

AAAI News

Strengthening Strategic and Day to Day Management in the AAAI Organization

AAAI has been very successful, growing from sponsorship of a single conference of 1,000 individuals in 1980 to an organization that supports multiple conferences, symposia, workshops, and publications that serve the needs of over 12,000 individuals. Much hard work by many people in the organization has contributed to the success of each activity. Particular recognition must be given to the position of the executive director, which has been filled so ably by Claudia Mazzetti. Claudia has not only directed the day-to-day activities, but in the time she could spare has provided a significant measure of strategic thinking. We are now at the point in our maturity as an organization, and at a time in the evolution of the science the society was set up to serve, that more energy must be devoted to strategic planning for the organization.

I am happy to announce that Claudia Mazzetti agreed to take on the responsibility of dealing with the long-term issues affecting AAAI, including recording the relevant history and the goals and policies that come out of this history, exploring broader means for serving the members, and developing education and training for members of the AAAI staff while continuing as an advisor with respect to ongoing AAAI activities.

I am also pleased to announce that Carol Hamilton agreed to take on the role of managing director of AAAI. Her responsibilities include current membership activities, conference management, AAAI staff, and all budget and day-to-day management of the AAAI office.

This time in the history of the AAAI organization is exciting. Changing times require an organization that is adaptable, forward looking, and sensitive to its history. By having two such capable people as Claudia and Carol in their new roles,

we have the opportunity to explore new organizational forms without losing the proven knowledge and capabilities of the old.

—Daniel Bobrow

AAAI-91 Conference Mailing

The AAAI-91 conference brochure was mailed to members mid-February. If you did not receive a copy, please contact the AAAI office at (415) 328-3123. We will be glad to send another copy to you.

Upcoming Events

April —IAAI brochure mailed.

May 31—Spring Symposium 1992 proposals due.

June 14—Fall Symposium abstracts due.

July 15-17—IAAI Conference, Anaheim, California.

July 14-19—AAAI-91 Conference, Anaheim, California.

15-17 November—Fall Symposium Series, Monterey, California.

Information about these and other upcoming events will be mailed to members as it becomes available.

Student Volunteers Needed

If you are an undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in a degree program at any college or university and would like to assist the staff members during AAAI-91 in Anaheim, California (14 July - 19 July 1991), please contact Paul O'Rorke or Michael Pazzani at the address below.

In exchange for assisting AAAI staff during your volunteer shift, you will receive a complimentary AAAI-91 conference registration, the AAAI-91 conference proceedings, and a special AAAI-91 t-shirt. Our 1991 volunteer coordinators, Paul O'Rorke, and Michael Pazzani, can be reached by mail at AAAI, 445 Burgess Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025 or by email at ncai@ics.uci.edu. All

inquiries should include your name, address, telephone, adviser's name, and email address.

AAAI Publications Calendar

Summer *AI Magazine* (May-June 1991)

Advertising and calendar closing:
8 April 1991

AI Review (July-August 1991)

Advertising and calendar closing:
27 May 1991

Fall *AI Magazine* (September-October 1991)

Advertising and calendar closing:
5 August 1991

Winter *AI Magazine* (November-December 1991)

Advertising and calendar closing:
7 October 1991

Forthcoming AAAI Press Titles

The following 1991 books have been or will be published by the AAAI Press:

Innovative Applications of Artificial Intelligence 2 edited by Alain Rappaport and Reid Smith.

Automating Software Design, edited by Michael Lowry and Robert McCartney
Capturing Knowledge from Databases edited by Gregory Piatetsky-Shapiro and William Frawley.

Formalizing Musical Knowledge edited by Otto Lasky, M. Balaban, and K. Ebciözü.

Proceedings of the Ninth National Conference of Artificial Intelligence.

Proceedings of the Third Innovative Applications of Artificial Intelligence Conference.

For information about the AAAI Press publishing program, contact Claudia Mazzetti or Mike Hamilton at (415) 328-3123. To order an AAAI Press book, contact The MIT Press at (1-800) 356-0343.