

APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON JUNE 5, 2020

**AIS Council Meeting
Friday, March 6, 2020
Online**

Council Members:

Alan Dennis, T.P. Liang, Matti Rossi, Brian Fitzgerald, Shu Schiller, Vishal Midha (left at 11am), Lakshmi Iyer, Rhonda Syler, Heikki Topi, Traci Carte (left at 11am), Helle Zinner Henriksen, Rajiv Kohli, Stacie Petter, Tilo Böhmman, Atreyi Kankanhalli, James Ma, Matt Nelson, Lise Fitzpatrick
Regret: Rob Nickerson

MINUTES

1 A. Dennis Call to Order, Welcome
Dennis welcomes everyone.

2 S. Schiller Approve [Minutes of Dec 2019](#) Council Meeting
Petter moves. Kohli seconds. All approve.

3 A. Dennis Approve Agenda
Dennis moves to add one new item, CAIS EIC to today's agenda. Böhmman seconds. All approve.
New item added to today's agenda.

REPORTS

4 A. Dennis [President's Report](#)
Dennis encourages all council members to help with fundraising. For updates of the 25/25 campaign, please read the report. Regarding the coronavirus situation, we will issue an announcement and no change as of now to AMCIS, ECIS, and PACIS, the conferences are going as normal. We continue to monitor WHO and stay on top of everything. Members talk about virus disruptions in the next three months. Dennis says we will have cancellation policy if people are prohibited from traveling. We need to look at policies for AMCIS as well. At this point, we don't have any plans to cancel any conferences. We also understand that things can change dramatically between now and summer.

5 B. Fitzgerald [President-Elect's Report](#)
AIS election has two positions to fill. We have excellent candidates. The election will close on March 13, please vote. Thanks to the committee for their time and effort. It's extremely difficult to get women candidates to run these elections. We need to think about how to encourage people. Second, UK AIS, we need to strengthen the relationship between UK and AIS.

6 TP Liang [Immediate Past President's Report](#)

AIS members in China. Liang has been talking with the China chapter that has about 300 members. Liang is the mentor of the task force being formed to build relationship with the doctoral students, AIS Doctoral Student College. Members point out that the AIS Doctoral Student College has already been formed. Dennis asks Liang to help the task force to develop a mentorship program that could be student-student or student-faculty. The work is in progress.

M. Rossi Member At Large

7 V. Midha [Treasurer's Report & Finance Committee Report](#)

AMCIS update. We have done better thanks to the sponsorships. ICIS 2019 had great attendance and exceeded the budgeted attendees. In April, the finance committee will work on the budget for AIS 2020-2021.

8 M. Nelson/L. Fitzpatrick Executive Director's Report

Nelson shares office updates. Welcomes Sarah Pinkowski, Maria Scott, and Aretha Wright. AIS InPractice is doing well with Science to Practice. We are helping PACIS and ECIS with registrations this year. Our website has a lot of pages refreshed; please check the history, awards, membership pages. ICIS 2019 was a great success. eLibrary has been updated with the Green and Gold plan with our journals. We joined CHORIS. We are doing indexing with CrossRef and iThenticate. We have ongoing negotiation with EBSCO and ProQuest.

9 S. Schiller [Initiatives & Reminders](#)

Schiller reminds initiatives and updates.

10 T. Carte [VP Conferences Report](#)

Carte talks about the Digital badging program. How do we better link our journals with our conferences? MISQ reviewers workshop is working well. AMCIS' model is to identify the city then we put together the committee. We need to clarify how to report and make the process easier. For AMCIS 2023, we have the full bid from Panama City. For AMCIS 2024 we have a preliminary bid from Reno. ICIS 2023 will take place in Bangkok. Members ask about the badges. At the MIS Leadership Conference, Iyer will give a presentation on badges.

11 R. Nickerson ICIS Representative Report

Not present.

12 H. Henriksen [VP Membership & Chapters Report](#)

Member Connect at PACIS and ECIS. A survey had received some comments about Africa feeling excluded. We come up with a list of things that we can do, to provide meeting space, provide light refreshments, and maybe host a formal presentation to support African participants. We need to leverage ECIS and PACIS and be a better service to the African community. This helps AIS get connected with our members in that region. Dennis asks Henriksen to take lead on this. Let the leadership know how they can best support. Member comments on the communities that do not have much funding to do their events. How do we best facilitate those activities? Henriksen

presents the membership report. Members talk about successful conferences, which contribute to the growth of the membership in that region.

13 James Ma [VP Strategic Partnerships](#)

Things are moving forward and changing at this moment. Today will have one agenda item. About the proposal to have a branch office in UAE. Ma needs a local office to focus on fundraising, which is different from a local chapter. UAE needs a legally registered entity, a branch office, supported by the central AIS office. There will be no cost from the central AIS. Members discuss in depth. Why not appoint an AVP so that person would have the title to start talking about it? Members have concerns about authorizing someone to create an agreement with national government without knowing what will be created. Members are concerned if this is a good direction to have such local offices if we accept some formal agreement with UAE.

14 S. Petter [VP Region 1 Report](#)

AMCIS 2020 is going well. Council meeting will be at the Salt Lake City. AMCIS EC voted to change the term start/end dates to align with the council start/end dates. This has helped AMCIS EC and members are more engaged. Collaboration with DSI, region 1 chapters overlapping with DSI. Petter will follow up with them to see if there's any progress.

15 T. Böhmann [VP Region 2 Report](#)

ECIS 2020 is going well. Future conferences are in progress and going well. R2 secretary position is up to reelection this year. We had good progress with recruiting candidates. The AIS Impact Award is hoped to happen at ICIS 2020. AIS Leadership Academy, an idea to change the mid-career workshop to establish a Leadership Academy. Dennis suggests working with the AIS College of Academic Leadership (Jim Denford) and consider partnership and collaborations. There is also the MIS Leadership Conference in April every year.

16 A. Kankanhalli [VP Region 3 Report](#)

PACIS 2020 submissions are doing well with 617 submissions. We will monitor the situation with traveling. PACIS 2021 Sydney is in progress. Bid for PACIS 2022 to be in Nanchang, China has been approved. We put out the call for PACIS 2023 and May 1 is the deadline for the preliminary bid. Joint memberships with local country chapters. Member comments on joint membership. Japan and Korea have strong local AIS communities. But membership from these countries is not strong. How do we build strong, close relationships with them? We need to think about the value propositions. Kankanhalli will keep working on this. Providing teaching resources can also help especially for those countries that are not research focused.

17 R. Kohli [VP Publications Report](#)

Kohli provides update on the Green Open Access. Indexing, we are in negotiation with ProQuest. Nelson is waiting for a response from ProQuest. The contract includes the term and some financial implications. We have one agenda point for CAIS EIC. Thanks to the search committee. We are working on the AVP for research and reviewer repository. We interviewed a few candidates. For promoting all AIS journals, we have received some suggestions and will talk with the leadership

team first before we come back to the council. Open access is going well; TRR, THCI, and PAJAIS now have Green open access. After the embargo period, will go with Gold open access. Kohli continues to work on research conduct. Nelson talks about iThenticate.

18 R. Syler [VP Student Chapters Report](#)

Syler provides an update on the 2020 Student Chapter Leadership conference, which will take place as planned. The competition had 64 entries. The annual report will come out on May 1. The 2021 conference will be held at Utah State. Right now in conversation about conference 2022.

19 H. Topi [VP Education Report](#)

Currently at the meeting with CC2020, which conference was cancelled in Japan and moved to Atlanta. The IS2020 project has a close connection with the CC2020 project. We are pilot testing some recommendations. We will complete the report by end of 2020. There will be a draft in the spring to the community for review. CC2020 project is in progress. We are working on the repository of teaching materials and making them available with easy access. Kankanhalli and Topi will work together on this.

