

Council Meeting Webinar - Minutes Tuesday, April 28, 2020 11:00 am-1:00 pm

### **Council Members Attending**

#### **Board of Directors**

Terry Shevlin, President Elaine Mauldin, President-Elect Marc Rubin, Past President Mark H. Taylor, Vice President-Finance

Mark DeFond, Vice President-Research & Publications

Steve Kaplan, Vice President-Education

Tracie Miller Nobles, Director-Focusing on Membership

Wim A. Van der Stede, Director-Focusing on International

Mary Harris Stanford, Director-Focusing on Intellectual Property

Audrey Gramling, Director-Focusing on Segments

Mark Beasley, Vice President-Finance-Elect

Tracey Sutherland, Executive Director

### **Council Officers**

Cindy Durtschi, Chair Nancy Nichols, Chair-Elect David Stott, Past Chair

**International Members-at-Large** 

Sanjay Kallapur

## **Region Representatives**

Ramesh Narasimhan, Mid-Atlantic Jason Stanfield, Midwest Yvette Lazdowski, Northeast Timothy Miller, Ohio Eric Bostwick, Southeast Mary Fischer, Southwest

### **Section Representatives**

Dale Flesher, AAH
Kathy Rupar, ABO
Mary Curtis, AIS
H. Fred Mittelstaedt, APLG
Nancy Nichols, ATA
Randy Elder, AUD
Brian Bushee, FARS
Les Heitger, FAS
D. Larry Crumbley, GIWB
Linda Parsons, GNP
Monte Swain, MAS
JP Krahel, SET (alt.)
Bambi Hora, TLC
Sidney Askew. TYC

## **Guests & Staff Attending**

Julie Smith David, Chief Innovation Officer
Barbara Brady, Senior Director, Operations
Stephanie Austin, Co-Director of Publications/Senior
Managing Editor

Nate Smith, Co-Director of Publications/Senior Managing Editor

Nancy Maciag, Executive and Board Services Manager Shauna Bigelow, Segment Member Services Coordinator

# **Council Members Not Attending**

John Hepp, Director-Focusing on Academic/Practitioner Interaction Mandy Cheng, International Council Member-at-Large David DeBoskey, Western Mahendra Gujarathi, IAS Brigitte Muehlmann, SET Vaughan Radcliffe, PI Sandra Shelton, DIV



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### **Meeting Minutes**

MSC = Motion, Seconded, Carried MSF = Motion, Seconded, Failed

- A. Welcome Council Chair Cindy Durtschi welcomed everyone to the webinar. Council members shared their institutions' plans for the Fall semester regarding COVID-19 and in-person versus virtual learning.
- **B.** Digital Library Update Co-Directors of Publications/Senior Editors Stephanie Austin and Nate Smith gave Council members an overview of the Silverchair Platform migration for the AAA's Digital Library that would be taking place the afternoon of April 28<sup>th</sup>. The new site is mobile responsive and looks more modern. Altmetric scores will now be integrated into the pages, and references will be hyperlinked. Nothing changes in terms of the submission system to the journals. Members will receive notification of the update via email that will contain a link to update passwords.
- C. Election Updates Cindy Durtschi reviewed the results of the elections that took place following the April 7<sup>th</sup> Council Webinar. Monte Swain was elected as the 2020-2021 Council Chair-Elect. The AAA Nominations committee members for 2020-2021 are Pat Poli, Scott Showalter, Steve Stubben, Wendy Tietz, and Scott Vandervelde. Cindy also reviewed the Section elections that are currently underway. About half of the Sections elections just closed on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The rest of the elections will close on May 26<sup>th</sup>. For the elections that closed on April 27<sup>th</sup>, Section Leaders will be notified of the results and announcements will be made in upcoming Section emails.
- D. Meetings Task Force Update Brian Bushee discussed the Meetings Model Task Force and activities that have taken place thus far. The goal of the Task Force is to examine how to hold great meetings that are cost effective and sustainable. Due to COVID-19, things have been on hold. Some things that the Task Force discussed are charging non-members higher rates to attend meetings, examine timelines to see if things can occur earlier in the overall process, and how the AAA may be able to better assist Segment Leaders in getting better pricing on meeting elements. Now in the advent of the pandemic, the Task Force will also examine virtual components to future meetings.
- E. Virtual Meeting Opportunities Executive Director Tracey Sutherland and Chief Innovation Officer Julie Smith David gave an update on Spring meetings and upcoming virtual meetings. Tracey reported that the Spring Section and Region meetings have all been cancelled, as have the May Strategic Board Retreat, and the Audit Educator's and Accounting Information Systems Bootcamps. The Intensive Data & Analytics which is scheduled for the end of June has not yet been cancelled. The status of the August Annual Meeting is still unknow at this time, and as things progress, further determinations will be made in relation to travel restrictions and the course of the pandemic. Opportunities are still being actively pursued to have a virtual meeting to allow those that had papers accepted to the cancelled Spring meeting still be able to present their work. Various platforms are being examined from different vendors to select the best partners. The working timeline is to be able to host a 2-day meeting sometime in early June with various sessions that members could choose from over the course of the 2 days and earn Continuing Education credit hours. Council gave input as to thoughts on what features would help to make the virtual meeting a success.
- **F. Supporting Members in Uncertain Times** Julie Smith David and Cindy Durtschi led a discussion on the Virtual Segment Meeting Rooms that were talked about on the April 7<sup>th</sup> webinar. There were 9 Segments that expressed interest in having the Virtual Meeting Rooms. A four-month pilot program is in the works to be able to create these rooms where the Segment Leaders could schedule events for their members. Cindy and Julie also got feedback from Council on how Segments can continue to support their members during these times.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.