005 meeting in Notre Dame.

Wall noted that there would be a series of awards given at the banquet but since David Gardiner was not going to be present he was thanked for his service as Treasurer and presented with a small gift of appreciation.

Wall announced the resignation of Bill Mulligan as ACIS Newsletter Editor.

Sandy Pearce was asked to make an announcement (out of order given her schedule) regarding the Larry McBride memorial fund in the Midwest region. She reported that they had raised \$5000 in cash and another \$1000.00 in outstanding pledges. The Midwest region is utilizing the funds in support of a Larry McBride memorial lecture series. Eamonn Wall gave the first lecture (pro bono) and a copy of his talk was made available courtesy of David Gardiner and An Siannach.

A motion was put forth to approve the minutes from last year's meeting. Sarah McKibben moved to accept and the motion was seconded by Helen Burke. Discussion followed regarding typographical errors and Tom Redshaw proposed amending the motion on the floor such that the secretary would correct any typographical errors. A vote followed in which one member was opposed and all the rest in favor. There were no apparent abstentions.

Former president John Harrington provided a summary report on the ad hoc recruitment committee (Harrington, Mary Ann Ryan, Scott Boltwood).

The matter of establishing an ACIS logo came to the floor and Lowery pointed out that ACIS already has a logo.

Gardiner asked for clarification of what was meant by "Branding" to which the Secretary indicated that this would be a logo that would be attached to all ACIS documents and to the pages of our web site.

Jim MacKillop indicated that he believed that Martha Cromwell designed or was responsible for the original logo.

Rogers moved to accept the report and recommendations of the recruitment committee. The motion was seconded and carried.

Joan Dean reported on the status of the "mini-grants" and the recommendations of the grants committee.

Maureen Murphy made a motion that was seconded by Redshaw to accept the recommendations. The motion was carried with no abstentions and no opposed.

Harrington reported on the status of the ACIS history project and that Jim MacKillop had been selected for the job.

Harrington reported on the scintillating conversation that took place at the past presidents meeting where no policy recommendations or suggestions surfaced.

José Lanthers offered the Vice President's report.

Lanthers discussed the matter of ACIS elections and that the deadline for nominations will be in November. Discussion followed and Larry McCaffrey suggested extending executive terms. The executive, via email discussion, will take up McCaffrey's suggestion.

Lanthers announced the winners of the ACIS book prizes.

Lanthers updated the members on the status of future conference site. Idhe made a few remarks pertaining to the 2007 venue in New York and his efforts to keep all events and hotels as close together as possible.

Kristine Byron gave the Treasurer's report. A memo was circulated that included a proposed budget for the coming year.

Rogers motioned to accept the budget as proposed. Mulligan seconded.

Discussion followed regarding the money earmarked for Grants, and Redshaw moved to accept the emendation of the proposed budget with the line item for grants and gifts being separated.

A vote resulted in no abstentions, no opposed, all in favor.

Idhe reported on ACIS publications and recommend that the period be expanded to consider what sorts of publications ACIS should offer the membership and whether it should be juried or not, at what frequency the publication should come out. Wall summarized his offer to develop a draft proposal and circulate it among the executive for discussion.

MacKillop reported on the status of the ACIS history he has been commissioned to write. He pleaded with the membership to provide information that will be useful to him in compiling the history of the organization.

Redshaw announced that he will step down as editor of *NHR* and that Jim Rogers will take over the editorship.

Maureen Murphy announced the 47th annual Yeats summer school.

Joan Dean moved to adjourn. Mary Ann Ryan seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote at 1:06PM

-- ACIS Secretary, Matthew L. Jockers