



## NAACL Treasurer's report June 2006

The Chapter's finances are clear through April 2004. Thereafter a dense fog descends, which has not yet lifted. The current balance of the NAACL (money market) account is \$45,045. However, from May 2004 on, the account balance bears a distant relationship to the Chapter's true financial situation. At the time I took office, financial accounting for HLT-NAACL 2004 had not been begun. I'm attempting to gather the pieces that will allow this to happen, but it's a slow job so long after the event. ACL 2005 (proceeds to be split with NAACL) is in better shape and should be accounted for by the date of ACL 2006.

HLT-NAACL 2006 predicted attendance is about 680 (317 regular and 190 student main conference registrations done on-line). This is slightly over the number used in the budget.

I have at this point two principal remarks concerning policy:

- The Chapter Board should work to ensure that the Chapter accounts henceforth do not fall this far into arrears. This is actually mandated by Article 7 of our Constitution.
- The Chapter should work harder to ensure a revenue stream such that it can support activities and people (principally, students) in ways that are beneficial to the future of the Chapter. The Chapter's current income and expenditure pattern is very simple (see attached graph). Of the ways of generating income, making money off of running conferences seems the most plausible to me. At the 2002 NAACL meeting, Priscilla suggested conferences should aim to make a profit of \$5K-\$20K. We should probably aim at the high end of that. I would advocate further expanding opportunities for revenue raising through better supporting employers and companies (think SIGGRAPH).

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