

# AAAI News

*Fall 1998*

## AAAI-99

Please mark your calendars now for AAAI-99, which will be held July 18-22 in Orlando, Florida at the Omni Rosen Hotel. The Sixteenth National Conference on Artificial Intelligence will continue the 1998 experiment of collocation with at least two conferences, the Eleventh Conference on Innovative Applications of Artificial Intelligence and the Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference (GECCO-99).

Please see the Calls for Papers and Participation for the AAAI-99 Technical Program, AAAI-99 Student Programs, AAAI-99 Tutorial Forum, AAAI-99 Workshop Program and IAAI-99 at [www.aaai.org](http://www.aaai.org), and watch for further information regarding the robot, Hall of Champions, and demonstration programs.

Information about the conference is available by writing to [ncai@aaai.org](mailto:ncai@aaai.org) or at [www.aaai.org/Conferences/National/1999/aaai99.html](http://www.aaai.org/Conferences/National/1999/aaai99.html). Please note that the deadline for submission of electronic title pages is January 19, 1999. Final papers are due January 20, 1999.

## AAAI-99 Student Programs

AAAI is pleased to announce the continuation of its Student Abstract and Poster Program, the SIGART/AAAI Doctoral Consortium, and the AAAI Scholarship and Volunteer Programs. Students interested in attending the National Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Orlando, July 18-22, 1999, should consult the AAAI web site for further information about the Student Abstract program and the Doctoral Consortium. Details about these programs will also be mailed to

all AAAI members. The Scholarship Program provides partial travel support and a complimentary technical program registration for students who are full time undergraduate or graduate students at colleges and universities; are members of AAAI; submit papers to the technical program or letters of recommendation from their faculty advisor; and submit scholarship applications to AAAI by April 15, 1999. In addition, repeat scholarship applicants must have fulfilled the volunteer and reporting requirements for previous awards.

In the event that scholarship applications exceed available funds, preference will be given to students who have an accepted technical paper, and then to students who are actively participating in the conference in some way. However, all eligible students are encouraged to apply.

After the conference, an expense report will be required to account for the funds awarded. For further information about the Scholarship Program, or to obtain an application, please contact AAAI at [scholarships@aaai.org](mailto:scholarships@aaai.org), or 445 Burgess Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025. (650) 328-3123.

All student scholarship recipients will be required to participate in the Student Volunteer Program to support AAAI organizers in Orlando. The Volunteer Program is an essential part of the conference and student participation is a valuable contribution.

Students not requiring travel assistance should only apply for the Volunteer Program, which provides complimentary registration to full time students, including conference proceedings, in exchange for assisting AAAI-99 organizers in Orlando. This program does not provide any scholarship funds, and is designed for local

students or students who have other sources for travel funds. AAAI membership is required for eligibility. For further information regarding the Student Volunteer Program, please contact AAAI at [volunteer@aaai.org](mailto:volunteer@aaai.org) or the 1999 Volunteer Coordinator, Thomas Haynes, at [thomas@adept.cs.twsu.edu](mailto:thomas@adept.cs.twsu.edu). The deadline for volunteer applications is May 31, 1999.

## AAAI Fall Symposium Series

The American Association for Artificial Intelligence's 1998 Fall Symposium Series will be held Friday through Sunday, October 23-25, 1998 at the Omni Rosen Hotel in Orlando, Florida. The topics of the eight symposia will be

- Artificial Intelligence and Link Analysis
- Cognitive Robotics
- Distributed Continual Planning
- Emotional and Intelligent: The Tangled Knot of Cognition
- Formalizing Reasoning with Visual and Diagrammatic Representations
- Integrating Planning for Autonomous Architectures
- Planning with Partially Observable Markov Decision Processes
- Robots and Biology: Developing Connections

A general plenary session, in which the highlights of each symposium will be presented, will be held on Saturday, October 24, and an informal reception will be held on Friday, October 23. Symposia will be limited to between forty and sixty participants. Each participant will be expected to attend a single symposium. In addition to invited participants, a limited number of other interested parties will be allowed to register in each symposium on a first-come, first-served basis. Working notes will be prepared and distributed to participants in each symposium, but will not otherwise be available unless published as an AAAI Technical Report or edited collection.

The final deadline for registration is September 23, 1998. For registration information, please contact AAAI at [fss@aaai.org](mailto:fss@aaai.org) or visit AAAI's web site at

www.aaai.org/Symposia. A hotel room block has been reserved at the Omni Rosen. The cut-off date for reservations is September 24, 1998. Please call 407-248-2326 or 800-800-9840 for further information.

### FSS-99

Proposals are being sought for the 1999 Fall Symposium. All proposals will be reviewed by the AAAI Symposium Committee (Chair: Ian Horswill, Northwestern University; Cochair Dan Clancy, NASA Ames Research Center; and Associate Chair: Leslie Pack Kaelbling, Brown University). Symposium proposals should be submitted as soon as possible, but no later than October 15, 1998. Notifications of acceptance or rejection will be sent to submitters around October 24, 1998. A Call for Participation will be issued in December. Please see [www.aaai.org/Symposia/Fall/](http://www.aaai.org/Symposia/Fall/) for further information.

## 1999 Spring Symposium Series Call for Participation

The American Association for Artificial Intelligence presents the 1999 Spring Symposium Series, to be held Monday through Wednesday, March 22-24, 1999, at Stanford University. The topics of the seven symposia will be:

- Agents with Adjustable Autonomy
- AI Equipment Maintenance Service and Support
- Artificial Intelligence and Computer Games
- Hybrid Systems and AI: Modeling, Analysis and Control of Discrete + Continuous Systems
- Intelligent Agents in Cyberspace
- Predictive Toxicology of Chemicals: Experiences and Impact of AI Tools
- Search Techniques for Problem Solving Under Uncertainty and Incomplete Information

Symposia will be limited to between forty and sixty participants. Each participant will be expected to attend a single symposium. Working notes will be prepared and distributed to participants in each symposium. A general plenary session, in which the highlights of each symposium will be pre-

sented, will be held on Tuesday, March 23, and an informal reception will be held on Monday, March 22. In addition to invited participants, a limited number of other interested parties will be able to register in each symposium on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration information will be available by December 15, 1998. Please contact AAAI at [sss@aaai.org](mailto:sss@aaai.org) or visit our web site at [www.aaai.org/Symposia](http://www.aaai.org/Symposia).

### Submission Information

Submissions for the symposia are due on October 30, 1998. Notification of acceptance will be given by November 13, 1998. Material to be included in the working notes of the symposium must be received by January 29, 1999. The complete Call for Participation is available as [www.aaai.org/Symposia/Spring/1999/sssparticipation-99.html](http://www.aaai.org/Symposia/Spring/1999/sssparticipation-99.html)

## AAAI Executive Council Nominations

Every two years, the AAAI membership elects an individual to serve a two-year term as President-Elect, followed by two years as President, and, finally, two years as immediate Past President. In addition, every year four new councilors are elected to serve three-year terms on the AAAI Executive Council. The Nominating Committee encourages all regular members in good standing to place an individual's name before them for consideration. The Nominating Committee, in turn, will nominate one candidate for President-Elect and eight candidates for councilor in the spring. In addition to members' recommendations, the committee will actively recruit individuals in order to provide a balanced slate of candidates. AAAI members will vote in the late spring.

To submit a candidate's name for consideration, please send the individual's name, address, phone number, and e-mail address to Carol Hamilton, Executive Director, AAAI, 445 Burgess Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025; by fax to 650/321-4457; or by e-mail to [hamilton@aaai.org](mailto:hamilton@aaai.org).

Nominators should contact candidates prior to submitting their names to verify that they are willing to serve, should they be elected. The deadline

for nominations is November 1, 1998. A nomination form is included on page 12. Please send it to AAAI Nominations, 445 Burgess Drive, Menlo Park, California 94025-3442. You can also fax the information to us at 650-321-4457. For more information, please contact Carol Hamilton at [hamilton@aaai.org](mailto:hamilton@aaai.org) or 650-328-3123.

