

**Minutes of the AAM Meeting, Nov. 8, 2005, 2:30-5:00PM.
Orlando, Florida**

1. Welcome

President Michael P. Paidoussis welcomed those present to the meeting

2. Report from Professors Eischen and Ostoja-Starzewski on PACAM 2006

Professor Ostoja-Starzewski reported that the PACAM 2006 held in Cuba was attended by nearly 120 scientists and very few (less than 10) from the US could attend the meeting.

Professors Jeff Eischen and M. Ostoja-Starzewski reported on preparations for PACAM IX 2006 to be held in Merida, Mexico, in January 2006.

3. Report from Professor Voyiadjis on the first AAM Mechanics Conf.

Professor Voyiadjis mentioned that the first AAM Mechanics Conf. will be held in New Orleans if he can get a reasonable deal from the hotels. Other alternate venues were discussed but preference will be given to New Orleans.

4. Discussion and decisions on PACAM 2008 and 2010.

Professor Glaucio Paulino made a presentation on behalf of Profs. Paulo Lyra and Silvana Afonso of Brazil outlining an offer to hold PACAM XI 2010 in Recife, Pernambuco (Brazil), but no concrete proposal was presented.

The status of the PACAM 2008 was still undecided.

Subsequent to the meeting, a written proposal was received from these Professors Lyra and Afonso and accepted by the AAM President.

5. Treasurer's report

A sheet explaining the financial status of the Academy for the period 1/1/05-9/30/05 with the following information was circulated.

Cash on hand on 1/1/05 = \$ 30,519.53; Membership dues collected = \$ 7,207.00; Bank interest = \$53.20; Expenses = \$ 10,785.35 [Secretary = \$3,547.50; Bank charges = \$ 162.85; Journal and web page = \$ 6,000.00; Refund = \$ 80.00; Accountant = \$ 395.00; PACAM IX = \$ 600.00]

Ending cash = \$ 26,994.38

6. Discussion of the Resolution "Starting with the calendar year 2008, the term of the President Elect and the President will be 2 years each.

That is, a person elected as President-elect for the year 2007 will serve as President for the calendar years 2008 and 2009, and the one elected as President-elect for the year 2008 will serve as President -elect for the calendar years 2008 and 2009, and as President for the calendar years 2010 and 2011."

It was moved, seconded, and approved that the motion be put to vote by the AAM members.

Subsequently, the motion was approved by the members.

7. Nominations for the Secretary starting 2006.

Professor Robert McMeeking was elected as the new Secretary of the Academy

8. Nominations for the President-elect for the year 2006.

Professor Rohan Abeyartne was nominated and approved as the President-elect for the year 2006.

9. Nomination for the Secretary of Fellows

The motion that Professor Stelios Kyriakides will submit a nomination to the AAM Board was approved. Subsequent to the meeting Prof. Kyriakides nominated Prof. Liechti to be the next Secretary of Fellows.

10. Nominations for the Director of Region I (the nominee must be a Fellow and from a state east of the Mississippi river)

Subsequent to the meeting, Professor K. T. Ramesh was nominated for the Director's position.

11. Election of new Fellows.

After a brief discussion regarding the status of completion nomination packages that exceeded the usual length of 2 pages, the ballots were counted and the following AAM members were declared as elected to Fellows of the Academy.

1. David Peters
2. Y.D.S. Rajapakse
3. Anthony Palazotto
4. Walter Pilkey

12. 2005 Awards

The President informed those present that he will announce the following awards at the Applied Mechanics Banquet.

American Academy of Mechanics Junior Achievement Award: Senthil S. Vel,
University of Maine – Orono

American Academy of Mechanics Distinguished Award: Donald E. Carlson, University
of Illinois – Urbana

American Academy of Mechanics Founder's Prize: V. Verma, Pennsylvania State Univ.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00PM

Respectfully submitted

R. C. Batra

AAM Secretary (till 12/31/05)