

AIB-US Southwest Chapter Chair Report to AIB: 2008

The AIB-US Southwest 2008 Annual Conference was held in Hyatt Regency (Downtown) hotel in Houston, Texas during March 4-8, 2008 in conjunction with the Federation of Business Disciplines (FBD). The AIB-US Southwest has been in existence since 1990, and has become one of the very dynamic AIB chapters in the U.S. We have achieved this level of success due to the sincere and tireless efforts of many AIB officers, members and well-wishers. The AIB-US Southwest continues to be a forum for sharing research work in many areas of international research.

AIBSW Annual Conference Program Report 2007 – 2008

Numbers of Sessions: 19

Number of papers accepted: 65

Number of authors: 81+

Number of Schools: 44+

Number of countries (country Names): 10+ (**Bangladesh, Bahrain, Canada, France, India, Pakistan, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, United States**)

Special Sessions: 1 (one on Thursday, March 6, 2008)

Annual Business Meeting (Thursday March 6, 2008 at 5:15 pm)

Annual Luncheon and Award ceremony (Friday March 7, 2008 at 12 – 1:30 pm)

Best Educator Award: None was selected this year

Best Paper Award:

Recipient of the 2007 McGraw-Hill/Irwin Distinguished Paper Award

More than Words:

Exploring the Multi Dimensional Nature of Intercultural Business Communication by Email

Anne Davis, Houston Baptist University

Penny Leas, University of St. Thomas

John Dobelman, PROS Revenue Management Company

Dr. Fazlul Miah, the Program Chair, has done an excellent job in putting together this year's program and will now assume the role of President for the 2008-10 two-year term. I (Dr. Islam) served as President over last several years and would be assuming the position of Chapter Chair from this year (2008-2010). Dr. Kabir Hassan, the outgoing Chapter Chair, provided valuable leadership and assistance and his contributions were recognized during both the annual business meeting and the annual luncheon. Dr. Rock-Antoine Mehanna, Vice-President-Membership, introduced and implemented innovative ideas in promoting AIB-USSW membership.

The financial position of our organization has improved as a result of various initiatives that the organization and its leadership took over last several years. Dr. Melissa Najera, Secretary-Treasurer, has taken care of our finances and conference logistics. Dr. Ming Chang, University of Houston-Downtown provided valuable assistance in updating and managing the AIBSW website.

Dr. Kenneth R. Gray of Florida A&M University, the proceedings Co-editor passed away unexpectedly immediately after last year's San Diego conference. He was replaced by Dr. Faiza Khoja from the U. of Houston-Downtown. Dr. Anisul Islam and Dr. Faiza Khoja, both of University of Houston-Downtown, jointly edited this year's conference proceedings, *Southwest Review of International Business Research*, vol. 19. No. 1, March 2008. This is considered by the participants as a very valuable publication.

AIBSW 2008-2010 Officers:

We had a bi-annual election of AIB-US Southwest chapter this year. The election was held during its Annual Business meeting on Thursday March 6, 2008. The new officers are as follows:

Chapter Chair: Dr. Anisul M. Islam, University of Houston-Downtown

President: Dr. Fazlul Miah, Fayetteville State University

VP-Programs and Program Chair: Dr. Chu V. Nguyen, University of Houston-Downtown

VP-Membership: Dr. Rock-Antoine Mehanna, University of Notre Dame in Lebanon

Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Melissa Najera, University of Houston-Clear-Lake

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