



AAAR Annual Business Meeting
Wednesday, October 5, 2022
Raleigh, NC

I. Call to Order & Welcome

Akua Asa-Awuku opened at 6:08 with a call to order, Leah seconded and all in favor. 28 in attendance. Quorum was not obtained; business meeting portion concluded; meeting continued as an informational meeting.

II. President's Remarks

Akua presented Presidents remarks (see slides for details):

- The budget is great, we are in a good position
- Topics discussed include:
 - Mentoring program. 19 mentors and 19 mentees, lunch on Tuesday, 3 virtual meetings.
 - NSF Advance Spaces: community engaged research visible at national conferences.
 - Equity Affairs committee is putting on several events in addition to a virtual event in April
 - New award campaign that will focus on mentoring, teaching, training.
 - Juan Fernandez de La Mora Prize.
 - IAC 2030 – Mexico City, Mexico. Approved by IARA
 - Awarded 5 international professional awards
 - Updated code of conduct
 - Masking and meeting policies
 - 16 AS&T journal club lecture series
 - Future AAAR at Portland Convention Center October 2-6, 2023. We try to take into consideration religious holidays, dates are set in advance.
 - Thank you to BOD, Amy Sullivan, Committees, Working Groups, and AAAR business office for a successful year.

III. Secretary's Report

Cari Dutcher led a review of 2021 minutes. Motion for approval was made by Susanne Hering and seconded by Akua Asa-Awuku; minutes approved unanimously. However, as a quorum was not obtained; the approval of the 2021 minutes will need to be tabled until next business meeting or by email.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Amy Sullivan presented report on AAAR budget (see slides for details):

- AAAR is in good financial standing. She just got the draft of the audit and we have 1.5 times operating budget in reserves. As of July 2022, we have ~\$2.5M. Down \$80K from where we were about a year ago. The cash flow is back to a typical cycle

- Budget in three parts: administration, conference, strategic projects. Most items are fixed and not negotiable and the budget is approved in winter board meeting. In person conference budget provided. For the Admin budget: Income \$135,200 and expenses were \$208,192. For income we are doing better on royalties and membership dues up 3% from last year. For expenses a breakdown was provided with a noted increase in marketing expenses. For the 2022 conference budget: income \$387,350, expenses \$555,453. A breakdown in pie charts was provided.
- Strategic projects: travel grants for students and professionals outside US, video and fine particle art competitions, social media ambassadors (to cover conference registration), celebration of 40 years of AAAR.
- New line items in budget: Funds from Taylor and Francis to be used at discretion of AS&T Editor in chief; Additional funds available to student chapter to host activities; Event designated by the conference chair (trivia game).
- Financial Outlook: total assets vs. Minimum desired assets. We are pretty much on track.
- Endowment funds: 2021 annual report has been put together. It will be distributed by e-blast to membership and posted on our website.
- Received proposal to create new mentoring award
 - discussed at Awards committee
 - Solicited recommendation and hope to start fundraising soon
- Online donation portal set up and available
- AS&T paper lecture series. New initiative being supported by Friedlander Memorial Fund. Very successful, 160 people in attendance. They are available on the AAAR webpage on the events page.
- Andrea asked about registration. Amy responded that we assumed we would have 75% of a typical conference, and we have been ahead of what was our last conference. 659 people registered as of Sept 25.
- Subu asked about expenses being higher than income? Amy responded that large swing number is registration. We also put in lower sponsorships.

V. AS&T Update

Jonathan Reid gave an update on AS&T (see slides for details):

- Impact factor has really climbed (4.809 now, in 2020: 2.908). He noted that the editors have discussed how to sustain this. The average acceptance rate, days to submission, pages published were all provided. Jonathan encouraged us to submit manuscripts. We have dropped from 79-80 to 42 for people from Canada + US.
- Selected Initiatives were discussed including a Covid19 theme collection, aerosol toxicology, indoor air. He noted that they want to use these as a way to call for new submissions. The AAAR plenary reviews for 2022 have been invited. He also noted that the first technical notes have been published, continuation of monthly lectures; abstract graphics are on Twitter now; articles can now appear on PubMed with directions; they are working on sponsored events and awards to promote the journal such as sponsoring IAC 2022; infographics information provided.
- Options for open access: about 20% are open access. No article processing charges, but there are open access fees, very similar to other journals. Asked to let him know if there are times it's a real challenge.
- Do we invite speakers to contribute a manuscript when we invite them to give a plenary? Jonathan: yes, and it really adds to the value of the plenary

- The ISES is disengaging with Indoor Air, is there a gap that we can fill? Faye noted the editorial board left as a group. Andrea was on the editorial board; they are looking to possibly form a new journal.

VI. 2021 Conference Report

Amy Sullivan gave a conference update (see slides for details)

- Registration as of Sept 25 was 649 attendees; four special symposia held this year and organizers were thanked; abstracts numbers were at 555 by May 2nd and on July 22 we received 89 late breaking poster submission; 16 lecture style tutorials were held and thanks were given to all the speakers for the tutorials. We also had 2 instrumentation tutorials and these went very well. Smaller attendance than in the past, but there was more space so it was a better experience. Monday evening activities: Science communications program. Geeks who drink (10 teams, 2 special rounds about AAAR).
- Special events:
 - Environmental Justice Book club discussion and panel discussion on how to build community-engaged research.
 - Representation and equity affairs (Thursday afternoon).
 - ASCENT meeting and discussion (Thursday noon).
 - Special symposium panel sessions on aerosol infectious disease
 - Celebrating 40 years of AAAR: exhibit booth, special history of aerosol science platform session, plenary lecture Friday
- Have 25 exhibitors, most returning with a few new ones. For sponsorship we received more than we budgeted for. Summarized the sponsors and what they supported. Big thank you was given for all of the contributing folks.

VII. 2020-2021 Election Results

Akua Asa-Awuku gave an update on the election results (see slides for details):

Vice-president elect: Amy Sullivan CSU

Secretary elect: Rachel O'Brien, University of Michigan

Directors: Manjula Canagaratna, Shantanu Jathar, Rodney Webber

New working group chairs were shown.

VIII. Recognition of Outgoing Board Members and Officers

Leah recognized outgoing board members: Robert Griffin, Julie Stone, Qi Zhang, Treasurer Allison Aiken, acting Treasurer Amy Sullivan, President Akua Asa-Awuku.

IX. Passing of the Gavel

Akua passed the gavel to Leah. Leah thanked Akua for her incredible visionary leadership.

X. Adjournment of informational meeting

Leah adjourned the informational meeting at 7:09 pm ET