

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2007, BUSINESS MEETING
OF THE TRANSPORTATION SCIENCE AND LOGISTICS SOCIETY IN
CONJUNCTION WITH THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INSTITUTE FOR
OPERATIONS RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES**

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

~150 attendees

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1. Welcome

President Martin Savelsbergh called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees.

2. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Secretary/Treasurer Huseyin Topaloglu followed. Topaloglu reported the end-of-year balance and announced that the major expense items for the current year are related to the sponsorship of the TRISTAN meeting, the prizes presented at the business meeting and the catering at the business meeting.

3. TSL Initiatives

Savelsbergh encouraged the TSL community to contribute to TSL Wiki. He indicated that TSL Wiki needs a logo and asked for help from volunteers in this regard.

Vice-President/President-Elect Michael Ball announced that plans are underway for organizing a TSL conference. This conference will be annual and it will be centered around a specific theme each year. Having a specific theme will ensure that not every TSL member will attend every year and the size of the conference will be relatively small (~50-100 people). The duration of the conference is planned to be a week. The time of the year is to be determined. A location will be chosen and the conference will be held at the same location every year. Possible locations are Aspen Wye River Facility (MD), Asilomar Conference Center (CA) and Jekyll Island Club Hotel (FL).

4. Report from the Transportation Area Editor of *Operations Research*

Transportation Area Editor of *Operations Research* Ball reported that the submissions increased by 7% when compared with the previous year. The current paper backlog for the journal is 14 months. Ball stated that *Operations Research* is strictly imposing a page limit of 30 pages on the papers.

5. Report from the Editor-in-Chief of *Transportation Science*

Editor-in-Chief Hani Mahmassani announced that *Transportation Science* is currently getting about 18 submissions per month – this is an increase from 15 submissions per month in the last year. The average time for the first response is 69 days. 70% of the papers receive the first response within 120 days and 90% of the papers receive the first response within 180 days. The second response usually takes between 60-90 days. Approximately 90% of the papers that receive a major revision recommendation are accepted. The current paper backlog is 2 issues.

Mahmassani announced that there will be 2 focused issues in 2008. One of these issues will be on rail transportation and the other one will be on freight transportation. He announced that the journal has a new webpage and introduced two new associate editors, Ann Campbell and Mark Hickman.

6. TSL Dissertation Prize

Dissertation Award Committee Chair Georgia Perakis presented. The winner of the award was Juan Carlos Morales for the dissertation entitled “Planning Robust Freight Transportation Operations.” The dissertation was supervised by Alan Erera and Martin Savelsbergh at Georgia Institute of Technology. As Honorable Mention, Perakis announced Zhou Xu for his dissertation entitled “Transportation Procurement Planning with Side Constraints.” The dissertation was supervised by Andrew Lim at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

7. TSL Best Paper Award

Best Paper Award Chairman Warren Powell presented. Powell announced the award winners as Jiamin Zhao, Maged Dessouky and Satish Bukkapatnam for their paper “Optimal Slack Time for Schedule-Based Transit Operations.” As Honorable Mentions, Powell announced Georgia Perakis and Guillaume Roels for their paper “An Analytical Model for Traffic Delays and the Dynamic User Equilibrium Problem” and Caspar G. Chorus, Theo A. Arentze, Eric J.E. Molin, Harry J.P. Timmermans and Bert Van Wee for their paper “The Value of Travel Information: Decision Strategy-Specific Conceptualizations and Numerical Examples.”

8. TSL Lifetime Achievement Award

Lifetime Achievement Award Committee Chair Jaume Barcelo presented the award to Michael Smith from University of York.

9. Cluster Chair’s Report

Cluster Chair Kevin Gue presented. He announced 55 TSL invited sessions for the conference and thanked to the SIG Cluster Chairs.

10. Announcement of 2008 Cluster Chairs

Savelsbergh announced David Lovell as the Cluster Chair for the 2008 INFORMS Annual Meeting to be held in Washington DC.

11. Upcoming Elections of TSL Officers and Proposed Amendment to TSL Bylaws

Ball called for nominations for the upcoming TSL elections. He indicated that the nominations need to be submitted by mid-November. He also described a proposed amendment in the TSL bylaws that changes the term of the president. According to the proposed change, the president serves three one-year terms. During the first year, the president serves as the vice-president/president-elect, during the second year, the president serves as the president, and during the third year, the president serves as the out-going president. Currently, the president serves two two-year terms. The proposed amendment will be posted on the TSL webpage and the TSL members will have 3-4 weeks to review and comment.

12. TSL Affiliated Sections

Savelsbergh announced that an INFORMS section can be a TSL affiliated section if it desires. The affiliated section donates \$5 per member to TSL and the members of the affiliated section automatically become members of TSL. This helps TSL build formal links with other sections and keep its membership count at a desirable level. At the same time, the affiliated section keeps its identity. He stated that Aviation Applications Section is likely to be the first TSL affiliated section.

Elise Miller-Hooks stated that her impression from the Subdivisions Council was that the members of Aviation Applications Section will not count as TSL members even if Aviation Applications Section becomes a TSL affiliated section.

13. Announcements and Reminders

Savelsbergh reminded the Society about a symposium in the honor of Ellis Johnson that will take place between July 4-5, 2008.

Mahmassani stated that the next INFORMS Annual Meeting will be held in Washington DC.

Kelywegt announced that the IFORS 2008 conference will be held in South Africa and TSL will sponsor a number of sessions.

Bernard Gendron reminded that CORS optimization days will be held in Quebec City.

Russ Meller announced the International Material Handling Research Colloquium to take place in Dortmund between May 28-June 2, 2008. He also mentioned an NSF funded effort to build an engineering virtual organization for discrete-event logistics systems.