

**MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF THE
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OCTOBER 15, 2012, PHOENIX, AZ**

AGENDA

- Welcome and general comments
- Secretary/Treasurer's report
- Vice President's report
- Communication chair's report
- Awards
 - Dissertation Prize
 - Best Paper Award
- Cluster Chair's report
- TSL elections
- TSL workshops
- Report from transportation area editor of *Operations Research*
- Report from EIC of *Transportation Science*

The refreshments started promptly at 6:15 pm. The business meeting was called to order by President Elise Miller-Hooks at 6:25 pm. The meeting began with a tribute to Alberto Caprara, delivered by Paulo Toth. Following that, the remainder of the agenda was pursued in order. Elise described some new initiatives for this year, including the first TSL poster session at INFORMS, the Tuesday session for this year's TSL award winners, the idea of nominating a student representative to the TSL board, and some restructuring of the bylaws to tighten up our elections processes. She reminded the membership of the date for Euro INFORMS, and congratulated Marius Solomon on his induction as a Fellow of INFORMS.

Secretary/Treasurer's report

David Lovell gave the secretary/treasurer's report. This year's dues revenue is strong, but we are paying a considerable amount for food and beverage at the annual meeting. We expect a small net loss for the year.

Vice President's report

Laurie Garrow gave the Vice President's report, which was concerned primarily with membership. This year's membership numbers are down slightly from last year, but we are still hovering near 1000 members, of which over 50% are students.

Communication Chair's report

Maciek Nowak delivered the Communication Chair's report. Facebook has phased out groups, so our presence on that particular social media outlet has stopped. We are up to 1312 members on LinkedIn, which is more than double last year's tally, and more than the number of members we have. The next newsletter will be coming out shortly after the INFORMS annual meeting.

Maciek reminded everyone that the website is still alive and well, and that anyone with appropriate content for it should contact him.

TSL Dissertation Prize

Satish Ukkusuri presented the results of the 2012 TSL Dissertation Prize. The committee consisted of Diego Klabjan (chair), Martine Labbe, Hillel Bar-Gera, Satish Ukkusuri, and Yueyue Fan. The Dissertation Prize was awarded to Jon D. Petersen of Georgia Tech. His dissertation was titled “Large-Scale Mixed Integer Optimization Approaches for Scheduling Airline Operations under Irregularity,” and his advisors were Ellis Johnson and John-Paul Clarke.

TSL Best Paper Prize

Luce Brotcorne presented the Best Paper Prize. The committee included Luce Brotcorne (chair), Ann Campbell, Alan Erera, and Michael Ball. There were a total of 32 submissions. There was an Honorable Mention given to Ulrich Derigs and Stefan Friederichs for their paper “Air Cargo Schedule Planning: Integrated Models and Solution Procedures,” *OR Spectrum* Online, 2012. The Best Paper winners were co-authors John J. Bartholdi III and Donald D. Eisenstein. Their paper was “A Self-Coordinating Bus Route to Resist Bus Bunching,” *Transportation Research Part B*, 46:481-491, 2012.

Cluster Chair’s report

Yi-Chang Chiu gave the cluster chair’s report. TSL had 56 sessions, totaling over 200 presentations. The cluster chair for the 2013 meeting in Minneapolis will be Nicholas Lowmes.

TSL elections

Elise Miller-Hooks reported on the recent election results. M. Grazia Speranza of the University of Brescia was elected as Vice President (2013) and President-Elect (2014). Ann Campbell of the University of Iowa was elected Secretary/Treasurer.

TSL Workshop

Kevin Furman gave the report on the upcoming TSL workshop, “Maritime Transportation and Port Logistics,” to be held June 16-19, 2013. The location is the Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove, CA. The deadline for abstract submissions is November 30, 2012. The website for the workshop is www.informs.org/Community/TSL/TSL-Workshop. The organizers expect that a special issue of Transportation Science will be devoted to papers from the workshop. Elise Miller-Hooks solicited proposals for subsequent TSL Workshops.

Report from transportation area editor of *Operations Research*

Mike Ball spoke briefly about the transportation area of *Operations Research*, primarily to remind the membership that he is no longer the area editor. The new area editor is Anton Klewegt, who was not in attendance.

Report from EIC of *Transportation Science*

Elise Miller-Hooks gave the report on the status of *Transportation Science*, on behalf of Michel Gendreau. More than 209 submissions have been received so far this year. A large number of papers were submitted and will be published in conjunction with special issues on Freight

Transportation, Vehicle Routing, and Transportation and Energy. The acceptance rate remains around 25%. With the increased submission rate, the backlog has grown to about a year, and the page budget may have to be increased 10-15% to accommodate this. Ravi Ahuja has stepped down as Associate Editor. New Associate Editors include James Campbell of the University of Missouri, St. Louis (Location), Marielle Christiansen of the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim (Maritime Transportation), Richard F. Hartl of the University of Vienna (Routing), Leo G. Kroon of Erasmus University, Rotterdam (Railway Transportation), and David Pisinger of the Technical University of Denmark, Copenhagen (Maritime Transportation and Routing).

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.