

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ACCOUNTING EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Minutes of Joint Executive Committee / Executive Council Meeting

August 10, 2005

Mason Room, San Francisco Hilton, San Francisco, USA

The Executive Committee and Executive Council meeting was called to order by President Serge Evraert at 2:00 p.m. on August 10, 2005, at the San Francisco Hilton. In attendance were Gary Biddle, Serge Evraert, Sid Gray, Michel Guindon, Kazuo Hiramatsu, Simon Ho, Bryan Howieson, Bel Needles, Lee Radebaugh, Judy Rayburn, Salvador Ruiz de Chavez, Donna Street, Gary Sundem, Alfred Wagenhofer, Richard Wilson, and Hentie van Wyk. Guests were Sanjay Anand and Tim Bell (for part of the meeting).

President Serge Evraert welcomed everyone. The minutes from the Goteborg meeting were approved after adding Richard Wilson to the attendees. Serge then gave a brief overview of the state of IAAER – titling it “good news.” The Bordeaux conference is turning out to be very popular, with 2/3 of the registrations from overseas. The Reporting Financial Performance research project is progressing well under the direction of Donna Street and with the financial support of KPMG. Finally, the IAAER has at least one conference scheduled for the next 3 years or so. In regard to conferences, he pointed out the need to address the program details of the 2006 World Congress in Istanbul.

Alfred Wagenhofer presented the Treasurer’s report. As previously reported, the 2004 financial statements received a clean audit opinion. Cash balances continue to grow as major projects are funded by external grants. It was mentioned that this provides the opportunity to provide more financial support for delegates from emerging economies to attend IAAER conferences. Finally, he indicated that efforts are being made to increase in interest income on IAAER accounts and to avoid transactions costs on payments received.

Gary Sundem summarized IAAER membership numbers. There are 41 institutional members, of whom 9 have their dues paid for by a diversity grant from KPMG. An additional 7 members have not yet renewed for 2005, and they have been sent a second invoice. It is expected that at least 4 of them will renew. This led to a discussion of what potential institutional members do not belong to IAAER. Gary will bring a list of IFAC members to Bordeaux, and the EC can develop a plan to solicit memberships from selected organizations from the list. Gary also reported 711 individual members, but indicated that most of these memberships will expire at the end of 2005 – they were mainly 3-year memberships from Hong Kong and 1-year memberships from Durban. The attendees at the Bordeaux conference will have 1-year memberships. It was decided that attendees at the World Congress in Istanbul will receive 4-year memberships for the current fee of \$45 to provide membership until the next World Congress.

Donna Street next reported that there are 3 papers in process for JIFMA. In addition, she raised the issue of a possible conference with ICAEW, similar to the conference arranged by Peter Pope. Among the possible topics suggested were Measurement/Fair Value, Off Balance Sheet Financing, Pensions/Leases, and Contingent Liabilities. Although nothing definite was decided, it was the consensus that this was worth pursuing.

Serge Evraert then provided details on the Bordeaux conference scheduled for September. Lodging will be a half-hour from campus, with bus transportation provided. Computer facilities will be available for e-mail. There will be overheads but not PCs available for the concurrent sessions. He will plan for an Executive Committee dinner on Wednesday evening, and there will be a wine tasting event on Thursday evening.

Agnes Chen sent a report on the IAAER-JIFMA Conference Paper Fast Track for Bordeaux. A total of 22 papers opted for fast tracking, and a committee of Carolyn Callahan, Elizabeth Gordon, Joanna Ho, and Wayne Thomas assisted Agnes in choosing 4 papers for “conditional” acceptance for JIFMA. Agnes also made some suggestions for future conferences: 1) design a consistent format for announcing fast-track on the call for papers, 2) form a review committee early, use a consistent evaluation form, and provide constructive reviews, and 3) promote the fast-track option by identifying the accepted papers to conference participants and include in conference materials a list of all papers previously published via fast-track.

Donna Street then reported on the plenary and workshop plans for Bordeaux featuring Katherine Schipper, Mary Barth, and Gilbert Gelard. Tim Bell arrived to be present for this discussion. The plenary is 2:00 Thursday. The workshop that same morning is by invitation only and focuses on the five Reporting Financial Performance research projects. There will be about 30 participants, including the research teams, representatives of the IASB and FASB, project sponsors from KPMG and the University of Illinois, and selected IAAER Executive Committee members. The focus will be on 15-page reports prepared by each research team and read in advance by workshop participants.

The Reporting Financial Performance projects will be the focus of another workshop, possibly in New York City in March, where the teams will meet with standard setters. It is being scheduled to be convenient to IASB board members. The final results of the research projects will be presented at the World Congress in Istanbul in November 2006. It is hoped that Mary Barth and/or Katherine Schipper can present a summary of the research results as a concluding session to the World Congress on Saturday.

The conversation turned to the World Congress in Istanbul. First, the EC discussed promotion of the conference. Notices have been mailed to AAA International Section members. Wagenhofer will arrange an announcement in Double Entries. Sundem will e-mail IAAER institutional members asking them to announce the conference, and he will place an announcement in ARN. Then the program was discussed. Two plenaries and ten panels (5 educational and 5 technical) are planned. Guindon, Radebaugh, and Howieson will develop topic suggestions for the educational panels and Wagenhofer and Sundem will do the same for the technical panels. Evraert will plan the plenaries. In addition, Mike Walsh is organizing the educational directors’ conference – he is expected to report on this in Bordeaux.

Hentie van Wyk then presented a proposal for faculty development in Africa, a series of 3 to 5 day seminars for faculty. The proposal was well received and supported in principal, but he was asked to develop more specifics, including a budget, to be presented in Bordeaux.

Lee Radebaugh reported on the Web site, which is working well. He distributed hard copies of the January and July issues of COSMOS, and he indicated that the July issue is now available on the Web site.

Sanjay Anand, CEO of the Sarbanes Oxley Group (a new institutional member), described his organization and invited proposals for IAAER/SOX Group collaborations.

Bryan Howieson indicated that he presented the idea of a joint IAAER/AFAANZ conference July 6-8, 2008 in Sydney to the AAANZ board. It was well received, but no final decision has been made yet. He will report further in Bordeaux.

Sid Gray presented some suggested by-laws changes to create a Board of Advisors. Creating such a Board was well received. Discussion revolved around replacing the Executive Council, which has not been as effective as desired, with the Board of Advisors rather than just adding the Board. It was also pointed out that there are some routine changes to the by-laws necessitated by changes in the administrative structure. Sid will take these suggestions into account and present a revised set of by-laws changes in Bordeaux.

Finally, Bel Needles indicated that the Nominating Committee will meet in Bordeaux, so any suggestions for Executive Committee memberships should be given to him before the Bordeaux meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Gary L. Sundem, VP-Administration