

**International Association for Social Science Information Service and Technology
(IASSIST)**

41st Annual Business Meeting of the
General Assembly
Minneapolis, MN USA
2015/6/3

1. Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes from 2014 Meeting

MOVED to approve the minutes of the annual general meeting of 2015.
Moved: S Spencer, seconded S Cannon. The motion CARRIED.

3. Committee Reports

2015 Program Committee

Special thanks and applause for the committee chairs and members. Thanks were expressed to all of the people who put on workshops and who participated in the new paper track of the conference. Congratulations to K Eschenfelder et. al. for their paper on Social Science Data Archives and their networks. You can read all of the papers on our web site. We encourage you to take a look. The authors are looking for feedback.

Local Arrangements – T Lindsay

Special thanks to the local arrangements committee who did a great deal of work to arrange this conference.

Communications – M Andrews

T Alaterä reported that the web site is up and running, the project to post all issues of the IQ is still underway. Please use the web form to send us questions.

Professional Development – P Lackie and A Pienta

The committee has several active projects and is looking for members. Please contact one of the chairs if you are interested in volunteering.

Elections – M Wright

M Wright announced the results of the 2015 elections as follows:

Official 2015 IASSIST Elections

President: Tuomas Alaterä

Vice President: Jen Green

Secretary: Ryan Womack

Africa Regional Secretary: Lynn Woolfrey

Asia-Pacific Regional Secretary: Sam Spencer

Canada Regional Secretary: Carol Perry

Europe Regional Secretary: David Schiller

USA Regional Secretary: San Cannon

AC Member, Canada: Berenica Vejvoda
AC Members, Europe: Oliver Watteler and Arne Wolters
AC Members, USA: Kate McNeill, Jen Darragh, and Ashley Jester

Special thanks to all of the new officers, the continuing officers, and those rotating out.

IASSIST Fellows – F Arguillas and S Macdonald

S Macdonald and F Arguillas reported that in fall of 2014 the committee sent out a call for the fellows and received 62 applications, 14 more than last year, from 32 countries. That is a success in itself. Fellows this year are Samuel Kobina Annim, Lilian Neerut, Winny Nekesa Akulla, Firmin Zinvi. We kept the project at the \$10,000 dollar mark. If anyone is interested in joining the committee, speak to the chairs.

Membership Committee – H Mooney

The membership is strong. Please see the report on the web site for more details. Contact the chair if you have questions.

Executive Committee – B Block

B Block brought to the attention that the organization has adopted a code of conduct.

4. Action Groups Reports

Program Planning Manual Action Group – J Darragh

The committee will have a newly updated manual ready by September. If you have worked on a program or local committee and have advice or information for the manual, please contact any of the committee members.

5. Interest Group Reports

Data Management and Curation Interest Group – C Perry and Stefan K

After several years of great work, this Interest Group was allowed to sunset at the advice of the chair. B Block reminded the membership that it only takes five people to start a new interest group.

Data Visualization Interest Group – A Leahey and P Lackie

P Lackie reported that this group talks mostly over the email listserv and is very active. Please join if you are interested or contact the chairs.

Open Source Interest Group – H Decker

H Decker reported that this group was on hiatus this past year but plans to build new momentum this year. Contact H Dekker if you want to get involved.

6. Treasurer's Report – T Lindsay

T Lindsay reported on the state of the organization's funds. The organization has approximately \$200,000 in the bank across all accounts. In the last couple of years we have run slight deficits in order to do things the organization wants to get done. This coming year we'll spend a little extra on sponsorship and continuing to support the Fellows Program at its current level.

7. Future Conferences

Next year IASSIST 2016 will be held in Bergen, Norway. T Alaterä is happy to talk with anyone about what it takes to host an IASSIST conference. It is a terrific way to help your workplace learn about what you do.

9. Other Business

B Block thanked M Wright for 15 consecutive years on the Administrative Committee.

At the close of the meeting we will have new officers of the organization: T Alaterä as president, J Green as vice president, T Lindsay as treasurer, and R Womack as secretary.

10. Adjourn

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

Moved: M Wright, seconded T Alaterä. The motion CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Partlo
Secretary 2008-2015