

Minutes from ISKO C/US General Assembly
held during NASKO 4 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin
June 12, 2013

Attendees: B. Kwasnik, D. Jank, M. Fox, C. Pattuelli, T. Dousa, R. Smiraglia, C. Marchese, E. Milonas, H.-L. Lee, A. Loehrlein, R. Szostak, J. Tennis, M. Farmer, R. Afonja, P. Keilty

The meeting was called to order at 5:13 pm.

First order of business: Select meeting chair and recorder

Chair: Melodie Fox

Recorder: Chris Marchese

(1) Approve minutes from 2011 business meeting.

Motion to approve: R. Smiraglia Second: C. Pattuelli

(2) NASKO program report – C. Pattuelli

Two new sessions were added to the symposium this year. The doctoral symposium and unconference session. The unconference session was added based upon feedback received from NASKO 3 in 2011. 38 proposals were received for this symposium, including submissions from doctoral students. A note of thanks was made to the web mistress Hillary Thorsen. She is willing to continue serving in this capacity. The consensus was that we would welcome her continued services.

(3) Treasurer's report (T. Dousa)

T. Dousa handed out the treasurer's report. Our current financial situation is still positive.

Membership information: Our membership has declined slightly. The reasons for the decline in membership are not all clear.

Current finances: the chapter is currently in a positive financial situation.

Taxes Paid: \$290 T.Dousa suggested we apply for 503c status before next year, when we will be due to pay a larger tax amount.

Expenses: 2012 expenses \$122.80

2013 (anticipated) \$668.30

2013-2014: \$629.97

T. Dousa made a motion to continue to pay Dynadot (web hosting company) in three year increments to realize a subscription savings. E. Milonas seconded. Approved unanimously.

T. Dousa brought a hard copy of the chapter's tax filings for anyone who would like to examine them.

R. Szostak inquired as to why we don't have the chapter's website hosted by a sponsoring institution, instead of paying for hosting. It was pointed out that the current setup allows for consistency in hosting that would not change with chapter presidents.

A call was made for anyone with any legal or tax background to please assist in the preparation of the chapter's 503C application. The application is expensive, and if rejected we lose the money invested.

(4) President's report – K. La Barre (submitted via email; attached at the end)

(5) Report from ISKO UBC student chapter – A. Loehrlein

It was discovered that while many students want to become members, only one had volunteered to become president, and they have now graduated. Continuing recruitment will take place this fall. There will be a focus on leadership.

World IA day – members of the group helped to promote the event. Various student led activities were held.

They are trying to move away from the listserv model of communicating and promoting activities, so they are currently seeking to find alternatives to using email for promotion.

(6) Proposal for Mexican ISKO members to join ISKO C/US and create a North American regional chapter. Possibly rename ourselves to ISKO North America? Originator/contact Dr. Catalina Naumis Peña (Filing of tax paperwork on hold pending this decision)

R. Smiraglia reminded the chapter that membership was offered to Mexico at the inception of our chapter. They had declined at the time, but now are willing to join.

Discussion ensued regarding their current formation and membership. It was determined that they currently have a large active membership that are an informal network.

The sense of the meeting was to first investigate the logistics of this request. A vote would then be taken after further information is gathered and presented to the chapter.

Motion: Move to join with Mexico as part of an expanded chapter.
Motion: J. Tennis Seconded T. Dousa.

The membership then recommended that the incoming president contact ISKO with this proposal.

(7) Chapter Elections

Election of chapter president

Nominations:

Hur-Li Lee, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Accepted.

Motion – T. Dousa. Seconded - E. Milonas

Elected by acclamation. Congratulations to Hur-Li Lee.

Election of Treasurer

Nominations:

Thomas Dousa, University of Illinois. Accepted.

Motion – R. Smiraglia Seconded - E Milonas.

Elected by acclamation. Congratulations to T. Dousa.

Election of program officer

Nominations:

Patrick Keilty, University of Toronto. Accepted. Motion: E. Milonas Seconded T. Dousa. Elected by acclamation. Congratulations to Patrick Keilty.

T. Dousa moved to thank C. Pattuelli and K. LaBarre for their hard work and leadership leading up to this conference. Second – D. Jank. J. Tennis thanked T. Dousa for his exemplary work as well.

(8) Preliminary discussion of NASKO-5

P. Keilty – suggestion to hold it at UCLA. He has contacted faculty there and they are open to hosting. UBC was also offered as a prospect.

Further discussion will occur at future meetings.

Motion to adjourn: E. Milonas seconded C. Pattuelli. Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Marchese

Acting as recorder for the 4th General Assembly of ISKO-C/US June 12, 2013

Attachments

President's report

I regret that I'm not able to attend this business session in person. It has been my pleasure to serve as the President of ISKO C/US for the past four years. I'd like to thank everyone who has worked steadfastly to foster the growth of ISKO C/US.

I'd also like to extend my deepest appreciation to the members of our Planning Committee: Richard Smiraglia, Cristina Pattuelli and Hur-Li Lee, and to the members of the Program Committee for all of their efforts in bringing together a very exciting program for this year's conference.

Special thanks to the Information Organization Research Group at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's School of Information Studies for their generous support - and for to the School for hosting the coffee breaks!

The conference program is now available on the conference website at <http://www.iskocus.org/nasko2013-program.php>.

I'd like to encourage brief discussion about next steps for the four papers that will not be published in KO, and whether or not, and if so where to deposit the proceedings for NASKO-4. In the past we've linked final papers/abstracts to the website: <http://iskocus.org/nasko2011-proceedings.php>

A brief discussion of an item on the agenda. At the ISKO Brasil meeting recently, I discussed a preliminary expression of interest on the part of Mexican ISKO members to join ISKO C/US and potentially to create a North American regional chapter. This might mean that we would rename ourselves ISKO North America? The Originator and contact person in Mexico is Dr. Catalina **Naumis Peña**. **As a result of this query, I've placed filing of the tax paperwork to make ISKO C/US a federal not for profit agency - on hold pending this decision. I volunteer to continue to work with Rebecca Green on moving this paperwork forward pending the decision on this motion. I support this motion wholeheartedly - it would bring a new dimension to our work, and give new possibilities for meeting locations!**

Quick announcements:

The Lubar School of Business will host the Classification Society annual meeting from Thursday - Saturday (June 13 -15). For those of you who don't know: The Classification Society promotes the scientific study of classification and clustering, and includes members across many academic disciplines, including statistics, education, data mining, business, psychology, medicine, biology, and others. All keynote sessions are open to UWM faculty and students. More info can be found at <http://www4.uwm.edu/business/news/releases/details.cfm?id=469>.

At the recent SIG/CR workshop, Dave Dubin discussed the split that resulted in the formation of ISKO and the Classification Society, sister groups that have common interests. I hope that it might be possible for some of you to meet one another. See also the CR workshop call for papers (handout at the registration desk).

Submitted UBC student division report
From the Advisor: Aaron Loehrlein

UBC student section report

We created a Wordpress blog and assigned duties. Florian (the president) was looking for potential speakers to come give KO talks at SLAIS, though the iSchool Colloquia series later filled this gap. We helped to promote World IA Day in 2012, especially the events in Vancouver at W2 Media Cafe. Patricia Foster (ISKO-UBC executive member) attended. We also held a screening in the iSchool of the Paul Otlet documentary, "The Man Who Wanted to Classify the World."

I have found at SLAIS that there are many people interested in joining the student section, but it has proven difficult to find someone willing to take over the leadership of the group. I plan to recruit new members as the fall semester approaches. Hopefully we will see more activity in the upcoming year.