

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2008, BUSINESS MEETING
OF THE TRANSPORTATION SCIENCE AND LOGISTICS SOCIETY IN
CONJUNCTION WITH THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INSTITUTE FOR
OPERATIONS RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES**

WASHINGTON, D.C.

~120 attendees

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1. Welcome

President Michael Ball 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 prizes presented at the business meeting, the catering at the business meeting and reimbursing a board member for a TSL-related trip.

3. Membership Report

Vice President James Moore presented the TSL membership report. The TSL membership has been increasing from 2004 to 2007. There is a slight dip in 2008. The SIG memberships are increasing at a healthy rate.

4. TSL Dissertation Prize

Dissertation Prize Committee Chair Alan Erera presented. The winner of the award was Emma Frejinger for the dissertation entitled "Route Choice Analysis: Data, Models, Algorithms, and Applications." The dissertation was supervised by Michel Bierlaire at Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne. There were no honorable mentions awarded this year. Erera acknowledged the members of the Dissertation Prize Committee and gave a breakdown of the submissions. There were 13 submissions from the US and seven from

Europe. There were roughly eight submissions related to urban transportation, seven related to freight, three related to logistics and one related to aviation.

5. TSL Best Paper Award

Best Paper Award Chairman Anton Kleywegt presented. Kleywegt announced the award winners as Olaf Jahn, Rolf H. Möhring, Andreas S. Schulz and Nicolás E. Stier-Moses for their paper “System-Optimal Routing of Traffic Flows with User Constraints in Networks with Congestion.” As Honorable Mention, Kleywegt announced Lars M. Hvattum, Arne Løkketangen and Gilbert Laporte for their paper “Solving a Dynamic and Stochastic Vehicle Routing Problem with a Sample Scenario Hedging Heuristic.” There were nine submissions this year.

6. Cluster Chair’s Report

Cluster Chair David Lovell presented. He announced 64 TSL invited sessions for the conference and thanked the SIG Cluster Chairs and the session chairs.

Ball announced the cluster chair for next year as Yanfeng Ouyang.

7. Upcoming Elections of TSL Officers

Ball reminded the TSL members about the upcoming society officer elections. The two positions that need to be filled are the vice president and the secretary/treasurer.

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

Transportation Area Editor of *Operations Research* Ball reported that there were currently 23 submissions in 2008. The total number of submissions in 2006 and 2007 were respectively 28 and 26. There is one-year backlog at *Operations Research*, but an accepted paper is published online three months after acceptance. The average acceptance rate of the journal is 15%, while the average acceptance rate of the Transportation Area is 25%. David-Simchi Levi was reappointed as the Editor-in-Chief of the journal.

9. 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. The average time for the first response is 88 days. The acceptance rate is about 20%. There journal currently has enough material for two issues.

Michel Gendreau was announced as the new Editor-in-Chief of *Transportation Science*.

10. Traffic Assignment Competition

Hillel Bar proposed a traffic assignment competition. Mahmassani inquired about how the winner would be selected. The TSL members were asked to wait for further announcements.

11. Merger with Aviation Applications Section

On the societies and sections registration sheet, there will be a box for Aviation Applications Section underneath the box for TSL. For those people who check this box, TSL will transfer \$5 to the Aviation Applications Section.

12. TSL Practice Prize

There is a new proposal for TSL Practice Prize. The prize will be given every two years and alternate with Lifetime Achievement Prize. There will be a committee that will develop the nomination and selection process for the prize. The discussion for the prize was deferred to TSL Wiki.

13. TSL Workshop

Martin Savelsbergh presented the outline of the workshop. The workshop is to be held annually in a relatively isolated location. It is not clear yet when the workshop should be held. Possible times are March, May and August. The workshop will be held at the same location every year.

The workshop was mentioned to the TSL members earlier and they were asked to provide comments on TSL Wiki. Savelsbergh brought up the comments provided by the TSL members and explained how the TSL board will address them. These comments included considering multiple locations, holding the workshop close to a major airport and increasing the size of the workshop, possibly with parallel sessions.

The TSL board chooses the theme of the workshop every year. Some TSL members suggested that there should be a committee to choose the workshop theme. While it is important that the workshop themes remain appealing to the TSL community, the TSL board felt that the members of the board changes quite frequently. So it is likely that the workshop themes chosen by the TSL board will cover wide ground. In this way, one also avoids the organizational overhead of forming a committee for the workshop theme every year.

Mahmassani indicated that the criteria for becoming a TSL board member are substantially different from the criteria for becoming a scientific committee member for a conference. Savelsbergh indicated that the suggestions for possible themes will come from the organizers. The TSL board will only make a selection.

Savelsbergh asked for workshop theme proposals from the TSL members.

14. Announcements and Reminders

Michel Gendreau announced that he needs nominations for TSL Lifetime Achievement Prize. James Bookbinder is the cluster chair for 2009 CORS/INFORMS Meeting. He invited the TSL members to organize sessions. Teodor Crainic reminded the deadlines for 2009 City Logistics Conference and 2009 Odysseus.