

TS-SIS Awards and Business Meeting: Minutes
July 18, 2016 at 3:30PM Central
Chicago, Illinois

1. Welcome/Call to Order/Quorum Verification

Quorum is 30 per TS-SIS Bylaws Article V, Section 2

Quorum was reached with 38 attendees as the meeting began.

Hollie White called the meeting to order at 3:31 Central Time. She began by extending thanks to Bloomberg BNA, LexisNexis, Thomson Reuters, and Wolters Kluwer for sponsoring the TS-SIS Awards and Business Meeting.

There was a small correction to the Minutes from the 2015 TS-SIS Business Meeting in Philadelphia, PA. On p.2 under Awards and Recognition, there should be a grammatical correction to: many suggestions “came.” The grammatical change was noted. Pat Sayre-McCoy motioned to approve the minutes as corrected and Alan Keely seconded the motion. The Minutes from last year were approved.

2. Incoming Vice Chair/Chair Elect Run Off Election

As the 2016 TS-SIS election resulted in a tie for Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, a run-off election was to be held at this Business Meeting. The two candidates were Ashley Moye and Lauren Seney. Ashley Moye withdrew from the run-off election for personal reasons. On the advice of the SIS Council Chair, the run-off election was still held, but listed a single candidate on the ballot: Lauren Seney. Current Treasurer, Pat Roncovich distributed the ballots, people voted, and then she collected the ballots for tabulation. Results will be announced at the end of the business meeting.

3. Discussion of proposed changes to bylaws

Before discussing the various bylaws changes, Suzanne Graham, Bylaws and Handbook Committee Chair, recognized her committee: Miriam Childs, Deborah DeGeorge, Eva Harris, John P. Jensen, and Wendy Law.

Suzanne stated that in accordance with the *American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure*, all voting on the bylaws changes would be by voice.

4. Bylaws Voting

Article I:

John Hostage motioned to approve the changes to Article I, Ismael Gullon seconded the motion.

As part of the discussion, Alan Keely asked for clarification on the usage of the word “association” and to which entity it refers. Suzanne Graham stated that the Association refers to AALL, while the Section refers to TS-SIS.

The motion was approved and the changes were adopted.

Article II:

Suzanne commented that the changes to this article are comprised of three grammatical changes.

Ashley Moye motioned to approve the changes to Article II and Julie Stauffer seconded the motion.

Christopher Thomas asked why the change in usage of the words “that/which.” Suzanne commented that the changes are purely grammatical. Pat Sayre-McCoy expressed concern about newer areas in TS and the language included in Article II. Suzanne commented that this is out of order. Changes to Article II were trying to clean up only grammar this time around. Alan Keely suggested that in the future we consider replacing the word “object” with “objective” in this section. Hollie can revisit a substantive change, such as this suggestion, in 2016/17.

The motion was approved and the changes were adopted.

Article III:

Suzanne commented that the only changes to Article III were covered already by Article I changes; we won't vote on Article III changes.

Article IV:

For ease of discussion, Suzanne instructed that voting for Article IV would proceed section by section.

Article IV, Section 1:

Most changes were to capitalization.

A motion to approve changes to Article IV, Section 1 was made by Julie Stauffer and seconded by Pat Sayre-McCoy. Within the discussion, Yael Mandelstam commented that the changes go against *The Chicago Manual of Style*. Suzanne clarified that AALL documentation, as well as the TS-SIS Handbook, shows positions as capitalized and that there is a desire to be consistent within our documents.

The motion was approved and the changes were adopted.

Article IV, Section 2:

The changes to Article IV, Sec. 2 were already addressed in prior bylaws changes and were not voted on.

Article IV, Section 3:

Many changes to this section dealt with capitalization, however, the last sentence was a substantive change.