20 L. Iyer [VP SIGs & Colleges Report](#)

AIS Grand Challenge. SIG Green hosted the Sustainability Summit. A publication is in progress for CAIS to report the framework. At Munich, the AIS Community meeting was well attended. We talked about the new college and the mentorship program. We did a webinar on the HigherLogic portal for SIGs and community. For the 2019 annual report, we are asking the questions about diversity and inclusion and the Grand Challenge. The community wants to include opportunities for scholarships, support, etc. Build connection with the AIS Membership Connect event and make sure the leadership of communities is represented.

AGENDA POINTS

Agenda Points in order of AIS Strategic Goals (Adopted December, 2010)

- #1 Promote AIS as a global leader for excellence in information systems research, practice, and education. (Marketing and position)
- #2 Position information systems as a leading profession in the service of society. (Identity/operation)

11:13am

- #3 Lead and promote excellence in information systems education. (Education)

21 H. Topi [CC20 Funding](#), [IS2020 Funding](#)

Topi moves. Petter seconds.

MOTION: AIS will allocate \$15,000 in the fiscal year 2020-21 budget for the **IS** 2020 project per the

Council's earlier framework decisions regarding the project and its funding.

Discussion. Member comments that these are very valuable work.

Vote: All approve. Motion passes.

Topi moves. Petter seconds.

MOTION: Allocate funding at the level of \$5,000 in the 2020-21 budget for AIS participation in the CC2020 project. This would enable full participation aligned with the initial commitment to the project and allow AIS to contribute until the end of the project.

This fund will allow Topi to participate in various meetings working with CC2020. AIS has been playing a very important role with this task. Members agree that this is very valuable work. We should support it.

Vote: All approve. Motion passes.

#4 Lead and promote excellence in information systems scholarship. (Research)

22 R. Kohli [CAIS EIC](#), [CV of Niederman](#)

Kohli presents. Fred Niederman was approved unanimously by the committee.

Kohli moves. Henriksen seconds.

MOTION. Approve the selection of Fred Niederman as the next Editor In Chief of the Communications of AIS (CAIS) journal effective July 1, 2020 for a three-year term.

Vote. All approve. Motion passes.

#5 Cultivate a community by providing services and products to meet the diverse needs of members and related communities. (professional service)

23 R. Nickerson M. Nelson [ICIS 2020 India Community](#)

Nelson presents the background. Council approved the ICIS 2020 budget in December 2019. The hope is to potentially reach faculty and students. The council is asked to sponsor 50% of this program. The other half will be raised through fundraising before the conference.

Dennis moves. Iyer seconds.

MOTION. Approve the above AIS ICIS 2020 Conf Registration India Local Outreach Program in the amount of \$24,375.

Discussion. Members talk about feedback heard at professional conferences . Members add, the paper acceptance at ICIS is not as high, can we increase all types of papers to be accepted? TREO can be a great opportunity, which ICIS 2020 will have. Member clarifies and the money comes from the association, and not in particular from any conference. Member suggests that criteria established are open to all people and not just in India.

Böhmman moves to amend the motion as:

Amendment. Approve the above AIS ICIS 2020 Conf Registration ~~India Local~~ Outreach Program in the amount of \$24,375.

lyer seconds.

Vote: All approve. Amended motion passes.

24 J. Ma [AIS Office in UAE](#)

Ma presents the agenda item. Ma believes it's important to register a local branch office in order to receive sponsorship as an organization. Ma emphasizes that we need an office there to make this work. We are fortunate to have someone willing to establish with no cost to AIS.

AMENDED MOTION. To authorize Dr. Kathy Shen to continue the investigation of registering the branch office of AIS in UAE.

Some members recommend that we need to negotiate. Some other members are not comfortable with negotiation. We have many questions and we are running out of time to discuss and get these answered. Member comments, it's a good idea to start the discussion. But we don't need to vote as of now. Dennis recommends to table this item. Ma supports the recommendation. Members recommend that we take more time to think about this and discuss this. Schiller points out that we do not have a quorum at this moment because some members have left the meeting.

Dennis thanks everyone for attending the meeting and we are running over time now.

12:19pm Adjournment