AAAI NEWS

Membership

Change of Address

We want to thank all the members who have responded to our request to send in their change of addresses to this office.

We know the timely delivery of *The AI Magazine* is important to all our members. By keeping the office informed of your address changes we can continue to ensure delivery of the magazine to you.

Membership Directory

Recently some members have asked why their name was excluded from the first edition of the Membership Directory. We excluded everyone who did not give us permission to publish their name by October 31, 1984 (the production cut-off date for the directory). All members submitting requests for inclusion of their name into the directory after that date will be included in the next edition. So, if you want us to include your name in the directory, please make sure you give us permission to publish it by October 31, 1985.

Membership Statistics:

During the first quarter of 1985, the membership roster expanded from 7,492 to 8,651 members.

IJCAI-85
(Ninth International Conference on Artificial Intelligence)

The IJCAI Local Arrangements Committee expects an overwhelming response to this year's technical conference, August 20-23, 1985, and plans to cut off attendance at 5,000. They encourage everyone to send in their technical conference registrations early, in order to ensure a place and to take advantage of the lower technical conference registration fees. The early registration deadline date is June 28. Registrations will remain open until all tutorials are filled.

AAAI-sponsored Workshops

This year, the AAAI has already allocated funds for several workshops: *AI in Medicine*, organized by the Stanford School of Medicine; *AI Foundations and Methodology*, organized by the Computer Research Laboratory at New Mexico State University; *Uncertainty and Probability in AI*, organized by SRI International and Par Technology; *Coupling Symbolic and Numerical Computing in Expert Systems*, organized by Boeing Computer Services AI Center; and *Reasoning about Knowledge*, organized by IBM Research Laboratory, San Jose.

If you are interested in sponsoring a workshop, please write:

Dr. John McCarthy,
c/o AAAI,
445 Burgess Drive,
Menlo Park, CA 94025-3496.

Mark Fox Survey

A note to all respondants to Mark Fox's *AI in Manufacturing Survey:* Although all surveys should be sent to Mark S. Fox at the Robotics Intitute, Carnegie-Mellon University, the final, complete results of the survey will be published in a forthcoming issue of the *AI Magazine.*

Cover to Volume 6, Number 1

"Natural Languages of the World," illustrating sanscrit as a potential artificial intelligence language, was composed on a Genotech graphics computer and rendered by the graphics design group Spectra Media, of Palo Alto, California. The cover concept was designed by Mike Hamilton

Notice to all Members

Recently, it has come to our attention that individual[s] have been misrepresenting themselves as AAAI staff members in order to gain access to confidential information about personnel histories and salaries and corporate organizational structures. AAAI does not now, nor has it ever wanted or needed such information. We do not know who these people are, or what their intentions might be. Should such person[s] contact you, please note their names, addresses, and phone numbers and confirm the intent of their calls with the AAAI office (telephone: 415/328-3123).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Fifth Annual AAAI Meeting

Minutes: Fifth Annual Meeting
of AAAI
8 August 1984
The University of Texas at Austin
Austin, Texas

John McCarthy, presiding

Finances

Richard Fikes reported that the AAAI is financially solvent. The conference revenues this year were outstanding; the gross revenues were approximately $537,000 for the tutorials, and $363,000 for the remainder of the conference. Assets of over $960,000 for the Association are projected for the end of the year.

AAAI Office

Claudia Mazzetti reported that the Association's databases and a set of online office management procedures were now in place in the Association office.

Election Results

Nils Nilsson announced that Pat Winston is the President-Elect for 1984-85. Ronald Brachman, John McDermott, Charles Rich, and Edward Shortliffe will serve on the Council for 1984-87. 23% of the membership voted in the election.

Conference Technical Program

Ron Brachman reported that approximately 370 papers were submitted and 69 accepted this year. The first two days of this year's technical program were devoted primarily to submitted papers, with the

last two days devoted to plenary sessions. Also, this year the Publisher's Prize was shared among four papers, and they were presented in a special plenary prize session The 1985 Publisher's Prize will be sponsored by Addison-Wesley Publishing Company. A committee was appointed to propose guidelines for the technical program for the next conference. The committee consists of Marty Tenenbaum (chair), Ron Brachman, and Mike Genesereth

Conference Tutorial Program

Doug Lenat reported that there were approximately 2,600 attendees at this year's tutorial program There was widespread concern on the Executive Council about inequities and excesses in the compensation policies for the tutorial speakers. Woody Bledsoe will appoint a committee to address those issues and oversee future tutorial programs.

Production and Sale of Tutorial Videotapes

A proposal by Scientific DataLink to produce and market videotapes of the tutorials in collaboration with the AAAI was presented. The proposal was considered to be an inappropriate activity for the Association and rejected.

Membership

Bruce Buchanan reported that the Association's membership has increased from 3,000 to 6,100 this year. An AAAI membership directory will be produced and will be available in January of 1985. Members will be listed in the directory only if they give their explicit permission

Publications

Lee Erman reported the Publications Committee recommends that the AAAI take active steps to obtain and hold the copyrights to all the *AI Magazine* articles and Conference Proceedings papers; to give the authors free use of their contributions, and to allow authors to restrict non-AAAI use of their contributions. A motion was passed that abstracts of conference papers be in the public domain. The Secretary-Treasurer was directed to negotiate a new contract with Morgan Kaufmann Publishers.

IJCAI-85

Don Walker reported that IJCAI-85 will take place at the University of California, Los Angeles, 18-24 August 1985. The AAAI will be responsible for the conference tutorial program and R & D exhibits. The AAAI office will also have other major responsibilities in the preparation and running of conference activities. The Conference Chair is Alan Mackworth of the University of British Columbia, and the Program Chair is Aravind Joshi of the University of Pennsylvania. Steve Crocker of Aerospace Corporation is responsible for Local Arrangements, and Don Walker of Bell Communications Research is the Secretary-Treasurer. With the increasing size of these conferences, it is likely that future meetings will not be able to be held in University settings.

Future Conferences

The Conference Committee was asked to consider the desirability of having two conferences per year, one oriented toward research interests, the other toward application interests

Woody Bledsoe will appoint a committee to determine and implement a policy for running the exhibit program for future conferences

The 1986 national conference will be in Philadelphia. Seattle is the likely site for the 1987 conference. The Council voted to continue having the national conference in the month of August.

Workshop Program

John McCarthy reported that during the year the Association had sponsored workshops on Non-monotonic Reasoning, Natural Language Generation, AI and Medicine, Natural Language Understanding and Logic Programming, and on Concurrent Programming and Multi-Agent Planning. McCarthy was appointed to be the standing chairman of the Association's workshop program.

Proposed Projects

Mike Genesereth proposed the establishment of an Association sponsored on-line library and abstract service. He was asked to submit a written proposal on the matter to the Executive Committee for consideration

John McCarthy proposed that the AAAI offer post-doctoral fellowships to promote AI research. No action was taken on the proposal.

Peter Hart proposed that the AAAI sponsor a series of educational radio programs on AI to be aired on National Public Radio. Peter was authorized to spend $5,000 to hire an independent journalist to do a pilot program for the series.

Transfer of the Presidency

McCarthy ended his term as president by turning the platform over to Woody Bledsoe.

Terms of Office

A motion was made and passed unanimously to extend the President's term of office to 2 years, beginning with Pat Winston's presidency in 1985. Marty Tenenbaum was directed to put together a proposal to establish a policy on the length of terms of the secretary-treasurer and of the standing committees.

Long Range Planning

Woody Bledsoe will appoint a strategy committee to do long range planning for the Association.