

SAA Business Archives Section  
Annual Business Meeting  
4 August 2006

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Dan Barringer (State Farm Insurance), Section Chair. Approximately 75 members were in attendance. A sign-up sheet was passed around the room.

Mr. Barringer introduced Brian Doyle of SAA who discussed the fact that an upcoming SAA migration to a new content management and database software would delay the implementation of the update of the Business Archives Section Membership Directory. Debbie Waller (History Factory) continued the conversation by noting that she had not been able to follow up on her proposal in New Orleans for the History Factory to maintain the database, but would like move that forward now.

After an open discussion, it was decided to wait until SAA was ready to update the database.

Carla Summers, the SAA Council Liaison to the Business Archives Section spoke of her commitment and excitement to serve in that role.

Incoming Chair, Ted Ryan (Coca-Cola) announced the corporate underwriters of the Section Social, held on 2 August 2006, following the Section Colloquium, for recognition and thanks by the members.

Bruce Bruemmer (Cargill) took the podium to review the status of the section web site (<http://www.archivists.org/saagroups/bas/Welcome.asp>) and newsletter. Mr. Bruemmer indicated that he was passing the torch as Section Web Editor and asked for volunteers to take over.

Paul Lasewicz (IBM) proposed that a committee or task force be developed to spread the work load and increase the amount of content. Rochelle McCune (Gap, Inc.) and Tony Jahn (Target) expanded the discussion saying that we needed to think more broadly and consider blogs and discussion boards. After some discussion on the employee rules and blogs, Daniel Sokolow (NSH-LIS Health System) accepted the role as web editor. Mr. Lasewicz, Ms. McCune, and Maria Lacalle (Rolling Stone Magazine) agreed to serve as the task force. Mr. Lasewicz invited any other volunteers to see him after the meeting.

Mr. Barringer asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the 2005 meeting. The motion was passed.

Mr. Barringer then asked for nominations for Incoming Chair.

Ms. Waller nominated Mr. Jahn.

Mike Bullington (McDonald's) nominated Dean Weber (Ford Motor Company.)

A movement was put forward to have the two nominees give a brief speech outlining their goals as Incoming Chair and that a paper vote be taken to decide the winner. The motion was approved. While the vote was going on, business continued.

Mr. Barranger opened a discussion on the subject and timing of the Colloquium. Most agreed that the topic was good, but that having a single speaker may not be the best way to cover the topics we need to have covered. Many pointed out that moving the time to the morning may have cut down on attendance as many archivists were still arriving.

Shair Jackson (The Coca-Cola Company) who is serving on Program Committee asked/pleaded with the Business Archivist to submit proposals for the 2007 meeting. A general discussion was held on possible topics.

Mr. Ryan then gave a general overview of the on-going efforts to develop a benchmarking questionnaire as asked for volunteers. Deborah Shea (The Winthrop Group) offered to assist.

Mr. Ryan then continued the discussion on the Colloquium time. Elizabeth Adkins (Ford Motor Company) indicated that the traditional time was now being used by SAA for a leadership session. Most members of the Section still requested that the Colloquium be held from 2 – 5 pm on the Wednesday of SAA.

Hans Naess (National Archives of Norway) then spoke urging Section members to join ICA and to attend the upcoming meetings.

Mr. Barranger then announced that the votes for Incoming Chair had been tallied. Before the announcement was made, Mr. Lasewicz requested a discussion on the change in by-laws a few years previous which had disbanded the Section Steering Committee. Most agreed that the Steering Committee needed to be reinstated and that the loser of the election would automatically be the first member.

The election results were announced and Mr. Jahn was named as Incoming Chair and Mr. Webber was named to the Steering Committee. Mr. Lasewicz volunteered to serve on the Steering Committee and a request was made for a third volunteer. Amy Stevenson (Microsoft) then volunteered.

As the meeting was about to be adjourned, Phil Mooney (The Coca-Cola Company) announced that the Business Archives Workshop would be held again this year in Chicago and urged all the members who were interested to consider attending.

A motion was made to close the meeting which was approved.