

Summary

AIS COUNCIL MEETING

18 March 2022

Virtual

Reports from Council Members

Reports of quarterly activities from Council members were provided. Council member reports represented activities of the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Treasurer, Executive Director, VP Education, ICIS Representative, VP Publications, VP Conferences, VP Membership, VP SIGs & Colleges, VP Strategic Partnerships, VP Region 1, VP Region 2, and VP Region 3.

Council Actions and Approvals

- Council approved the edits to Section 7.3 of the Bylaws regarding nominee considerations, esp. their qualification for the position
- Council approved the revitalization efforts for Ethiopia Chapter of Association for Information Systems (ETHAIS) to be reinstated as an official AIS chapter under new leadership. By approving this Chapter, AIS will serve the research and educational interests of scholars in Ethiopia
- Council approved the re-organization of SIG Business Processes and Services (SIG BPS) to function as SIG Blockchain, Innovations, and Technologies (SIG BIT) to create a platform for AIS researchers and practitioners who are interested in blockchain technologies and blockchain-driven innovations.
- Council approved the committee replacement of ICIS 2025 in Nashville. It accepted Manju Ahuja as the new program co-chair (and a voting member of the ICIS EC in due time)
- Council approved various AIS Policy Manual and Bylaws edits and/or updates

Council Discussions

Council engaged in strategic discussions on the following topics:

- Results of the membership survey, in particular; the reasons for belonging — (journal and conference proceedings and attending conferences) and the reasons for leaving (did not get the benefit they expected and no conference attendance, researchers' institution does not support the AIS involvement).
- Creation of a mid-career Award - need to have an additional award for the middle stage of the career
- Consideration of creating a new role of Associate Vice-President of Sustainability