

Business Meeting, May 15th 2014

Minutes of the Meeting

The business meeting commenced at around 12:15pm and was lead by current President Martina Greiner.

1. Meeting is called to order
2. Welcome to all attendees to MWAIS
 - Thanks to the Conference Committee (Joey George, Zhengrui Jiang, Kevin Scheibe, Jason Jie Xiong, Elizabeth Swanson),
 - Thanks for the support to the dean and department chair of Iowa State University
 - Thanks to all the sponsors and keynote speakers
3. Year in Review
 - Productive year, regular monthly meetings during the semester
 - Collaborative, friendly, and productive atmosphere
 - Thanks to current Executive Committee: Ashish Gupta (Past President), Gaurav Bansal (Incoming President), Rassule Hadidi (At-Large Director), Yi Maggie Guo (Secretary, Publicity Director, Membership, and Newsletter), and Han Li (Treasurer)
 - Accomplishments:
 - Support for MWAIS conference
 - MWAIS 2015
 - Newsletter in Fall and Spring
 - Initiatives that started based on the Panel Discussion “Future of MWAIS” in at MWAIS 2012
 - LinkedIn Groups, sponsorship of PhD students for MWAIS conferences, new journal JMWAIS, roundtable for potential collaboration Meeting tomorrow at noon
4. Preview MWAIS 2015 in Pittsburg, Kansas. Presented by Ashish Gupta.
5. Rassule Hadidi introduced the new Journal of MWAIS.
6. Awards Ceremony and Best Paper Awards

- The first Best Paper Award was presented to Gaurav Bansal. The second Best Paper Award was presented to Mehruz Kamal and Joseph Jackson. The third Best Paper Award was canceled since the speaker did not present at MWAIS.
- Plaques were presented to the Conference Committee (Chair: Joey George, Program Co-Chair: Zhengrui Jiang, Program Co-Chair: Kevin Scheibe, Local Arrangements: Elizabeth Salton, Review Coordinator: Jason Jie Xiong), Past-President Ashish Gupta, and At-Large Director Rassule Hadidi for their support and commitment to MWAIS.

7. Election for Open Positions: At-Large Director and President Election (Lead by Ashish Gupta)

Nominations:

- President Elect: Bryan Hosack (Illinois State University)
- At-Large Director: Mari Buche (Michigan Technological University)

MWAIS members voted for both positions and Bryan Hosack was voted for President Elect and Mari Buche for At-Large Director.

The meeting ended at around 1pm.

Business Meeting prepared by Past-President Martina Greiner.