## Minutes, AAAI Executive Council Meeting

Madison, Wisconsin  
July 26, 1998

*Attending:* David Waltz, Daniel Bobrow, Bruce Buchanan, Jon Doyle, Ken Ford, Eric Horvitz, Leslie Kaelbling, Henry Kautz, David McAllester, Mel Montemerlo, Steve Minton, Norm Nielsen, Edwina Rissland, Paul Rosenbloom, Mike Wellman, Stuart Russell, Jim Hendler, Mike Hamilton, Carol Hamilton

AAAI President David Waltz opened the meeting at 9:05 AM. He welcomed and congratulated the new councilors—Henry Kautz, David McAllester, Johanna Moore, and Mike Wellman—and thanked the retiring councilors—Ken Ford, Richard Korf, Steve Minton, and Lynn Andrea Stein.

### Standing Committee Reports

*Finance:* Secretary-Treasurer Norm Nielsen reported that all activities, including the financial management fee, are breaking even. The AAAI membership dues continue to subsidize the *AI Magazine*. The income from the operating reserve covers the portion of the AAAI office expenses not charged to programs. The grants and scholarships are funded by the operating reserve. The operating reserve has grown by approximately fifteen percent during the past year; only eight percent is needed to maintain the current level of activity without depleting the reserve. Nielsen also reported that the investments are currently managed by three separate advisors, each with its own investment strategy, to reduce risk and maintain a balanced portfolio. The portfolio is currently divided as follows: thirty-eight percent growth, thirty-two percent value, and thirty percent bonds.

Nielsen reported that the AAAI membership has remained in a steady state for about three years after a long decline in the late 1980s and early 1990s. The number of currently paid members is expected to remain at about the 5,500 level.

*Conference:* Conference Committee Chair Paul Rosenbloom reported that 470 papers were submitted to the conference, of which 144 were accepted. One accepted paper was withdrawn by the author. Four of the originally submitted papers were transferred to IAAI for review and were accepted into that program.

The conference has a wealth of programs, including the technical paper program, invited talk and panel program, IAAI program, Student Abstract Program, Doctoral Consortium, Tutorial Forum, Workshop Program, Robot Competition and Exhibition, Robot Building Laboratory, Hall of Champions, Intelligent Systems Demonstrations, and several social functions.

New programs this year are the Intelligent Systems Demonstrations and the AI Festival. Rosenbloom noted that the student program chairs would like earlier announcements of their programs to encourage submissions. Submissions to the student abstract program were lower than previous years, although the call was issued at AAAI-97. Submissions to the Doctoral Consortium tripled in 1998.

Carol Hamilton reported that technical conference registrations were up by over twenty percent from 1997. A survey is being distributed to attendees to gather feedback on why they attended the conference this year. Tutorial preregistrations were down by about 10 percent, and workshop registrations were up by twenty percent.

IAAI-98 Conference Chair Bruce Buchanan reported that twenty-two papers were accepted to IAAI, eleven each to the deployed applications track and the emerging applications track. Two papers that were referred to the AAAI program committee for review were subsequently rejected. The emerging applications track continues to be successful and fills the gap between the AAAI conference papers and the traditional deployed application papers at IAAI. Overall, the conference fills an

important need for documenting recent successes in AI. However, the incentive is not as strong for people in industry to write papers, so submission numbers are small. Buchanan asked for help in identifying applications, so that the IAAI program committee members could contact the people to encourage them to write papers. Jon Doyle suggested that companies might hire students to assist with the writing of the papers. There was also some discussion about changing the format of the papers to extended abstracts to avoid the problem of releasing proprietary information.

Carol Hamilton reported that KDD-98 is expected to have a ten percent increase in registrations from 1997. The conference will include three workshops and eight tutorials, as well as an exhibit program and research demonstrations. Hamilton also announced that the KDD steering committee has applied for ACM subgroup status during the past year. Therefore, the future of the KDD conference is under negotiation. AAAI will work to maintain a cooperative arrangement with ACM, and wishes to remain affiliated with the KDD community, a large portion of which is made up of AI members. A liaison between the AAAI and the KDD community will be designated to assist with a cooperative agreement.

*Fellows/Nominating:* Carol Hamilton reported that four new Fellows were elected in 1998. They are George A. Bekey, University of Southern California; Steven Minton, USC/Information Sciences Institute; Yoav Shoham, Stanford University; and David E. Wilkins, SRI International. The membership elected the four new councilors listed at the beginning of these minutes from a slate of seven candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee. Congratulations were extended to all new Councilors and Fellows.

*Publications:* Publications Committee Chair Ken Ford reported that there are now seventy AAAI Press titles in print and 115 technical reports. Three books are currently in production, along with technical reports from the AAAI-98 workshops and 1998 Fall Symposium Series. The Press continues to be successful and income is cur-

rently up by forty-five percent. Ford stressed that this level cannot be sustained without good proposals, and encouraged council members to solicit good proposals for the Press.

The AAAI Press web site accounts for thirty-eight percent of the hits on the AAAI web site, which is currently being reorganized. The web site contains 6,000 files, including 1,500 full-text papers. The conversion of the AAAI conference proceedings and early volumes of the *AI Magazine* is currently underway.

There has been little change in the status of the *AI Magazine*, although there has been a renewed interest in recruitment advertising. It was reported that the strategy of having a couple of themed special issues each year has been successful, producing excellent survey articles by leading researchers. The upcoming change in editorship is discussed below.

*Symposium:* Symposium Committee Chair Leslie Kaelbling reported that attendance at the symposium series was slightly lower over the past year, but the program for the fall looks very strong. Eight symposia will be held in Orlando, Florida. Seven proposals have been accepted for the 1999 Spring Symposium, and a call has been issued for the Fall of 1999. The site for the spring will remain at Stanford University, and a new site on the east coast is being sought for the fall.

Kaelbling also reported that high quality submissions have been low for the past year. There was some discussion about discontinuing the Fall Symposium Series. However, this proposal will be revisited in 1999 after encouraging the fellows to solicit submissions.

*Scholarship:* AAAI awarded eighty scholarships for AAAI-98, totalling approximately \$51,900. The percentage of international students was higher this year, accounting for \$17,500 of this total, rather than the usual \$10,000. Fourteen KDD-98 scholarships were awarded, totalling \$9,780, \$4,780 more than originally budgeted. The additional subsidy was approved for this year only. This is a sharp increase from \$3,906 for eight scholars in 1997. Symposium Series scholarships totalled \$27,371 since

# AAAI-98: A Photo Wrap-Up

*(Photographs courtesy Richard Skalsky)*



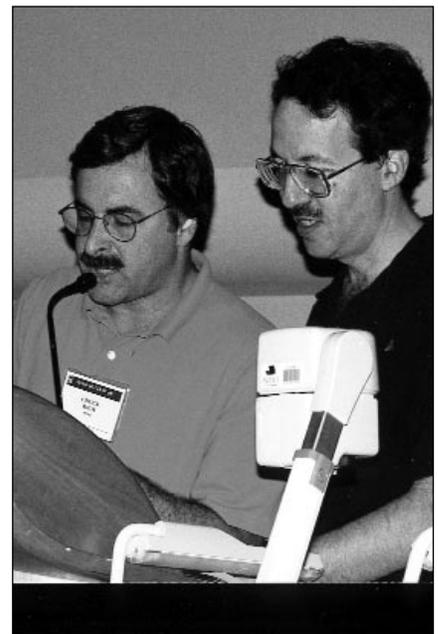
*AAAI-98 Best Paper Authors Receive Applause after their AAI-98 Session.*



