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**Subject:** State of AAI

Dear Mr. Burman and Flavell,

My name is Carlos Alfredo Diaz. I am a former President and Vice President of AAI, and even though I have lost touch with the organization, it has recently come to my attention that you have made certain statements pertaining to AAI's state in 2016, in particular you mentioned to AAI's membership that "*by 2016-2017 AAI was virtually in free fall*", I find this statement troubling as I distinctly remember AAI's AGM in 2016 which was the last one I attended to be a productive one.

I am aware that after it, given the multiple resignations and reinstatements of different AAI presidents and directors in 2017 (the legality of which I personally questioned as a Director then and which led to my resignation), the organization's governance was troubled but in no way would I support any characterization of it being in "free fall", nor do I understand (having witnessed quite a few AGMs) why this "state of affairs" should have been used as an excuse for changes in the AAI Bylaws. I believe that such characterizations do more harm than good.

I have no informed opinion as to any changes you might have promoted to AAI's Bylaws, although I would say that an organization such as AAI should strive to be as accountable and representative as possible and I certainly think that trying to frame any reduction of accountability as a necessity seems far fetched and might end up alienating AAI's membership, as well as presenting it as an undemocratic organization, this is dangerous as it would lead to the loss of consultative statuses with different organizations that I personally know how hard they were to come by.

I am always available to clarify any doubts as to the past and, if necessary, more than willing to lend my legal experience in order to help promote more transparency and accountability in AAI's rules and regulations.

Best,  
Carlos A. Diaz