ISA-Midwest Business Meeting Minutes
11/23/2019
Jonathan Ring, Secretary

- Carla Martinez Machain calls the meeting to order @ 5:30
  - Announcement of dates for future meetings (11/19 – 11/22/2020)
  - Will need to renegotiate conference hotel in 2022
- ISA-Midwest Region Balance
  - $25,443.83 before the conference
  - Discussion of how to use money;
    - Critique from ISA headquarters on keeping balances too high
- Announcements
  - Making ISA Midwest greener initiative
    - Veggie default lunch option
    - Option to opt out of paper programs
    - Re-using badge holders
    - BYOBadge Holder Initiative
      - Raffle winners:
        - BYOBadge – Spencer Willardson wins Oliver Kaplan’s book
        - Paper Program opt out – Katie Nissen (TCU) wins Starbucks giftcard
- Undergraduate Poster Session Proposal
  - Stephen Bagwell delivered arguments advocating for
  - Debate
    - Sara Mitchell – “Posters are expensive” potential downside
    - Peter Trumbore – We already have undergrad panels; we don’t want to replace those panels
    - Cameron Thies – we could pay for the accepted posters
    - Baris Kesgin – We have 4 panels; those students didn’t pay a registration fee or a luncheon fee
    - Holly Hansen – have alternative deadlines; a later poster deadline will allow us to potentially recruit more participants rather than replace panel participation with poster participation
    - Cooper Drury – Would rather expand panels; experience is better in the panels
    - Jim Scott – Students need to present; it is a different skill and experience
    - John Ishiyama – Posters are less intimidating; it may invite more participation; posters allows for longer experiences
    - Baris Kesgin – Posters are common on campus; panel experiences are rare;
    - John Ishiyama – Posters mean added costs
    - Member – posters would need designated discussant and paper requirement
    - Member – Tie the poster session to the plenary session
    - member – there are cost-effective ways to do this
    - Cooper Drury – careful for the pushback of including undergrads at a professional conference
Peter Trumbore – not an either/or; it is a both/and
Debate is closed
  - President Kesgin will work to potentially include this in the future
  - Change to Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring Award
    - Add clarifying language to indicate the award will be given every other year
      - Motion was passed with a unanimous voice vote
  - Change to J. David Singer Book Award
    - Add clarifying language to odd number years
      - Motion was passed with a unanimous voice vote
  - Announcement about the Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring Award
    - Given in 2020 meeting
    - Committee is Stephen Quackenbush (chair), Nazli Avadan, and Stephen Bagwell

ISA Midwest Officer Elections
  - Terms coming to an end:
    - Secretary Jon Ring, At large officers Michael Tyburski and Thomas Guarrieri
      - Michael Tyburski is nominated for Secretary
        - Motion was passed with a unanimous voice vote
      - Leah Windsor is nominated for Program Chair
        - Motion was passed with a unanimous voice vote
  - At Large Positions
    - Stephen Nemeth is nominated
    - Kate Perry is nominated
    - Jack Maclennan is nominated
  - Election Outcome:
    - Kate Perry and Stephen Nemeth are elected as at-large officers

Baris Kesgin Program Chair Report
  - All panel slots filled on both Friday and Saturday: 7 panels in each slot, a total of 56 panels
    - Around 180 proposals (6 not accepted)
    - Special panels
      - 3 Religion in IR
      - 4 Undergraduate Research
      - QW panel
      - Book Award panel
      - PIF and Emerging Scholars
    - Total registrations
      - 231 + 9 onsite registrations
        - Increase from 211 in 2018
      - 16 countries represented
    - Sponsorships
      - Increase in sponsorship from 2018
  - Finances
    - Balance: $27,719
    - Revenue
      - Sponsorship $13,300 (up about $5,000)
      - Registration; $15,737 (up about $3,000)
• Student travel reimbursement
  • Discussion
    o Give between $50 - $200 depending on need
  • Green initiative
    ▪ Successful at decreasing waste
    ▪ Saved money on printing
• Carla Martinez Machain asks for new business
  o Jim Scott proposal
    ▪ Add a new award for an undergraduate research paper award.
    ▪ Proposal to formally create an award
      ▪ Motion passes with unanimous voice vote
  o Announcement
    ▪ Elon is taking on the Pi Sigma Alpha undergraduate research journal, encourage submissions
  o Patrick Homan makes a suggestion to change the date of the conference
    ▪ Model UN conference in Chicago causes conflict with several members
    ▪ Stephen Quackenbush notes the date is the weekend before Thanksgiving due to conflicts with other conferences in St. Louis
    ▪ Other political science conferences often conflict
  o Announcement
    ▪ Send award nominations to Baris Kesgin
• Carla Martinez Machain calls the meeting to a close (6:23 PM)