*The Robot Lobotomous Was Again in Attendance at the Robot Competition.*



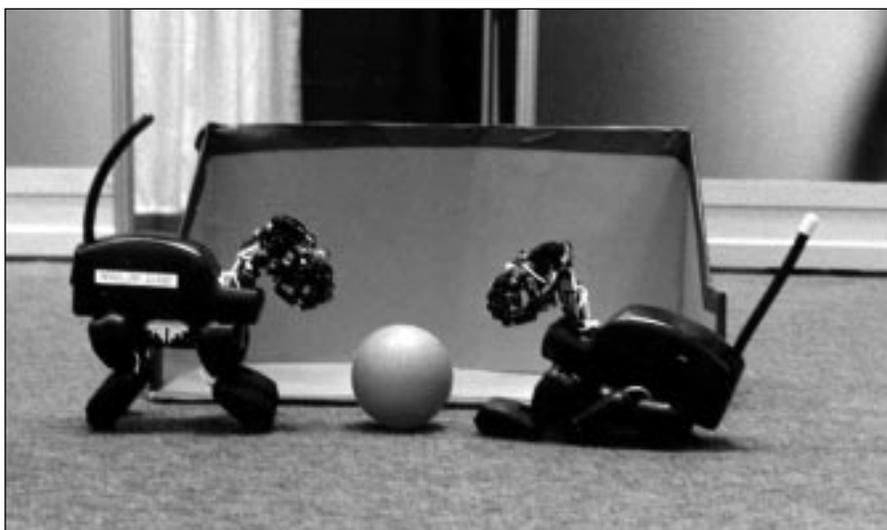
*The AAI-98 Opening Reception in Madison's Monona Terrace Convention Center.*



*Conference Cochairs Charles Rich and Jack Mostow.*



*The AI Festival Proved to Be a Very Popular Event.*



*The CMU RoboCup Robots Delighted the Crowd at the Robot Exhibition.*



*Seen in the Center Background, the Monona Terrace was a Short, Pleasant Walk from the Conference Hotels.*



*AAAI President Dave Waltz Delivers His Presidential Address.*



*Former AAAI President Daniel Bobrow Introduced Dave Waltz.*

August 1997. 1998 Robot Competition and Exhibition scholarships were funded by DARPA and NSF this year.

The Council voted to increase the national conference scholarship fund from \$50,000 to \$75,000 for 1999 to satisfy growing needs. In addition, students attending collocated conferences will also be eligible to receive scholarship funds, assuming they meet the other scholarship requirements.

*Grants:* Workshop grant activity since August 1997 was slightly lower than normal at \$24,100, and conference grant requests totalled only \$5,000. AAAI continued to fund four grants for Women & Minority support. In addition, AAAI subsidizes several programs held each year at the national conference, including the SIGART/AAAI Doctoral Consortium, the AAAI Mobile Robot Competition and Exhibition, the Hall of Champions, the Intelligent Systems Demonstrations, and the Robot Building Lab. There was some discussion and general agreement that the content of the Robot Competition should be more

varied from year to year, possibly alternating with the RoboCup program. Paul Rosenbloom will follow up on possible alternatives, as well as work with future chairs to establish a small advisory board for the program. AAAI has also committed \$10,000 to the "The AI Information Project," directed by Bruce Buchanan. This project is described in more detail under "Old Business" below.

Mel Montemerlo proposed that AAAI sponsor two winning teams from the International Science Fair to come to AAAI-99 and demonstrate their robots. The Council voted to allocate \$10,000 in support of this idea, although the exact proposal will be approved, pending further investigation and a report from Montemerlo.

## Old Business

*Computing Research Association:* Tim Finin, who could not attend the Council meeting, submitted his report of CRA activities in writing. The CRA collocated its 1998 academic workshops with AAAI-98. Finin will provide feedback on this experiment at the next meeting. The Grace Hopper Conference, celebrating women in computing, was held in September of 1997 and attracted 600 registrants. AAAI is one of the co-sponsors of this event. The CRA also sponsored an exhibit at the Coalition for National Science Foundation's (CNSF) Fourth Annual Exhibition and Reception for Members of Congress. The exhibit featured CMU's "Project LISTEN: A Reading Tutor that Listens," by Jack Mostow, the Project Director, and Greg Aist.

CRA has received funding from NSF to conduct a study of the Information Technology worker shortage. The study will be chaired by Peter Freeman of Georgia Tech. CRA recently completed a salary survey, which included 655 scientists and nine companies.

Merrell Patrick was the recipient of the 1998 CRA Distinguished Service Award and Bryant York was selected as the recipient of the 1998 CRA A. Nico Habermann Award.

