AAAI Business

American Association for Artificial Intelligence

Minutes
Fourth Annual Meeting, 24 August 1983
Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Staff Reports
Claudia Mazzetti, Executive Director, presiding

Finances. AAAI is financially solvent. The conference revenues this year were outstanding; the gross revenues were approximately $391,000 for the tutorials and Technology Transfer Symposium, and $187,000 for the remainder of the conference. Assets of over $384,000 are projected for the end of the year

Local Arrangements. The local arrangements committee will remain active throughout the year.

AAAI Office. A temporary employee will be hired several months prior to the conference to assist in preparation for the conference.

Committee Reports
Nils Nilsson, President (1982-1983) presiding

Election. Marvin Minsky announced that Woody Bledsoe is the President-Elect for 1984–85. Mark Stefik, Stanley Rosenschein, Eugene Charniak, and Randall Davis will serve on the Council for 1983–86.

'83 Conference Program. Michael Genesereth reported that approximately 250 papers were submitted and 92 accepted. Innovations in this year's program included the debate between John McCarthy and Roger Schank, the addition of technical workshops prior to the conference, and the Technology Transfer Symposium. The winner of the Publisher's Prize was a paper by Etherington and Reiter from the University of British Columbia. The prize will be sponsored by MIT Press in 1984 and Addison-Wesley in 1985.

'84 Conference Program. The program chairman will be Ronald Brachman from Fairchild. The tutorial chair will be Douglas Lenat from Stanford University. The policy preventing authors from submitting more than one paper will no longer apply to papers having multiple authors. The program and tutorial chairs will determine who will be responsible for the Technology Transfer Symposium.

AI Magazine. Robert Engelmore, substituting for Lee Erman, commended Claudia Mazzetti for her outstanding support in the production and editing of the AI Magazine. He reported that the magazine currently has a sustaining number of articles, and that a Presidential Message will be included in the magazine each quarter.

Membership. Bruce Buchanan reported we have approximately 3,000 members. An AAAI membership directory will be produced; members will be listed in the directory only if they give their explicit permission.

IJCAI. Saul Amarel reported on the agreement between IJCAI and AAAI in which AAAI agrees to provide services in support of IJCAI conferences. The agreement will be reevaluated to assure that AAAI is adequately reimbursed for its services. In 1986 IJCAI and AAAI will hold a joint conference at UCLA. Italy will likely be the site for the 1987 IJCAI conference.

Future Conference Sites. Marty Tenenbaum announced that the University of Texas at Austin will be next year's conference site. AAAI will provide funds to Support the work of the Austin local arrangements committee, chaired by Elaine Rich. The proposed site for 1986 is Philadelphia Tenenbaum is charged to study this matter and future sites beyond 1986.

On-line Abstract Service. John McCarthy will prepare a proposal for AAAI to provide an on-line abstract service for its membership.

Transfer of the Presidency. Nilsson ended his term as president by turning the platform over to John McCarthy

John McCarthy, President (1983-1984), presiding

Independent Workshops. $20,000 was allocated as seed money to support independent workshops.

Funding Policy Workshop. John McCarthy will prepare a proposal for AAAI participation in a workshop to consider what areas of AI should be funded in the U.S. in response to the Japanese threat.

The meeting was adjourned.

Richard E. Fikes, Secretary-Treasurer