

MINUTES OF THE TSS MEETING, SAN ANTONIO

Minutes of the
Transportation Science
Section Meeting,
Monday November 6,
2000

1. The meeting was called to order by Marius Solomon, TSS past President, at 6:10 p.m.

2. Solomon thanked Bernard Gendron for his work as Secretary/treasurer, especially during the transition period that followed the beginning of the term of the new President Julien Bramel.

3. Julien Bramel thanked Marius Solomon for his work as President during the last two years. He also thanked Peter Chen for organizing the TSS cluster of sessions at the San Antonio meeting.

4. Paolo Toth, the chairman of the Dissertation Award Committee, announced this year's winners. The Committee was formed by Ismail Chabini, Pitu Mirchandani, Oli Madsen and Jean-Yves Potvin. The winners are: Hillel Bar-Gera,

7. Gilbert Laporte, Editor of Transportation Science, reported on the refereeing process at the journal. He also announced that the journal will be formatted with a new composer using the same style as for the journal Management Science. He finally announced that two focused issues have been recently published (ITS -- February 2000, Public Transit -- May 2000) and that three more are forthcoming (Supply Chain Management -- deadline September 30 2000, Freight -- deadline November 30 2000, Real-Time Fleet Management -- deadline May 2001).

8. Martine Labbe updated the members on the organization of the TRISTAN meeting, to be held in the Azores from June 13 to June 19, 2001. She announced that the deadline for abstract submission is December 31, 2000.

9. Julien Bramel announced that Martine Labbe is nominated in the new

11. Julien Bramel asked for nominations for four positions at the Council that need to be filled at upcoming elections. The positions are: Vice-President/President Elect (the only nominee is Bernard Gendron), Secretary/treasurer (nominees are Anton Kleywegt and Thanasis Ziliaskopoulos) and two Council members (nominees are Mark Hickman, Peter Chen and David Hunt).

12. Julien Bramel announced that a new position of Webmaster is created. The person that will occupy this position will soon be named.

13. Julien Bramel announced that the chair of the next Dissertation Award Committee will be Ismail Chabini.

14. Hani Mahmassani Announced that the deadline for submitting a thesis for the International Association for Travel Behavior Dissertation Award is February 2001.

15. Hani Mahmassani announced that he is involved in the organization of the triennial ISSTT meeting,

from the University of Illinois at Chicago for his Thesis entitled "Origin-Based Algorithms for Transportation Network Modeling" (supervised by David Boyce), and Diego Klabjan, from Georgia Institute of Technology for his Thesis entitled "Topics in Airline Crew Scheduling and Large Optimization" (supervised by George Nemhauser and Ellis Johnson).

5. Bernard Gendron, Secretary/treasurer, reported on the financial situation of the Section. He also proposed to institute a new Best Paper Award in transportation. The prize for that award will be taken from the savings realized by the exclusive electronic edition of the Newsletter, and by expected increase in the membership.

6. Following the suggestion of Bernard Gendron, Julien Bramel proposed to form a committee to state the rules of this new Best Paper Award. Members of the committee are Gilbert Laporte, chairman, Marius Solomon, Julien Bramel and Bernard Gendron.

position of International Liaison. She will be responsible for the promotion of the TSS outside North America.

10. Several members participated in a discussion about strategies to increase the membership. Warren Powell raised the issue of the attempted merger with the Section on Logistics. Thanasis Ziliaskopulos raised the opinion that the Section should focus on strategies on how to attract students.

Bernard Gendron agreed with that opinion and also pointed out that the Section should try to attract regular members of other transportation-related groups within INFORMS, without necessarily merging with these groups.

Ismail Chabini raised the opinion that the TSS should grant students who present their work in sponsored sessions with a certificate. Pitu Mirchandani and Hani Mahmassani both agree that INFORMS should reduce the fees for students, especially conference fees.

Marius Solomon pointed out that networking is the

that would be sponsored jointly by the TSS, the Transportation Research Board and the Euro Working Group on Transportation.

16. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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students, and that our
efforts should be
oriented towards
promoting this idea.

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