

ASIS&T SIGHFIS – Minutes of Annual Business Meeting

Tuesday, 23 October 2007

Hyatt Hotel, Milwaukee

Present:

- Marcia Bates
- Michael Buckland
- Toni Carbo
- Thomas Haigh
- Kathryn La Barre
- Mark Lindner
- Howard White
- Shawne Miksa

1) The following motions to create new operating rules were approved unanimously

- Adoption of an operating rule to create a four-person executive committee consisting of President, President Elect, Past President and Secretary/Treasurer. The executive committee will meet electronically or in person as necessary to conduct the business of the SIG between business meetings.
- Adoption of an operating rule to shift voting from postal mail to electronic mail.
- Adoption of a temporary operating rule to defer of the 2007 elections until such a time as candidates for the offices of President Elect and Secretary/Treasurer can be identified.

2) The executive committee was given permission, by unanimous vote, to investigate web hosting options and create a new SIGHFIS.org domain, subject to compliance with ASIS&T bylaws and policies and cooperation with Dick Hill.

3) The mission statement currently displayed <http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGHFIS/index.htm> is from the 1970s, and should be replaced with the revised version adopted in 1995 in conjunction with the change of name of the SIG from Foundations of Information Science to History and Foundations of Information Science.

4) The executive committee was authorized by unanimous vote to take steps toward the establishment of sister society agreements with historical associations such as the Society for the History of Technology, some of whose members might work on topics related to the history of information science.

5) The ASIS&T history fund has now reached \$10,000, the point at which it becomes a permanent endowment creating an income stream for the SIG. A motion of thanks to Bob Williams and Boyd Rayward was passed by acclamation. The SIGCIS chair was asked to write a letter to Williams and

Rayward expressing appreciation for their efforts and expressing the hope that they will be able to attend a future meeting of the SIG.

6) Michael Buckland was authorized by unanimous vote to represent the SIG and its executive committee in fundraising efforts to solicit further donations for the fund.

7) An additional operating rule to extend the terms of SIG officers from one year to two years was discussed. Further consideration was deferred without a vote to the 2008 business meeting.