



AAAI News

Requests for information and suggestions for future news columns can be sent by electronic mail to aaai-news@sumex-aim.stanford.edu or by US mail to the AAAI office. Suggestions, comments, and questions on all aspects of the society are welcome.

—William J Clancey & Claudia Mazzetti

AAAI-88 CONFERENCE STATISTICS

AAAI-88 Minneapolis-St. Paul

Paid Attendance: 5588

Other Attendees:

Exhibitor staff: 1731

Press: 185

Number of vendors: 96

Tutorial seats: 4300

Conference Attendee Demographics

Organization Description

- Manufacturing and Computer Hardware: 9.3%
- Manufacturing and Computer Software: 4.1%
- Research, Education, Consultants: 43%
- Banking, Finance, Insurance: 4%
- Transportation and Communications: 5.4%
- Government: 6.7%
- Data Services: 3.9%
- Other: 11%

Occupations

- Research Scientists: 14%
- Engineers: 13.2%
- Management: 13%
- Programmers, analysts: 10.5%
- Deans, professors, teachers: 8%
- Project leaders: 6%
- Consultants: 5.7%
- Systems analysts: 4.3%

(Total does not equal 100% because of omitted answers)

Executive Council Meeting Minutes

20 August 1988

9:00 am-4:00 pm

State Suite, Radisson Hotel, St. Paul, Minnesota

Present were William Clancey, Hector Levesque, Kathy McKeown, Daniel

Bobrow, Bruce Buchanan, Lynn Conway, William Woods, Raj Reddy, Elaine Rich, Reid Smith, Geoffrey Hinton, Douglas Lenat, Nils Nilsson, Claudia Mazzetti, and Peter Patel-Schneider.

All present unanimously approved the minutes from the Council meeting of March, 1988. The new councilors, Reid G. Smith and Elaine Rich, were introduced; Geoff Hinton, another new councilor, arrived after presenting his tutorial; and Wendy Lehnert was unable to attend.

Reports of Standing Committees

Financial Committee (reported by Bruce Buchanan): The final financial report for the conference's net income was incomplete at this time. The anticipated interest income for 1988 will be \$340,000.

Raj Reddy and Bruce Buchanan proposed a policy on the allocation of the AAAI annual interest income for philanthropic purposes. It was suggested and approved that the annual interest income would be used to support grants, scholarships and other projects (such as the electronic library). However, during years when anticipated revenues decrease, the interest income will support the operation of the office and philanthropic funding will decrease.

At this time, the Council approved the following activities:

- NCAI Student Scholarships: \$20,000
- 1989 Spring Symposium Scholarships: \$15,000
- Women & Minority Support: \$10,000
- Disadvantaged High School Student Support: \$10,000
- Workshop Grants: \$100,000

- Chess Tournament Support: \$10,000
 - Electronic Library Support at CMU: \$65,000
 - NRI's Study of the Issue of Electronic Intellectual Property Rights: \$18,000
 - Spring Symposium: \$60,000
- TOTAL: \$328,000 for 1988-1989

A request for funding from the National Research Council was tabled at this time. After a discussion on the AAAI's own report on the status of AI, it was concluded that Ed Feigenbaum would organize such a report.

Publications Committee (reported by William J. Clancey, Chair): Joseph Katz from Mitre was nominated and approved as a new member of the Committee. It was approved to hire a production assistant for the magazine. Specifically, we aim to increase the technical material in the pipeline and thereby increase flexibility in the placement of advertising and text. The Committee also recommended that all AAAI publications be consolidated and that the AAAI explore the expansion of the distribution of AAAI's publications with outside publishers.

The Committee also concluded that the reported work from the conference workshops should be treated as informal working notes; organizers may propose collections as a book project to the AAAI.

Symposium Committee (reported by Hector Levesque, Chair): Levesque commented on the changes proposed for the 1989 Symposium. The committee recommended more informal interaction; more commentary after the lectures; more student participation in the discussions; and that the abstracts or papers presented at a particular symposium would be considered to be informal and not ready for formal publication.

Program Committee (reported by Reid Smith, Program Co-Chair). Smith described the number of submissions, the overall topical distribution, and the ratio of accepted to rejected papers. Reid noted that the survey talks were increasing in popularity and were becoming a feature of the conference. The expansion of the workshop, under the leadership of Joe Katz, was another highlight of this year's conference.

