



# AAAI News

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—William J. Clancey & Claudia Mazzetti

## Membership Rate Changes

Because of an increase in costs since our last rate change in 1982, new and renewing members will be charged the following rate fees as of 1 March 1989:

### United States

Regular \$40  
Student \$20  
Library \$60

### Foreign

Regular \$65  
Student \$45  
Library \$85

We believe this change is necessary to ensure continuation of AAAI programs and publications.

## Executive Council Meetings

November 3, 1988

via telephone communications

*Attendance* Douglas Lenat, Reid Smith, Elaine Rich, Bill Clancey, Hector Levesque, Geoff Hinton, Raj Reddy, Kathy McKeown, Howard Shrobe, Wendy Lehnert, Barbara Grosz.

### AAAI Press

1. An editorial board will be established to establish and monitor guidelines for all publication activities, especially selection and preparation of manuscripts. Board membership will be approved by the Council. Bill Clancey will coordinate

2. This new activity will incorporate efforts to put new publication abstracts on line and make related electronic services available to members in 1989. Daniel Bobrow will coordinate

### Conference on Innovative Applications

Raj Reddy presented the objectives and plans for this conference. The conference will be held concurrently with the Symposia at Stanford University 28–30 March 1989. Standards for submissions and ways of promoting appropriate evaluation methodology were also considered.

January 12, 1989

via telephone communications

*Attendance* Douglas Lenat, Reid Smith, Bob Englemore, Elaine Rich, Bill Clancey, Hector Levesque, Geoff Hinton, Danny Bobrow, Raj Reddy, Kathy McKeown, Howard Shrobe, Richard Duda

### Status of Membership Discussion

1. Membership statistics indicate a trend of reduction in member numbers.

2. *Suggestion* Increase membership rate to \$40, \$20 for students. Council unanimously agreed to the rate change.

3. *Other suggestions* Make available to the members an automatic renewal of their membership by VISA/MC.

### Discussion on Establishing a Lifetime Membership

1. Issues included questions about the possibility of a net loss from the establishment of lifetime status over time.

2. *Recommendation* call AAAS and National Academy to review the financial outcome of this type of membership category; review status again at the next Council meeting.

### National Technological University's Satellite Tutorials

After the collection of net discussions on the AAAI sponsoring these tutorials, it was decided to proceed with an experimental series for 1989.

### CMU's Project Mercury

CMU's staff has developed an email interface that will be available for members' use by mid-March.

### AAAI Press

So far, we have received proposals from Springer-Verlag, Morgan-Kaufmann, MIT Press, and Addison-Wesley. We expect to make a decision by the end of March.

### Conference on Innovative Applications

We received over 100 submissions.

## AAAI-Sponsored Events

The AAAI is proud to sponsor or cosponsor these upcoming events. More detailed information can be found in the Announcements section.

International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence • Knowledge-Acquisition for Knowledge-Based Systems Workshop • Ninth Distributed AI Workshop • Second International Symposium on Artificial Intelligence.