 ISA Midwest Business Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2010

Officer Elections:
At large members: Secretary: Michael Rudy
Matt Moore (2010-2012)

Co Program chair: Wesley Renfro and Marc O'Reilly
Presdent: Carolyn Shaw  Past President: Terry Clark
Peter Rudloff (Member at Large) – term expires 2011.

Budget Discussions:
• General consensus that more money should be provided to graduate subsidies. As long as the conference revenues are close to matching the expenses, some of the extra regional funds from membership fees should go for more graduate subsidies. The President will discuss a final award amount with the Board each year. Deadline for graduate student subsidies is Dec 15.
• The cost of the Quincy lunch is heavily subsidized. It would help the bottom line of the conference to charge more for faculty lunches. Suggested fee for 2011: $25 for faculty, $12 for students (no change).

Quincy Wright Award
• Suggestion that instead of awarding the Quincy Wright award every year, it could be done on a rotating basis with another award given in alternate years. Perhaps a junior scholar book award (for the best first book published in a two year period, the author must be a member of ISA Midwest), and/or an Innovative Teaching award. The alternate award should still have a special function linked to it (luncheon or reception format).
• Decision made not to provide a monetary reward with the Quincy Wright award. The prestige of the award is enough. The money saved can go toward supporting graduate student subsidies.
• An open call for nominees from all ISA Midwest members will be made for future Quincy Wright awards. The Board will select the winner from among the nominees.

Webpage hosting:
• The transition between Program Chairs each year makes webpage maintenance challenging. It would be useful to pay for a commercially hosted platform that could be managed by each program chair and provide a digital archive for program materials.
• The cost for a commercial page is approximately $100/yr.

Regional Newsletter:
• ISA blog capacity might be a better option than traditional newsletter. Send “strategic emails” to membership periodically.

2011 Program recommendation:
• Proposal deadline moved up to July 1. Preliminary program by Aug 15. This will give graduate students more time to seek institutional funding.