*Collocated Conferences:* Carol Hamilton reported that the collocated conference experiment had been highly successful. Eight groups held their

conferences just prior to or directly after AAAI-98 and IAAI-98. Several conferences, including AAAI-98, reported increases in attendance. There were varying levels of cooperation between AAAI and each of the conferences. AAAI made an effort to publicize the collocation in all its materials, as did many of the other conferences. AAAI also contracted to provide administrative services in some cases. Four workshops were jointly sponsored by AAAI and another conference, and several tutorial proposals grew out of the collocation. A panel of the chairs for the collocated conferences was held at AAAI-98. A survey was circulated during AAAI-98, which gathers some data regarding the collocated conferences, and results will be available in the fall.

There was general consensus by the Council that conferences who wish to collocate should be actively sought. Council members volunteered to contact various organizers to determine interest in collocating with AAAI-99 or AAAI-00.

*Conference Services by AAAI:* Carol Hamilton reported that AAAI will continue its Conference Services program in 1998. Contracts are being negotiated with IJCAI-99, Agents'99, and GECO-99. As noted above, the KDD conference is being reorganized from a AAAI conference to an AAAI/ACM co-sponsored conference, so administrative services provided for this conference will also be contracted.

*IJCAI-01 National Committee:* Dave Waltz reported that he visited Seattle with the IJCAI-01 program chairs and national committee chair last fall, soliciting donations from several local companies and visiting potential reception sites. There was positive feedback from several companies, including Microsoft and Boeing. Hector Levesque, IJCAI-01 Conference Chair, who attended the recent IJCAI Trustees meeting in Paris, reported to Carol Hamilton that the committee generally agreed that it was not feasible to hold both RoboCup and the AAAI Robot Competition at the same time, although they might be held sequentially. A decision regarding what robot events will be held in 2001 will be made shortly before Stock-

holm, the site of IJCAI-99. A Local Arrangements Committee "kickoff" meeting is being planned for May or June 1999. It is hoped that IJCAI-01 will serve as a "millennial showcase for AI in the 20th Century."

*AI Information Project:* Bruce Buchanan reported that the AAAI Website Pathfinder Project was well underway. This project is designed to help respond to inquiries that come into the AAAI office from high school students, journalists and other professionals. The web site will include several "stock answers" in the form of pathfinders, which are sets of pointers into the introductory literature of a topic. Each pathfinder covers a different area of AI. These will be posted on the AAAI web site this fall, and updated as more information becomes available or is needed.

Buchanan solicited ideas and feedback on the current site, a copy of which was available. Suggestions included an electronic suggestion box, the establishment of an editor for the site, measuring the effectiveness of the site, and storing some articles (or at least abstracts and book introductions) online if permissions can be secured. It was also suggested that a brochure be developed and circulated to high school teachers, publicizing the site. Concerns about ongoing maintenance, including that of pointers, are being discussed by staff.

*Spring Symposium Site Search:* Carol Hamilton reported that preparations are underway for the Spring Symposium Series to be held at Stanford University again in 1999. Earlier logistical and policy roadblocks are being solved, and Grace Smith in the Computer Science Department will serve as AAAI's liaison to Stanford conference services staff.

*Legal Opinion:* In response to an earlier request, Carol Hamilton reported on her discussion with legal counsel regarding AAAI's tax exempt status with regard to its operating reserve and other matters. It was determined that AAAI is operating completely within its established charter and tax status. In addition, all plans being discussed for the future conform with these guidelines.

*Use of Operating Reserve:* Dave Waltz

made a detailed proposal regarding the current and potential uses of the operating reserve. He reviewed the current uses, as described in the grants report above. He made several suggestions for expanding AAAI's grant program, including the establishment of prizes or awards, distributing educational materials, recognizing researchers who interrupt their careers to serve in government positions, and increased public relations.

After a long discussion, proposed uses were prioritized and the Council voted to pursue the following initiatives: 1) Create new prizes for AAAI members; 2) Create "Best Popular Writing" award; 3) Create high school/undergraduate prizes; 4) Sponsor approximately two top International Science Fair teams to come to AAAI-99; 5) Put AI technology on AAAI web site; 6) Commission one or more science writers to write about AI; 7) Create service awards for AI people who serve in government positions; and 8) Create high school information web pages and brochures.

