

ACA All Member Business Meeting

Luksbar @ The Denver Marriott Tech Center

Thursday, July 11, 2024 5:15PM MT

2024 All Members Business Meeting

- Approval of 2023 Minutes
- President's Report
- Vice President's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Old Business
- New Business
- Adjournment

Approval of 2023 Minutes

Brian Toby moved, Gerald Audette second

One abstention, no nays, motion approved

President's Report

- Meeting attendee count:
 - 485 regular members
 - 122 non-members
 - 607 total
 - 638 including guests
- Workshops:
 - 20 – 40 attendees/workshop (5 workshops)
- We appreciate all of the efforts of the SIG chairs and co-chairs who met with Council this week
- One mode of communication is the SIG Forum available on the ACA Website:
 - <https://acas.memberclicks.net/aca-forums>
 - Start a conversation
- SIG engagement starts with SIG members
 - We are aware of the challenges with virtual and in-person meetings
- Young Scientists SIG Spotlight series to be rebooted
 - Requesting SIG engagement to continue this enterprise
 - Keep an eye out for the dates and topics
- ACA Video Library is accepting all submissions.
 - Bi-monthly themed suggestions
 - We have financial support for all new submissions
- <https://avl.memberclicks.net>
- Congratulations to all of our new Fellows, Named Award recipients, Etter Student Awardees, Poster Prize Awardees and Three Minute Thesis winners
 - We will recognize you at the banquet this evening
- ACA 2025 in Illinois is our 75th meeting, our Diamond Anniversary
 - Save the date: July 18 – 23, 2025

Vice-president's Report

- ACA 2025 is our 75th Annual Meeting
- 2025 Transactions Symposium
 - The theme of the symposium is: The Evolving Landscape of Structural Science: AI and Multi-Method Approaches

- Awards – Call for Nominations open in Fall 2024
 - David G. Rognlie Award
 - A.L. Patterson Award
 - Elizabeth A. Wood Science Writing Award
 - Margaret C. Etter Early Career Award
 - ACA Fellows
- Our Mentor/Mentee Program
 - This is the 3rd year we've run it in the current format. We had 71 mentors, and 45 mentees register
 - Welcome to our mentees! I hope that everyone found this experience enriching.
- IUCr 2026
 - Just a friendly reminder that the IUCr Congress will be held in Calgary, and that our meeting will be there in conjunction with the Congress.
 - The ACA, USNCCr, and CNCC are co-organizing the 2026 Congress

Treasurer Report

ACA Revenue

- ACA's sources of revenue are limited.
- We have taken steps to balance our expenses and income.
- Membership dues remain constant
- Increased meeting registration fees
- Exhibitor booth space and sponsorships at Annual Meeting have been maximized
- ACA total investment values increased during 2023 due to the improvement in the stock market.

2023 Assets

- 2023 ACA assets showed
 - Operating income – - \$51,693
 - Non-operating income – \$59,142
- Why
 - Additional AV at 2023 meeting expenses
 - Extra food costs at 2023 meeting (inflation)
- 2023 and 2024 were good stock market years
- Food well received this year

Graphs

- Assets by Year
 - Last few years have been fairly stable
- ACA Net Income
 - 2022 a lot of money lost - paper losses in investments
- ACA Membership and Meeting Attendance
 - June 2024 numbers; meeting attendance is stable at ~600
- Meeting Attendees
 - Distributions - students and regular membership have high attendance
 - Can we get data on posters by year

ACA Membership Initiatives

- Council has been actively working on adopting strategies for increasing/maintaining membership and meeting attendance
- Encourage ACA membership to have membership dues on auto renewal
 - Update your credit card!
- Attach membership to meeting attendance
- Increase revenue from Structural Dynamics

Finance Committee Initiatives

- The ACA Investment Policy Statement has been implemented and is being followed
- Annuity investments (2008, 2009) that are coming due in 2024 and later are being reinvested in Vanguard funds which should have higher return

- Co-sponsor the IUCr 2026 Congress in Calgary, Canada along with Canadian National Committee and US National Committee

Finance Summary

- We were in the red during 2012-2018. The trend was reversed and we have been in the black in 2019 (\$103,000), 2020 (\$256,732), 2021 (\$206,568), 2022 (\$112,268), 2023 (\$7,450)
- GOAL: to stay cash flow positive; use reserves dividends to rebuild reserves equal to three year expenses ~\$500,000/year.
- Meeting attendance up this year @555 (at beginning of July)

The most important action you can take is :

- RENEW YOUR OWN MEMBERSHIP
- BRING YOUR COLLEAGUES TO ACA MEETINGS
- Provide suggestions to increase membership
- Publishing in Structural Dynamics
 - Expanded scope on website
 - 45% publishing discount for members

New Business

How many attended the DEI session -

- Limited to 20 - why?
- Organizers limited to 20 to facilitate conversation and engagement
- Possible this with more facilitators in the future
- Hope in future for both sessions and workshops

Motion to approve President, Vice President, and Treasurer reports by Joe Ferrara, Brian Toby seconds All in favor, motion passes

- Lombard Illinois is near O'Hara Airport, trainable to city center
- NIGMS - focused on investigators, not much for Grad Students, Post Docs, and K99s

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Amber motions Tom Koetzle seconds