Announcements

AAAI Election Results, Spring 1981

The annual election for AAAI offices has taken place (15 June 1981 was the closing date for the receipt of votes) The people listed below have been elected by the membership of the AAAI to the offices as indicated.

The election was special in several ways, in order to complete the initialization of officers and periods of tenure. Both a president (for 1981-82) and a president-elect (who will serve as president for 1982-83) were elected. Normally only a president-elect would be on the ballot, however, no president-elect was elected at the last election.

Twelve (12) councilors were elected, constituting a full complement of elected councilors. At the last annual meeting it was agreed that all the present councilors would serve for only the single year (1980-81) and an election would be held for all positions starting in 1981-82. The twelve candidates with the highest numbers of votes were elected. Four of these will serve for one year, four for two years, and four for three years. The determination of the period to be served by an elected candidate has been determined by lot, under the constraint that no councilor serve more than three years total, counting existing service (some nominees already having served during the initialization period of the society).

The Nominating Committee: A. Newell, Chairman, B. Buchanan, R. Reddy, E. Sacerdoti, P. Winston

President
  Marvin Minsky
  Massachusetts Institute of Technology

President Elect
  Nils Nilsson
  SRI International

Council

Woody Bledsoe University of Texas	1 year
Daniel G. Bobrow Xerox PARC	2 years
Barbara Grosz SRI International	3 years
Jerome Feldman University of Rochester	1 year
John McCarthy Stanford University	2 years
Drew McDermott Yale University	2 years
Charles J. Rieger, III University of Maryland	3 years
Herbert A Simon Carnegie-Mellon University	1 year
Gerald J Sussman Massachusetts Institute of Technology	3 years
David L. Waltz University of Illinois	2 years
Bonnie Webber University of Pennsylvania	3 years
William A. Woods Bolt Beranek and Newman	1 year

AAAI Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the AAAI will be held during the IJCAI-81 meeting in Vancouver. The meeting will be held on August 27, 1981 from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. The IJCAI business meeting will also be held during the same period.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir:

In the AAAI President's Message of AI Magazine, Vol. 2, No 1, Ed Feigenbaum laments the trouble the name "artificial intelligence" has caused over the years. Like Ed, 1 too have sometimes encountered people who consider anything artificial as ersatz or otherwise perjorative. In these situations I often try to make an analogy to mechanical prostheses for the human body, such as artificial hip or artificial heart People I've interacted with tend to view these artificial things as good, as mechanisms to augment human potential. It would be interesting to hear from other AI researchers about similar experiences and their ways of explaining AI to the public.

Sincerely,
John Gaschnig

AAAI Membership Renewal

We are putting memberships on a September-August year, to coincide with annual meetings. If you joined during 1981 consider your dues paid through August, 1982. All other members are asked to remit $10.00 ($5.00 for full-time students).

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