

Minutes RIPS-SIS Annual Breakfast and Business Meeting
July 18, 2016
Chicago, IL

I. Welcome

Chair Laura Ax-Fultz welcome attendees to the RIPS-SIS Annual Breakfast & Business Meeting.

II. Announcement of Raffle Winner

Ax-Fultz gave some background on Puron and our adoption of the penguin at the Shedd Aquarium.

The winner of the Raffle is Lynn Hartke.

III. Notices

Ax-Fultz noted that our RIPS-SIS sponsored program, Leave the Treasure Hunts to the Pirates, was well-attended.

She also noted that the RIPS Research Instruction Roundtable was taking place at 3:30pm on Monday afternoon.

IV. Approval of Minutes of the 2015 RIPS-SIS Annual Business Meeting in Philadelphia, PA

The members present approved minutes of the 2015 Annual Business Meeting.

V. Committee Reports

Committee members present at the meeting reported on their committee's work over the past year. Detailed committee reports are provided in the *2016 RIPS-SIS Business Meeting Report*.

a. Program Committee

Beau Steenken, our liaison to the AMPC, noted that this year, each SIS will select two programs for consideration by the AMPC. This will help avoid two SISes sponsoring similar programs.

Steenken also reminded those present about the idea scale, where members can vote on what ideas they'd like to see programs on at next year's conference.

b. Thanks

Ax-Fultz thanked the committees for their willingness to deal with the new structure put in place by the Executive Board. Committee chairs now submit an agenda early in the year so the Board knows what their projects and goals are. The Board then meets with them via conference call in December and March to see what progress has been made. Ax-Fultz noted that the chairs of each committee seem to find value in the new structure, as they can talk to each other and see where committees have overlapping goals.

VI. New Business

a. New Initiatives

Ax-Fultz noted that there has been a slight drop in membership. The Board has discussed communicating more with members, so RIPS-SIS members should expect some initiatives over the next year, where the Board will be reaching out more about what the various committees and the Board are doing. She also encouraged those present to communicate with the Board directly if they have ideas about what we could or should be doing.

Ax-Fultz also said to keep an eye out for some other new initiatives for the next year.

b. Business Meeting Options

There was discussion about how to conduct business meetings at future conferences, in light of some other SISes conducting their meetings virtually and relatively low attendance at the annual business meeting. The benefits of recording it include saving money that can be used on other initiatives and making it virtual allows those who cannot attend the conference attend the business meeting. Another positive benefit of a virtual meeting is that people who cannot attend can watch the recording of the meeting later. Possible drawbacks discussed include conversation being more difficult and not getting to touch base with other SIS members in person.

Other suggestions included:

- Having substantive content at the business meeting
- Holding a mid-year virtual meeting, but keeping the annual conference meeting in person
- Hybrid meeting, where we'd post the committee reports rather than having in-person reports, and we use the time to have a social gathering/brainstorming session for SIS initiatives and a speaker

- Having an afternoon gathering, rather than a morning business meeting that conflicts with many other meetings, which would also decrease costs associated with a full breakfast at the meeting

VII. Welcome to the New Board Members

Ax-Fultz recognized the names of the new board members:

- Vice-Chair/Chair Elect: Alyson Drake
- Member-at-Large: Susan Nevelow Mart

VIII. Acknowledgement of Service—Board Members

Ax-Fultz recognized Member-at-Large Catherine Lemmer for her two years of service.

New Chair Katie Crandall recognized Ax-Fultz for her service as Chair of RIPS-SIS.

IX. Closing

Ax-Fultz passed Puron to Crandall and Crandall adjourned the meeting. The next business meeting will be held in Austin at the 2016 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference.