

**Annual Report of the Indiana Chapter  
of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (I-ASIS&T)  
For FY 2005  
(November 2004-October 2005)**

*Submitted by Merri Beth Lavagnino, 2005 I-ASIS&T Chair, August 31, 2005  
Activities Report and Self-nomination for Chapter-of-the-Year*

**I. MEMBER-RELATED CRITERIA**

**Chair:** Merri Beth Lavagnino, Indiana University, Indianapolis

**Chair-Elect:** Pascal Calarco, University of Notre Dame, South Bend

**Past Chair and Chapter Assembly Representative:** Andrew Stevens, Indiana University, Bloomington

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Mark Napier, Indiana University, Bloomington

**Chapter Member Records Holder/Member Liaison:** Steve Hardin, Indiana State University, Terre Haute

**E-mail Discussion List Administrator:** Jim Morgan, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis

**Web Manager & Publications Officer:** Allison Brueckner, self-employed, Michigan

New members are contacted by the Member Liaison when they join, and members whose membership has lapsed are also contacted to find out why they have not renewed. In addition, we studied the member list carefully this year and corrected a number of errors, and we ensured new members were added to the chapter listserv in a timely manner.

The chapter has 65 members, with these interesting characteristics:

22 student members

5 institutional members

9 members live outside the state or country

Thus for activity planning we targeted about 25 students and about 35 practitioners who are pretty equally divided geographically, living about one-third in Bloomington, one-third in Indianapolis, and one-third in the rest of the state.

At the beginning of the fiscal year, we sent a survey to the chapter listserv to discern interest in a number of potential topics and also to identify the most convenient locations and times for activities. This information was used to plan the year's activities.

All program announcements were sent to a wide variety of listservs and contact lists in order to recruit new members interested in the topics being presented. We also sent personal invitations for chapter activities to corporate members, encouraging them to attend with the goal of broadening the type of members active in the chapter.

Activities were planned this year to address three different populations:

- Members and Potential Members in the work force interested in social interaction (Spring Program)

- Members and Potential Members interested in professional development (Summer Program)
- Students and Potential Members (Fall Social)

## **II. CHAPTER ACTIVITIES**

### November 2004: Dutch Treat Dinner and Program Brainstorming Meeting

Twelve members attended this dinner meeting at the Annual Meeting in Providence, Rhode Island. This was an excellent attendance rate for so small a chapter. We socialized and also brainstormed a list of fourteen potential program topics with associated speaker ideas. These were used as the basis for the Member Survey sent to the listserv afterwards.

### January 20, 2005: Annual Business Meeting

Nine members, including officers, practitioners, and students, attended this business meeting from four locations via Internet Videoconferencing technology. Members connected from meeting rooms at Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis, Indiana University-Bloomington, University of Notre Dame-South Bend, and Indiana State University-Terre Haute. A meeting room was available at Indiana University-Fort Wayne but members in that area were unable to attend. This was the first time videoconferencing was used and it worked well. A suggestion was made to add Indiana University-New Albany next time as several members are located there in the southernmost part of the state.

In addition to regular business, the attendees reviewed the survey results and chose the top-rated topics and top-rated times for activities this year. It was decided to hold three activities this year to provide one activity for each of the three identified member populations. One would be a social meeting in spring in Indianapolis. A second would be a professional development program in summer at Notre Dame in South Bend, as a joint program with the Michigan and Chicago Chapters in order to help revive the Chicago Chapter. The third would be a social/student introduction to ASIS&T event in the fall at the School of Library Science at Indiana University Bloomington. This was a very ambitious plan since the Chapter has held no programs since 2002.

### May 12, 2005: Understanding, Motivating, and Successfully Working with the Millennial Generation

Twenty-seven people attended this dinner social and presentation at Buca di Beppo, a family-style Italian restaurant in downtown Indianapolis. This was excellent attendance considering only about ten members live in Indianapolis. Attendance was boosted by non-member attendance and by attendees traveling from across the state to attend this evening activity. Besides eating a whole lot of food, we also enjoyed a short workshop with two trainers who introduced us to the Greatest Generation, the Baby Boomers, the Generation X'ers, and the Millennials. The most entertaining part was when the attendees divided into groups and completed worksheets outlining the characteristics of each generation, while simultaneously eating decadent desserts. We then learned ways to communicate effectively across the generations, with a special emphasis on how to work

with the new Millennials now entering our workplaces. We chose to partially underwrite this event to make it affordable to students and members, but non-members paid the full cost of their meal. Many new people attended, including several students nearing graduation who hooked up with practicing librarians in their special interest areas for long discussions!

*Financial:*

Revenue earned =	\$977.47
Expenses =	<u>(\$1266.19)</u>
Net =	(\$288.72)

June 17, 2005: To Google or Not To Google?

Eighty-four people attended in person and six students attended by Internet Videoconferencing this all-day program co-sponsored with the Michigan and Chicago Chapters and hosted by the University Libraries of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana. The videoconference site was located at Wayne State University in Detroit, and the student chapter there organized and received the proceeds from attendees there. We attracted most attendees from Indiana and Michigan, with a few from Illinois, Ohio, and even one from Iowa! Three presentations were given surrounding the Google theme. John Price Wilkin representing Michigan spoke about the University of Michigan-Google digitization project; Edward Valauskas representing Chicago spoke about his research on Google and how it uses or doesn't use metadata; and Pascal Calarco representing Indiana spoke about a recent usability testing and redesign of the Notre Dame library catalog targeted to undergraduate populations who are more comfortable using Google for their information needs. We planned to recover costs for this event and so lunch was held as a number of small group Dutch Treats at nearby restaurants to keep registration costs low. This was a very successful arrangement, allowing attendees to pick from lunch price ranges and to really have the opportunity to discuss issues in small groups of eight while walking to lunch and sitting together to eat. Although we had hoped for the event to help revitalize the Chicago Chapter, it does not seem to have been able to accomplish that. However, the Ohio Chapters are now interested in some possible joint programs so that will be considered for next year. Also, the editor of the Bulletin of the American Society for Information Science asked the speakers to submit papers to the publication for a future issue.

*Financial:*

Revenue earned =	\$2232.23
Expenses =	<u>(\$1605.82)</u>
Net =	\$626.41 (Shared with the Michigan Chapter)

October 14, 2005: What Is ASIS&T?

This is a social event planned for the fall a few weeks before the Annual Meeting. It will be held at the School of Library Science at Indiana University-Bloomington and is intended to introduce students to ASIS&T and to give conference tips to any students planning to attend the Annual Meeting. We plan to underwrite this event's costs so that there will be no charge for attendees.

Average attendance (total attendance at all meetings divided by total number of meetings) was 34.5. Ratio of average attendance to chapter membership is .575, when institutional members are omitted. We did not keep records on chapter member attendance compared to overall attendance.

In addition, the chapter contributed \$100 to the fund for the ASIST SIG III International Paper Contest on International Digital Libraries and Information Science & Technology Advances in Developing Countries.

### **III. COMMUNICATION**

The chapter has a web site at <http://www.asis.org/Chapters/IASIS/index.html>. There we have posted minutes of Business Meetings, the Annual Reports, contact information for the officers, and meeting announcement and online registration forms. Most registrations were handled online, causing attendees to see and hopefully review the site.

At each meeting, we promoted ASIS&T membership and conference attendance, and had copies of membership brochures, Annual Meeting notices, and copies of ASIS&T publications for review. Name badges indicated which were members by a gold star. At the Fall Social we plan to highlight these materials and to ensure a number of members are there to answer questions and give advice.

### **IV. FINANCIAL**

The chapter had a reasonably large reserve of funds at the beginning of the year. Because of this, we decided to partially underwrite the Spring program, break even or make a little on the Summer program, and totally underwrite the Fall program.

Chapter balance at the beginning of the year (November 1, 2004):	\$4856.67
Chapter balance to date (August 31, 2005):	\$5060.58

### **V. AWARDS**

The chapter has not received any awards or given any awards this year.

### **VI. ADMINISTRATION**

[This information will be supplied by HQ and will be available for review upon request.]