***Association of Business Information Systems (ABIS)***

***Annual Business Meeting Notes***

***Thursday, March 12, 2015***

***Regency Room, Hyatt Regent Hotel, Houston TX***

The meeting was called to order by VP/Program Chair Jim Larsgaard (for President Josie Cheng who was not attending the conference.

Officer Reports

**President Jim Larsgaard**- The following were nominated, seconded and unanimously elected officers: Skip Ward from Secretary to VP/Program chair; Carla Barber reelected as Treasurer; Lori Soule re-elected as Proceedings Editor; Marcel Robles re-elected as Journal Editor; Marsha Bayless as Historian/Parliamentarian and Sherry Rodrique as secretary.

Total ABIS participants were 34- 30 members and 4 students.

**Treasurer Carla Barber-** Reported that we came out ahead this year by $242.86. Our registration was $1,810.00 and our breakfast costs (ABIS and joint with ABC) came to $1,567.14.

**Proceedings Editor Lori Soule**- Reported that nine articles were accepted in the proceedings for 2015 and that they are online.

**Journal Editor Marcel Robles-** Reported that the journal has a 75% acceptance rate.

FBD Report

Jim reported that the next conference will be March 9-12 in Oklahoma City Renaissance Center Convention Center Hotel and Spa and 2017 we will move onto the Marriott Little Rock, Arkansas, March 8-11.

Old Business

Carla Barber completed the ABIS Officers’ Duties and Responsibilities Handbook to much acclaim.

New Business

The retiring President’s gavel was present by Jim Larsgaard to Josie Cheng, with Kimberly Merritt standing in for Josie Cheng.

The 2015 McGraw-Hill distinguished Paper Award went to Wanju Huang from Eastern Kentucky University.

Jim Larsgaard noted that the board should discuss sending a note to the Dean’s of Colleges if the speaker fails to show for his/her presentation. While there was no vote, it was generally considered to be a good idea.

Marcel Robles noted that two authors needed DVD copies of the article to meet tenure requirements and that all formatting requests are met.

A long and general conversation was centered on the need to attract a younger generation of teacher/scholars, to increase membership, publication submissions, and conference participation.

* Consider the use of Facebook, twitter, Instagram and other social media to promote ABIS and the conference.
* Attract younger faculty to participate in ABIS as a tenure track tool.

Motion to Adjourn

The Motion to Adjourn was made, seconded and approved.