## New Business

*AI Magazine Editor:* After Jude Shavlik notified the Publications Committee last spring that he would need to step down in December of 1998 as Editor-in-Chief of the *AI Magazine*, a search was made for a new Editor-in-Chief. David Leake of Indiana University was recruited and has enthusiastically agreed to take over for Shavlik in the spring of 1999. In the meantime, the Council voted to approve his appointment as *AI Magazine* Editor-Elect for the remainder of 1998. The Council extended their sincere appreciation to Jude Shavlik, who has done a superb job on the magazine over the past three years.

*CHIKids:* Jim Hendler, AAAI-99 Program Cochair, submitted a proposal for the CHIKids program to be held at AAAI-99. The CHIKids program combines traditional childcare with opportunities for children to be involved with creative and educational uses of technology. The proposal was accepted by the Council and a subsidy of approximately \$20,000 was approved. CHIKids will receive some support through traditional camp fees as well.

The program will accommodate approximately 35 children.

*Conference Fee:* Carol Hamilton reported that the conference fee and registration structure has become overly complex as more and more programs have been added each year. In an effort to simplify the process, the Council voted to incorporate the tutorial program registration into the overall conference fee. Each technical conference registrant will be allowed to attend a set number of tutorials at no additional charge. The exact number will depend on the final tutorial schedule. The Council also voted to maintain the current levels of technical program registration fees for 1999. This will result in a subsidy of approximately \$50,000-60,000 for the Tutorial Forum program in 1999.

*NSF Meeting:* Dave Waltz and Bruce Buchanan reported that a small delegation, including Randy Davis, Barbara Grosz, Tom Dean, and themselves, met with Mike Lesk and other representatives at NSF in early July. The meeting was well received and very informative, and Waltz would like to continue these meetings with other funding agencies. He noted the importance of establishing key individuals as contacts and providing materials. He also called on the Council to find good people to fill government positions. During the course of the meeting, Dr. Lesk indicated that NSF is looking for new ideas around which they can build initiatives. Waltz solicited ideas from the Council and will follow up with the Fellows.

*AAAI Name Change:* Dave Waltz noted that the name of the association does not accurately reflect the international makeup of the membership or the conference attendees. In addition, the name has been a roadblock at times in establishing affiliations with area conferences, who do not want to be perceived as national groups. The Council recommended that a legal opinion be sought about a name change, and that key members of other societies, such as IJCAI, be contacted for their feedback. The Council agreed to continue this discussion at its next meeting.

*AAAI Subgroups:* Carol Hamilton reported that the subgroups are no

longer active and that with the advent of the web, there is no longer a need to distribute newsletters to these groups. The Council recommended that the subgroups be removed from the membership application form, and that AAAI establish and maintain mailing lists for interest groups. Any group that is interested in starting a mailing list will have to designate a moderator, maintain a web site to which AAAI will provide a link, and agree to hold a workshop at the national conference.

*International Fellows:* Dave Waltz reported that the Fellows program has had difficulty recognizing worthy individuals in other countries because they are less inclined to be members of AAAI. There was some discussion about creating a special category for international fellows, but it was determined that further study was needed. An investigation will be made of similar programs in other societies.

*ISGECO:* Carol Hamilton reported that the International Society for Genetic and Evolutionary Computation had submitted a proposal seeking Council approval for AAAI staff to administer the membership and publications activities of its organization, and to serve as the mail drop for all of its organizational mail. The Council did not approve this proposal. If ISGECO would like to form as a subgroup of AAAI, the Council agreed to reconsider this proposal.

*ACM Preprint Server:* Steve Minton reported that ACM is in the final stages of putting together its preprint server. AAAI cosponsorship may be sought. Minton will keep the Council informed of progress and will submit a follow-up proposal by e-mail.

*Membership Survey:* A membership survey will be conducted during the next year. Prior to release, the survey will be reviewed by a social scientist.

*Special Olympics:* Dave Waltz reported that the Special Olympics is seeking donations of old computers.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

- Carol McKenna Hamilton

# 1999 AAAI Executive Council Nominations

*Please type or print clearly. Please contact the individuals you are nominating before submitting their names.*  
Nomination forms must be received in the AAAI office no later than November 1, 1998.

## Nominee for President-Elect

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Nominee for Councilor

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Nominator

Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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