

AISSAC2013-2014 – PRESIDENT’S REPORT – 29 SEPTEMBER 2014

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Our previous secretary, Judy van Biljon, resigned and was replaced by Emma Coleman. The Board would like to thank Judy for all her initiatives and hard work in the first year of AISSAC’s existence. The Board had monthly meetings using Skype extensively and used most of the time to plan the 2014 seminar preceding SAICSIT, to populate the website and to guide the process of instituting a student chapter.

LIAISON WITH AIS

An annual report for 2013-2014 was submitted by the president to the AIS. Jan Kroeze and Alta van der Merwe also attended the Chapter and SIG meeting at AMCIS. The seminar was advertised on the AISWorld discussion group. We also communicated with Tmitri Owens regarding the establishment of a student chapter.

SEMINARS

A seminar was planned and held preceding the SAICSIT conference on 29 Sept. at Leriba Lodge. The theme was “20+ years of Information Systems in Southern Africa” to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the AIS. We had three international speakers, including Geoff Walsham, Bob Galliers and Dan Remenyi.

We would like to thank the SAICSIT organisers for accommodating the seminar as part of the SAICSIT arrangements. We also would like to thank our sponsors: Citanda, CSIR, University of Pretoria, University of South Africa (ICT4D and School of Computing), and University of the Witwatersrand.

STUDENT CHAPTER

A student chapter was established at UNISA under the leadership of Elisha Ochola as president. Membership is open to all IS students in Southern Africa.

WEBSITE

The AISSAC website is being maintained by Melius Weideman and updated regularly.

DISCUSSION GROUP

The Google discussion group was used to disseminate information about the seminar and board election. The number of subscribers grew extensively due to Mac van der Merwe’s initiatives.

FINANCES

A cheque account was opened by Hugo Lotriet at ABSA and the profit of the 2013 seminar was deposited into the account.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

No membership fees were charged in 2013, but the issue will be discussed in today’s AGM.

AISSAC 2015

The conference chair of SAICSIT 2015 may again be requested to host an AISSAC seminar preceding the 2015 conference. A seminar chair should be elected.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Most of the board members' terms came to an end and new board members will be elected at today's meeting. The following nominations have been received:

- * President: Jan Kroeze (Nominated by Alta van der Merwe and seconded by AURONA GERBER)
- * President elect: Emma Coleman (Nominated by Alta van der Merwe and seconded by Jan Kroeze)
- * Secretary: Nicky Mostert-Phipps and Dr. Roxanne Piderit, Fort Hare (Nominated by Jason Cohen and seconded by Emma Coleman)
- * Treasurer: Hugo Lotriet (Nominated by Jan Kroeze and seconded by Emma Coleman)
- * At large directors: AURONA GERBER, MELIUS WEIDEMAN, MAC VAN DER MERWE, ELISHA OCHOLA, ALTA VAN DER MERWE, CARINA DE VILLIERS (Nominated by Jan Kroeze and seconded by Emma Coleman), JAN MENTZ (nominated by Alta van der Merwe and seconded by Jan Kroeze), Jason Cohen (nominated by Emma Coleman and seconded by Jan Kroeze).