New Business

Electronic Library Project at Carnegie Mellon University. CMU requested additional funding of \$65,000 to support the expansion of the AI database. The three components to the project are the capture of AAI publications in machine-readable form; scanning of existing documents; and the purchase of an existing AI database. The Council approved this request for the fiscal year 1989.

In conjunction with the Electronic Library Project, the Council wanted to explore the intellectual property issues associated with a distributed database. This work was commissioned to the Corporation of National Research Initiatives for \$18,000. This work will be shared with other organizations.

AAAI Financial Statement December 31, 1987

Auditor's Statement

We have examined the balance sheet of American Association For Artificial Intelligence as of December 31, 1987, and the related statements of income, fund balance and changes in financial position for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, included such tests as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the aforementioned financial statements present fairly the financial position of American Association For Artificial Intelligence as of December 31, 1987, and the results of operations and changes in financial position for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted

accounting principles applied on a consistent basis

—Robert H. Burnham

Financial Status of the Association

As of the end of July 31st, the AAI had current assets of over \$2.5M in the bank.

Balance Sheet

Assets

<i>Current Assets</i>	
Cash—checking	\$211,889
Cash—brokerage and money market savings	603,439
Investments of \$3,629,135 less allowance for unrealized losses of \$84,935 ⁴	3,544,200
Accounts receivable—trade	68,920
Inventory	35,239
Prepaid expense	59,853
Total Current Assets	4,523,540
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment, net ^{1c}	50,193
	<u>\$4,584,313</u>

Liabilities and Fund Balance

<i>Current Liabilities</i>	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$10,176
Unearned membership fees ³	166,481
Total Current Liabilities	176,657
Fund Balance	4,407,656
	<u>\$4,584,313</u>

Statement of Income and Fund Balance

Gross Profit (Loss), By Activity:

<i>AI Magazine</i> ³	\$102,049
Conference—AAAI '87	274,690
Memberships ³	319,208
Tutorials	594,434
Exhibits	380,086
Proceedings	(2,486)
<i>AI Journal</i>	5,320
Interest income	260,590
Net unrealized losses on investments ⁴	(84,935)
Grants & gifts expended	(166,004)
Conference—IJCAI '87, paid in 1987	1,376
Gross Profit, Combined	1,675,703
Total Operating Expenses	511,446
Net Income	1,164,257
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	3,243,399
Fund Balance, End of Year	<u>\$4,407,656</u>

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A Method of Accounting:

The financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

B Inventory:

Magazine, tutorials, and proceedings inventory is valued at the lower of cost or market value as of December 31, 1987.

C Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment:

Furniture, fixtures, and equipment are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is computed on the straight-line method over estimated useful lives of five to ten years. Furniture, fixtures and equipment consist of the following at December 31, 1987:

Cost	\$92,282
Accumulated depreciation	(42,089)
Net	<u>\$50,193</u>

D Income Taxes:

American Association for Artificial Intelligence is exempt from income taxes under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 23701 (d) of the California Revenue and Taxation Code. Federal and California taxes totaling \$24,454 were paid during 1987 on earnings from sales of mailing labels and advertising.

Note 2: Operations

The American Association for Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) was formed in 1979 as a scientific society, to encourage the basic knowledge of what constitutes intelligent thought and behavior and how it can be exhibited in computers. This is accomplished by the *AI Magazine*, an official publication of the American Association for Artificial Intelligence issued quarterly, AAI sponsored National Conference on Artificial Intelligence (NCAI), held annually, and the AAI Workshop Program.

Note 3: Memberships

Membership in the American Association for Artificial Intelligence is \$25 for regular members, \$15 for student members, and \$50 for academic/corporate library subscriptions. Prior to 1987, twenty-five percent of all membership fees received was allocated to *AI Magazine*. Beginning in 1987, all revenue from membership is included in the AI membership's gross profit center. Revenues from membership fees are earned ratably over the respective twelve month membership period.

Note 4: Investments as of December 31, 1987

Total original cost	<u>\$3,629,135</u>
Market value as of December 31, 1987	<u>\$3,544,200</u>
Net unrealized (loss)	<u>\$(84,935)</u>