

American Association for
Artificial Intelligence
Minutes

Third Annual Meeting, 19 August 1982

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Marvin Minsky, President (1981-1982), presiding

AAAI Office. The AAAI office at 445 Burgess Drive has been in operation for over a year; it has taken over responsibility for membership and the AI Magazine, as well as continuing its management of conferences, tutorials, and exhibit programs.

Finances. The AAAI is financially solvent; assets of over \$100,000 are projected for the end of the year; the organization is working toward a backup equivalent to one-year's expenses. Given a stable financial status, the AAAI can begin to explore other things to do with its resources (See next column for a statement summarizing AAAI finances as of 30 November.)

Election. John McCarthy will be President-Elect for 1982-1983; Saul Amarel, Michael Genesereth, Peter Hart, and Raj Reddy, will serve on the Council for the period 1982-1985; Stan Rosenschein will complete McCarthy's term on the Council for 1982-1983.

Membership. The membership is getting close to 2000; there were 1720 members listed before the conference, 160 of which were foreign; conference registrations should add 100-150.

Publications. The AI Magazine is now on a more regular schedule, but more submissions of all kinds are needed.

Conferences. The AAAI Annual Conference is getting so large that it may no longer be possible to hold it at universities. Accordingly, the 1983 conference will take place in Washington, DC, rather than at the University of Maryland Austin, Texas, is still under consideration for the 1984 meeting.

Program. There were 400 papers submitted for the 1982 conference; 97 were accepted, 15 in a publish-only category. Barbara Grosz will be chair the program committee for 1984; the 1983 position is still being negotiated (it finally devolved upon Michael Genesereth).

Conference Proceedings. The AAAI is entering into an agreement with William Kaufmann, Inc., the publisher handling the 1982 AAAI proceedings, to be responsible for the production and distribution of past and future proceedings. The International Joint Conferences on Artificial Intelligence are entering into a similar relationship with Kaufmann

Transferring the Presidency. Minsky ended his term as president by turning the platform over to Nils Nilsson.

Nils Nilsson, President (1982-1983), presiding

Perspective. Nilsson expressed his appreciation to the many people sustaining the AAAI; the growth of the organization is being handled in a reasonable and orderly fashion. He noted that the Council has expressed its conviction that the AAAI should remain a scientific society, but it also approved the exploration of alternative directions for its development.

Future Conferences. There was a discussion of other modes of conference organization. While demand video-viewing may be possible some day, the technology is not yet available. Recognizing the multiple roles that conferences and paper presentations satisfy, the Executive Council decided that the present practice will prevail, at least for the coming year.

The meeting was adjourned.

Donald E. Walker, Secretary-Treasurer

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
Summary
Provisional Statement of Financial Position
November 30, 1982**

Assets			
Current assets	\$	147,503 82	
Fixed assets	\$	<u>3,556 38</u>	
Total assets			\$151,060 20
Liabilities and fund balance			
Current liabilities	\$	<u>1,758.66</u>	
Total liabilities			\$1,758 66
Fund balance	\$	31,952 29	
Net income (loss) to date	\$	<u>117,349.25</u>	
Total fund balance			\$149,301 54
Total liabilities and funds			\$151,060 20

		Year	
		To Date	%
Gross margin, by activity:			
Membership	\$	1,611 38	.9
AI Magazine		(1,854 28)	(1.0)
Conference		58,716 35	32 0
Exhibit program		12,289.63	6 7
Tutorials		104,948.25	57 4
Proceedings		148.54	1
Miscellaneous income		392 14	2
Interest, dividends		<u>6,614 22</u>	3.6
Gross margin, combined		<u>182,860 23</u>	100 0

Operational expenses			
Total operational expenses		65,510 98	35.8
Income (loss) for period		<u>\$117,349.25</u>	64.2

		Year	
		To Date	
Memberships			
Revenues	\$	5,491 89	
Expenses		<u>3,880 51</u>	
Membership, gross margin			\$1,611 38

AI magazine			
Revenues	\$	19,789 46	
Expenses		<u>21,643 74</u>	
AI magazine, gross margin			\$(1,854.28)

Conferences			
Revenues	\$	126,247.40	
Expenses		<u>67,531 05</u>	
Conferences, gross margin			\$58,716.35

Exhibit program			
Revenues	\$	20,440 10	
Expenses		<u>8,150 47</u>	
Exhibit program, gross margin			\$12,289.63

Tutorials			
Revenues	\$	168,957 10	
Expenses		<u>64,008 85</u>	
Tutorials, gross margin			\$104,948 25

Proceedings			
Revenues	\$	13,284.00	
Expenses		<u>13,141.46</u>	
Proceedings, gross margin			\$142 54