

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 12, 2009 BUSINESS MEETING  
OF THE TRANSPORTATION SCIENCE AND LOGISTICS SOCIETY IN  
CONJUNCTION WITH THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INSTITUTE FOR  
OPERATIONS RESEARCH AND THE MANAGEMENT SCIENCES**

**SAN DIEGO, CA**

**AGENDA**

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- TSL elections
- AGIFORS 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- Secretary/Treasurer's report
- Membership report
- Communication chair's report
- TSL Dissertation Prize
- TSL Robert Herman Lifetime Achievement Award
- Cluster Chair's report
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- Nominations and upcoming elections
- TRISTAN VII
- Report from transportation area editor of *Operations Research*
- Report from EIC of *Transportation Science*
- TSL Workshop at Asilomar

The meeting was called to attention at by President Moore at 6:27 pm. He indicated that the order of business would be altered somewhat from the agenda. The notes below are ordered chronologically as events took place at the meeting.

**Welcome and thank you's**

President Moore began the meeting by naming and thanking the TSL committees, including the Dissertation Prize committee and the Robert Herman Lifetime Achievement Award committee, the 2009 Cluster Chair, the TSL Executive Board, and the SIG chairs.

**TSL elections**

President Moore indicated that nominations are needed for the positions of Vice President/President-Elect, Communications Chair, and SIG vice-chairs in freight transportation and logistics, urban transportation, facility logistics, and intelligent transportation systems. Also needed are nominees for the international liaison positions. Some of these already have nominees. Also, the appointed positions of representative to the INFORMS subdivision council and newsletter editor are open, although there is a nominee for the newsletter editor position. The AAS Chair leadership is pending. He encouraged members to identify colleagues who might be good candidates for any of the open positions to apply, and for members to self-nominate if they were interested in serving.

## **AGIFORS 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

President Moore highlighted the upcoming AGIFORS 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium to be held October 2010 in Nice, France.

## **TSL Dissertation Prize**

Georgia Perakis presented the winners of the 2009 TSL Dissertation Prize. Honorable Mention awards went to Habithna Harsha of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Adrian Lee of the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. The Dissertation Prize was awarded to Gitakrishnan Ramaduri of Purdue University.

## **TSL Robert Herman Lifetime Achievement Award**

Michel Gendreau presented the Robert Herman Lifetime Achievement Award to Gilbert Laporte.

## **Secretary/Treasurer's report**

David Lovell gave the secretary/treasurer's report. The section is fiscally sound, having increased our balance by about \$1500 during the calendar year of 2008. Membership earnings for 2009 are on track with last year, as are expenditures, with the exception of perhaps having to re-order award plaques that were misprinted. Also, an expenditure for sponsorship of TRISTAN is expected for this year, and this is detailed below. The section will be engaging members to increase membership as a way to increase our revenue.

## **Membership report**

Theo Crainic gave the membership chair's report. Membership is growing, albeit slowly. He asked members to encourage others to join the society, particularly students.

## **Communication chair's report**

Barry Thomas gave a combined report for the positions of communications chair and subdivision council representative. INFORMS will be changing its web content management software soon, and the TSL web page will follow suit soon thereafter. Members were encouraged to submit any newsworthy items they may have for inclusion in the newsletter.

## **Cluster Chair's report**

Yanfeng Ouyang gave the cluster chair's report. TSL had a total of 250 talks organized into 67 sessions, in 4 parallel tracks. The goal of cross-listing sessions with other sections was very successful this year, with 11 cross-listed with AAS, 5 with OR/MS, 3 with location analysis, 1 with railroad application, and 1 with AAS/revenue management.

## **Cluster Chair for 2010 meeting**

The cluster chair for the 2010 meeting in Austin, Texas will be Dr. Lei Zhang of the University of Maryland.

## **TRISTAN VII**

Theo Crainic gave a report on the upcoming TRISTAN VII meeting to be held June 20-25, 2010 in Tromsø, Norway, at the RICA Hotel. Abstracts of 3-4 pages are due October 31. Special issues of some journals are planned to correspond with the paper submissions to the conference. These will most likely include the *Journal of Choice Modeling*, *Transportation Research Part E*, and *Transportation Science*. The TSL section will be an official sponsor of the conference, which entails a payment of \$2700.

### **Report from transportation area editor of *Operations Research***

Mike Ball gave a report about the transportation area of *Operations Research*. The submissions for 2009 are on par, numerically, with those of the last three years, and the acceptance rate for 2009 will likely be on the order of 20%, which is a slight decline from other recent years, when the number tended to be around 25%. The publication backlog is about 5 issues, which is a little under one year.

### **Report from EIC of *Transportation Science***

Michel Gendreau gave a report on the status of *Transportation Science*. The flow of papers over the last 9 months has been increasing significantly. He expects 200-225 submissions for this year, which is up from 132 from last year. Last year the acceptance ratio was 26.5%. The page budget is 560 pages, and the backlog is small at this time. He plans to ask INFORMS for a larger page budget if the backlog threatens to grow as a result of the increased level of submission. No specific numbers of review turnaround time were available, but it is Michel's sense that the journal is doing better than in previous years in this regard. INFORMS is providing a professional managing editor, Frances Moskwah??, who helps considerably with this task. The average review is returned in 81 days. Michel has also implemented a policy to screen papers up front to avoid sending really bad papers to referees and waste their time.

### **TSL Workshop at Asilomar**

Mike Ball led a discussion on the proposed TSL workshop to be held at the Asilomar Conference grounds in Pacific Grove, CA, June 15-19 of 2010. This is the week before the TRISTAN conference. The theme of the workshop will be maritime and port logistics. The organizers include Martin Savelsbergh and one other person. They expect approximately 50 participants, at a cost of around \$650 each, which includes lodging and food. Some drawbacks to the plan include the short notice, the timing of the workshop the week before TRISTAN, and the fact that no sponsors are yet on board to support the workshop. Some discussion ensued, including comments that the venue was too remote, and that the timing should not correspond so closely with TRISTAN. Mike indicated that these were known shortcomings that had been considered, but that in the end, the decision had been made to proceed with the inaugural workshop and to see how things went. Mike asked for a show of hands to demonstrate interest in attending the workshop, and around 10 people responded in the affirmative.

The INFORMS 2010 meeting will be held November 7-10, 2010 in Austin, Texas. The conference chair is Jonathan Bard.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.