Thanks to Amanda Murdie for a great program this year.

Election of new Board Members
- Unanimous approval of Dursen Peksen for the program chair for 2015, and President for 2016.
- Ryan Kennedy and Stephen Quackenbush’s term as at-large members has expired, and with Dursen’s move to serve as program Chair, we have an unfilled one-year position.
- Carolyn Shaw agreed to continue with the webmaster position.

Program Chair Report (Amanda Murdie)
- 270-300 total registration (depending on total CSC count). 61 panels. Larest regional conference in the association. Revenues exceeded expenses.

President’s Report (Cameron Thies)
- We have negotiated a new hotel contract for the next three years. Thanks to Jeanne White as ISA HQ for her wonderful assistance. There was a competing bid from Lincoln Nebraska, but we renewed with the Hilton in St. Louis.
- LCD projectors and screens will be included for an additional $2700. Internet might also be at no cost. We must fill a total of 145 room nights. The block is 40-60-45 for Thurs, Fri, Sat. Room rates will be $125/ $130/ $135 for the next three years.
- Finances are good. We are in the black overall. We might think about raising registration fees in the future, we are the cheapest by far compared to other regions. Plan to keep our rate the same for the next year.

Central Slavic Conference Partnership
- Question raised about whether we want to continue having a joint conference with Central Slavic Conference. We charge them $15/person, they take 1 of our conference rooms for each slot and don’t add that many more hotel rooms. They had 13 panel slots.
- Proposal to raise their rate to $25/person.

Award Committee Appointments
- Davis Brown (Maryville) appointed as Chair of the J. David Singer best book award committee. He will identify two other committee members to serve for the 2015 book award process. He will contact HQ to publicize the call for nominations.
- Sue Davis (Denison) will Chair the Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring award
with Marc O’Reilly (Heidelberg) and Bobby Braithwaite (Northern Illinois University).

- The ISA Women’s Caucus were impressed with our panels on professional development and asked about what the region is doing to advance women scholars. Suggestion that we would pass along money to female grad students if they provided funding. Amanda will investigate child care options for the conference.

- Discussion of travel grants for graduate students. Students need to be aware of the grant in advance of the conference so they make plans to stay in the conference hotel (needed to help fill the hotel block). The criteria of a split room cost might be a burden for those who don't want to split a room with someone of a different gender. Funding is at the discretion of the Program Chair based on available revenue, but there is a clear agreement that we should be helping fund graduate students as best we can.