Minutes of the TSS Meeting,
Philadelphia

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Monday November 8, 1999

1. The meeting was called to order by Marius Solomon, TSS president, at 6:20 p.m.

2. Garrett Van Ryzin, chair of the TSS Dissertation Prize Committee, announced this year's winners of the award. The first prize was awarded to Padma Ramanujan from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst (advisor: Anna Nagurney). Honorable mentions were awarded to William Hall from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (advisor: A. Odoni) and Nicola Secomandi from the University of Houston (advisor: E. Kao).

3. On behalf of Gilbert Laporte, editor of Transportation Science, Solomon reported on the good situation of the refereeing process at the journal. Also, the editor's efforts to increase the number of pages allocated to the journal were discussed.

4. Solomon announced that Warren Powell has been nominated to form a committee to give a name to the TSS Dissertation Prize.

5. Solomon updated the members on his efforts to merge the TSS with the Section on Logistics and the Section on Location. The merger will create a new Society that will be organized as a federation of Sections. Solomon invited the members to give their suggestions about the name of this new Society.

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14. Gazis suggested that the TSS should sponsor a new Prize on applications in Transportation Science.

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4. Thanasis Ziliaskopoulos, coordinator of the TSS sessions in Philadelphia, announced that there are 13 sessions sponsored by the TSS.

5. Solomon announced the results of the June elections. Pamela Vance and Amelia Regan have been elected on the TSS Council.

6. Solomon updated the members on the good situation of the Web site of the TSS, managed by David Bernstein, Webmaster of the TSS.

7. Solomon announced that the TSS will sponsor Odysseus 2000, the First International Workshop on Freight Transportation and Logistics, organized by Teodor Crainic and Hans-Jurgen Sebastian, that will be held in Chania, Crete in May 2000.

benefits of the merger for the TSS, as well as for the other Sections. Denos Gazis raised the opinion that a major benefit for the other Sections is the access they gain to the journal Transportation Science. According to Ismail Chabini, the merger will bring new members to the TSS, in particular practitioners. David Hunt expressed the opinion that the merger will give the TSS a better representation in INFORMS committees, and will ensure that votes are not divided among the different Sections.

12. Solomon asked the members if they agree on a motion that will allow the TSS to pay annually an amount of 300$ to the Chair of the Dissertation Prize Committee, to cover expenses related to mail, fax and photocopies. The motion is adopted unanimously.

16. Daskin informed the members about the new INFORMS policy on online publications: all INFORMS members can now have access to 10 online publications for 99$/year.

17. Solomon congratulated Daskin for the wonderful job he accomplished as Vice-President, Publications.

18. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.
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