

**2012 ASIS&T SIG STI Planning Meeting  
Baltimore, Maryland**

Tuesday, October 30th, 7:30am

Attendees: Will Senn, Ruth Fenske, Joe Hourcle, Hong Huang, Jian Qin, Elliot Hauser, George Ryerson, Moriana Garcia , and Michael Leach.

Introductions were made by the people attending.

A slate of officers was put forward composed of:

Treasurer : Michael Leach  
Secretary : Joe Hourcle  
Communications Officer : Bob Downs  
Chair Elect : Hong Huang

Motion was made by Joe Hourcle to approve the slate, seconded by Moriana Garcia, and passed unanimously.

Topics discussed included the need for more collaboration between SIGs and Chapters that was brought up at the Chapter Assembly on Sunday, the funding model and when our budget year ends (specifically, if we get food for the planning meeting, which budget does it come out of), a SIG officers manual to let people know what the tasks are and any schedule, concerns about the current way that panels are refereed for the annual meeting, the need for better membership reports, and moving the STI website to a wiki.

In his Chair Report, Michael discussed the realignment plans and the need to update the official blurb for the SIG, asked us how we can best communicate with members with the number of different social media networks out there, proposed partnering with local chapters for putting on events in which we supply the speakers and they handle the space and local logistics.

As part of the realignment, we discussed if 'STI' still made sense as a name, and we decided that we'd prefer to continue with the existing name. We agreed that as part of 'Science and Technical Information', both scientific data and scholarly communication are aspects of creation and distribution of STI and so are in scope for the SIG.

We discussed what we wanted in the redesign of the website; we mentioned RSS feeds or some way to post a message once and not have to go through every social media site to post something, a logo or other branding efforts.

On the topic of logos, after some discussion, Jian volunteered to work with the Syracuse student chapter to put together a logo contest. Joe moved to approve \$100 in awards for the contest, Michael seconded, and it passed unanimously.

We discussed various panel themes and speakers for the 2013 Annual Meeting. One title suggested was "Everyone's Data is Special" (in the context of Joe complaining about scientists feeling the need to build new data systems from the ground up each time because their data was special). There was enthusiasm for a panel of scientists talking about their data; Elliot proposed trying to keep it in one field such as biology / ecology and compare their approaches rather than it being completely different fields. We also

noted that it's being held in Montreal, so we should really try to get some Canadian speakers on the panels.