

**Minutes of the
Second Annual Meeting
of the
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
FOR
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

**August 26, 1981
University of British Columbia
Vancouver, BC, Canada**

**Donald Walker
Secretary-Treasurer
Edward A. Feigenbaum,
President (1980-1981), presiding**

AAAI-80

The first national conference, held at Stanford University August 17-21, 1980, was a distinctive success: attendance was surprisingly high (over 900) with representatives from industry and the financial community; the program was good, and the tutorials were popular and well received. Only the R&D exhibition was less than satisfying.

MEMBERSHIP

The current AAAI membership is approximately 1300; members are advised that dues in the amount of \$10 regular, \$5 student, for the new membership year, 1 September 1981 through 31 August 1982 are due and payable immediately.

FINANCIAL REPORT (as of 31 July 1981)

	INCOME	EXPENSES
Dues (through 10-80)	8930.00	
Membership Committee (through 10-80)		1108.51
AI Magazine	125.00	12406.58
Office	200.00	2047.47
Legal Consultation and State Fees		585.00
AAAI-80 Conference Activities	120582.00	82385.67
AAAI-80 Proceedings Sales (through 4-28-81)	1213.97	16.43
IJCAI-81 Tutorial and Exhibition (preliminary)	28399.24	13106.17
Miscellaneous	405.00	830.00
Interest	2441.86	143.45
TOTALS	162297.07	116629.28
NET INCOME	45667.79	

AAAI OFFICE

The Council has approved establishment of an office, with Lou Robinson, the current Conference Coordinator, as Executive Director, and a full-time staff member for operations. It is located at 445 Burgess Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025; the phone number is (415)328-3123. This decision reflects the complexity of AAI activities and the failure of voluntary participation to sustain them effectively. Continuation of the office depends on the ability of the AAI to support it.

PUBLICATIONS

Robert Engelmores has been appointed Editor-in-Chief for the *AI Magazine* and will assume full responsibility for editorial content. Every effort will be made to establish a quarterly schedule of publications. In coverage it will continue to stress articles on AI of general interest to the members and to professionals in related fields, in contrast with the archival record provided by the journal *Artificial Intelligence*, and with the news, notices, and more technical presentations and reviews provided by the *SIGART Newsletter*. This decision on coverage will be reviewed periodically to minimize competition and to ensure that the responsibilities to the community as a whole are being met.

Jon Doyle has proposed that an abstract journal be developed for the field to provide a comprehensive listing of publications and reports in AI, appearing in a timely manner. The Council has asked him to explore the matter further to determine the feasibility of such a service.

SPECIAL INTEREST AND REGIONAL GROUPS

The Council considered requests for the establishment of a special interest group in medicine (from Ted Shortliffe, representing members involved in medical work) and for the creation of regional subgroups (from Ruven Brooks, responding to needs for getting people together in Texas that he felt could be met through such a mechanism). Because of the relative newness of the AAI, the decision was made to provide facilities and resources through the AAI office to satisfy these needs, rather than establishing any formal organizational structures at this time. Members with special interest will be able to identify them on future dues statements, and lists of such members will be maintained so that they can communicate with each other and, if appropriate, elect a person to act as a liaison representative to the Council and to external organizations. Rather than having regional subgroups,

the Council agreed to make regional membership lists available through the AAI office for those who wanted to identify nearby colleagues

DUES INCREASE

AAAI budgeting has resulted in the establishment of cost centers, each of which is expected to be self-sustaining: conference, tutorials, exhibitions, and office. The office, which is responsible for membership maintenance, publications, proceedings distribution, and the like, is sustained primarily by membership dues. Since the *AI Magazine* costs approximately \$5 per members per issue, the Council voted to raise membership dues to \$25 per year for regular members, effective September 1982.

FUTURE CONFERENCES

Future conferences will be held in successive years on the Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of the third week in August, except when IJCAI meetings are held in North America. Tutorials and related events will be scheduled for the first part of the week. The following tentative schedule has been established:

- 1982 (18-20 August)
Carnegie-Mellon University and University of Pittsburgh
- 1983 (17-19 August)
University of Maryland, College Park (IJCAI-83, which will be held in Karlsruhe, West Germany, will follow it)
- 1984 (15-17 or 22-24 August)
University of Texas, Austin (?)
- 1985 -- replaced by IJCAI-85 in Los Angeles
- 1986 (20-22 August)
University of Massachusetts, Amherst

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

A discussion of the functioning of the AAI-80 Program Committee resulted in a number of suggestions for modifications in program committee procedures. Because there has been only one conference, it was felt that this initial performance could not be considered an adequate basis for evaluation. However, Council has been directed to review Program Committee operations to ensure that they do function effectively.

ADJOURNMENT

Feigenbaum stepped down as President, passing the "baton" symbolically to Marvin Minsky ■