Association of Business Information Systems

**Business Meeting Minutes**

March 10, 2011

Houston, Texas

1. Welcome and Call to Order – Daniel Friesen
2. Officers & Committee Reports:
	1. *VP/Program Chair* – Beverly Oswalt reported in Roslyn Turner’s absence that 24 papers had been accepted for presentation and 20 papers had been published in the proceedings for the current conference. Beverly also reported that the recipient of the 2011 McGraw-Hill/Irwin Distinguished Paper Award was Brenda Hanson, Thomas Hanson, Begona Perez-Mira, Margaret Kilcoyne and Sue Champion from Northwestern State University. The title of their paper was, “Walking out the Door – Do Business Graduates Have the Information Technology Skills They Think They Do?” Beverly Oswalt also announced the recipient of the 2011 Federation of Business Disciplines Outstanding Educator Award, Daniel Friesen, University of North Texas – Dallas Campus.
	2. *Secretary/Treasurer* – In Roslyn Turner’s absence, Daniel Friesen presented the minutes from the 2010 Business meeting. Carla Barber presented a financial report update. The balance as of March 7, 2011 was $5,129.26. Margaret Kilcoyne moved to accept minutes and treasury report. Marcel Robles seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
	3. *Proceedings Editor* – Beverly Oswalt reported that there were 20 papers by 38 authors for the proceedings. The cost of printing was paid for by the University of Central Arkansas.
	4. *Journal Editor* – Marcel Robles distributed copies of the journal on CD and reported there were six papers published in the *Journal*. She informed authors must present in order to be eligible to submit to the *Journal.* There is a call for manuscripts in the *Journal* CD. She suggested that ABIS look into making it available for eReaders.
	5. *Past President / Nominating Committee* – Beverly Oswalt presented a slate of officers for the 2011-2012 academic year. The nominees are: President – Roslyn Turner, VP/Program Chair – Ann Wilson, Secretary/Treasurer – Kimberly Merritt, Daniel Friesen, Past-President, Journal Editor – Marcel Robles, Proceedings Editor – Beverly Oswalt, and Historian – Betty Kleen. As this is the last year of Betty Kleen’s three year term, Beverly asked members to consider taking the Historian position next year. Margaret Kilcoyne made a motion to accept the slate of officers. Marsha Bayless seconded the motion.
3. FBD Report – Marsha Bayless acknowledged Carla Barber for serving as the FBD Placement Officer. Attendance is up for FBD with pre-conference numbers at 775 Association Participants and 718 FBD Participants. ABIS pre-conference registration is 30 (two students). She reminded members to have their ticket for prizes at the break and to visit the exhibitors. There is a new exhibitor this year, Bedford St. Martin. She announced the meet and greet from 5:00 – 7:00 in the exhibit area. Marsha reported that the FBD Conference will be in New Orleans next year at the same hotel as in 2001, Sheraton. Albuquerque will be the site in 2013 at the Hyatt for the 40th FBD anniversary. FBD registration has remained $75 for six years. She referred to page 15 of the conference agenda for members to see the value for their FBD fee. She reported that FBD that at the Saturday board meeting, a committee will be formed to study raising the fee. Daniel Friesen urged members to support the vendors and if they had adopted a book, case, etc., from that publisher to be sure and tell the book representative. Daniel asked if anyone would be interested in the Director of Marketing position. FBD Board of Directors is also asking associations for 2014 conference venue suggestions.
4. Old Business – Carla Barber
	1. Program Chair, Ann Wilson, will attend the FBD Boot camp at the Sheraton in New Orleans June 17-18.
	2. The ABIS *Journal* method for acceptance was repeated. Marcel with meet in May with representatives from Cabell’s to see if the *Journal* will be listed. The acceptance rate to establish the listing was the suggested originally at 65% - 80%. Chynette Neely, former editor, reported that the *Journal* was accepted in Cabell’s but Marcel reported that Vanessa from Cabell’s could not find anything on the *Journal*. Margaret Kilcoyne moved that the acceptance rate of 70% be used if the range of 65% - 75% was not possible. The motion was seconded by Marsha Bayless. The motion carried. It was suggested that the next distinguished paper be automatically included into the *Journal*.
5. New Business – Carla Barber
	1. Minutes for the business meeting are on the website. Motion was made and seconded to accept the board minutes.
6. Proceedings discussion of whether to continue to print the proceedings or to go to a CD. No action was taken.
7. Increase membership

Work with other organizations and their members. Ann will attend Decision Science presentations. She will work with the program chair to coordinate presentations for both organizations.

1. Election and Installation of new officers.
	1. Robert Mitchell moved to accept the slate of officers. Margaret Kilcoyne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Incoming President Address – Daniel Friesen responded for Roslyn Turner who was absent.

Beverly Oswalt moved to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Margaret Kilcoyne. Motion carried.

Submitted by Ann Wilson, Secretary/Treasurer