The motion to approve changes was made by Wendy Moore and seconded by Ismael Gullon. Alan Keely expressed concern over the phrasing of the last sentence. An amendment to the amendment was made so the language should now read:

Officers shall serve from the adjournment of the Association's annual meeting until the adjournment of the Association's subsequent annual meeting.

The amendment to the amendment was adopted.

As time was running out, Suzanne Graham suspended discussion on the remaining bylaws changes. We moved to an up or down vote for all remaining bylaws changes.

Article IV, Section 4:

Barbara Szalkowski motioned to accept the changes to this bylaws section and Alan Keely seconded. With no discussion, the bylaws section was adopted.

Article V:

Ashley Moye motioned to approve the changes to Article V with Pat Sayre-McCoy seconding. With no discussion, the article was adopted.

Article VI:

Julie Stauffer made a motion to accept the changes to Article VI with John Hostage making the second. With no discussion, the article was adopted.

Article VII:

Barbara Szalkowski motioned to approve the changes to Article VII, and Pat Sayre-McCoy seconded the motion. With no discussion, the article was adopted.

Article VIII:

Julie Stauffer motioned to approve the changes to Article VIII and Barbara Szalkowski seconded.

In discussion, Pat Sayre-McCoy asked if TS can adopt the amendments for themselves before the amendments are sent to the AALL Bylaws Committee. Suzanne responded that the amendments are technically adopted by this body, but AALL won't recognize the amendments until they pass through the AALL Bylaws Committee. Alan Keely commented that if we submit the amendments and the AALL Bylaws Committee comes back and says we cannot do this, the TS amendment would stand until it is amended again. So, the end result would be that we live for a year with an amendment that the AALL Bylaws Committee states that we need to change. The motion was adopted.

Article IX:

Julie Stauffer motioned to accept the changes to Article IX and Barbara Szalkowski seconded the motion. With no discussion, the motion was adopted.

It was commented that we will need to change the revisions note as that was amended as well.

Suzanne called for one last vote on all bylaws changes. The changes were adopted.

5. VIP Speaker: Rachel Fewell, Central Library Administrator at the Denver Public Library

Rachel Fewell, the 2016 TS-SIS VIP, offered words on risk taking and advised us to not get separated from the work. We should each dig in regardless of where we are in the management structure.

6. Awards Committee Presentation

Ismael Gullon announced this year's award and grant winners:

Marla Schwartz Grant: Gretchen A. Croll

New Member General Grant: Emily Nimsakont

Experienced Member Grant: Christina Tarr

Active Member Grant: Ashley Moye

AALL Leadership Academy Grant: Anna Lawless-Collins

Renee D. Chapman Memorial Award: Ellen McGrath

The Chapman Award was presented by Michael Maben to Ellen McGrath. Congratulations, Ellen on this well-deserved honor!

7. Run-Off Election Results and Bylaws voting Announced

Hollie White announced that Lauren Seney has been elected as Vice-Chair/Chair Elect of TS-SIS. Congratulations, Lauren!

8. Passing the Gavel/Words from the New Chair

Hollie White passed the ceremonial gavel to Eric Parker.

Eric Parker presented 2015/16 TS-SIS Chair Hollie White with a plaque and extended thanks for her service. He commented that this was a year of expansion for the SIS with expanded educational offerings outside of the annual meeting. This year was a chance for us to try new things and improve. In 2016/17, the Board will work on recommendations from the Taskforce on Committees. We will try new ways to be creative with fundraising and seek to improve the online auction. The 2016/17 leadership team for committees is a mix of newer members and others who are more established. We will continue new ways to bring educational offerings to our members outside of the annual meeting and endeavor to collaborate with other SISs.

Eric accepted questions and comments from the audience. Wendy Moore commented that next year we should avoid scheduling this meeting against the AALL Business Meeting.

8. Adjourn

Barbara Szalkowski motioned to adjourn the meeting and Pat Sayre-McCoy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Diana Jaque
2016/2017 TS-SIS Secretary/Treasurer