

MINUTES OF THE TSL MEETING, *San Francisco*

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Section on Transportation Science and Logistics

San Francisco Hilton

Monday, November 14, 2005

Meeting Commenced: 6:35 pm PST

Secretary: Elise Miller-Hooks

The meeting began with a welcome from our VP/President elect, Cindy Barnhart.

TSL Dissertation Award - Randy Hall

Randy gave background on the award.

Committee: Randy Hall, chair; Andy Philpott; Don Hearn; Mark Hickman

Considerations: Originality, significance from research, and practical significance, writing quality.

15 submissions from 14 different universities; 7 on logistics/VRP, 6 Traffic, 2 demand; 9 from US, 6 from other countries.

First Prize to Luigi Mochia, Universita della Calabria in Italy, advisors:

Jean-Francois Cordeau, Manlio Gaudio and Gilbert Laporte.

Honorable mention to Song Gao of MIT, advisor Moshe Ben Akiva

TSL Best Paper Award - Nigel Wilson

Committee: Nigel Wilson, chair; Paolo Toth; Warren Powell

Awardeer: "Dynamic Programming Approximations for a Stochastic

Inventory Routing Problem" by Anton Kleywegt, Vijay Nori, and Martin

Savelsbergh.

Robert Herman Lifetime Achievement Award - Warren Powell

Awardee: Paolo Toth of the University of Bologna

This award is given only every other year.

Committee: Warren Powell, chair; Jaime Barcelo; Michel Gendreau; Pitu

Mirchandani; Uwe Zimmerman

Paolo gave a short speech of gratitude.

Presentation of plaques and citation to Martin Beckmann and Bart McGuire from the Cowles Foundation at Yale University to mark the 50th anniversary of their classic book, "Studies in the Economics of Transportation." - Anna Nagurney and David Boyce

Two sessions were held to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the classic book, attended by two of the authors. Yale University provided two special memorial plaques.

David Boyce gave background on the Cowles Foundation in Economics at Yale University . A letter of appreciation from the Cowles Foundation leadership was read.

Report from the cluster chair for the TSL sponsored cluster at the San Francisco meeting - Pablo Durango-Cohen

44 sessions for TSL, over 70 if you include aviation, rail and location. By

comparison, MSOM has about 25, about 70+ optimization sessions if you add up all the subtopics Pablo gave an overview of the 44 TSL sessions.

Co-Cluster Chairs: Pablo and Jim Moore

Appointment of cluster chair, Huseyin Topaloglu, for the TSL sponsored cluster at 2006 annual meeting in Pittsburgh; and cluster chair, Raymond Cheung, for the TSL sponsored cluster at the Hong Kong International 2006 meeting – Cindy Barnhart

Raymond Cheung, cluster chair for the TSLP sponsored cluster at Hong Kong showed us pictures of all the great things to do in Hong Kong .

Report from the editor of *Transportation Science* - Hani Mahmassani

Hani, editor of *Transportation Science*, gave an update of the state of the journal. Some highlights: the prior backlog is cleared with 2 years of extra journal space. There were approximately 130 original submissions in 2005. Statistics were given on the time between submission and decision.

A special paper in November: first official translation of the original Braess' Paradox paper with help from Braess and Anna Nagurney.

Michael Ball is the incoming editor to *Operations Research* . Gave a few words on this topic.

Report from the TSL secretary/treasurer - Elise Miller-Hooks

Elise gave a report on the budget, newsletter and membership statistics.

Matters related to society formation, proposed TSL Society bylaws, Special Interest Groups (SIGs), SIG membership, SIG officers, and other SIG matters - Anton Kleywegt

Vote will soon be held to elect new officers in December 2005 to fill Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Communications Chair, SIG officers, and International Liaisons for 2-year terms beginning January 2006. At the end of 2006, we elect VP/ Pres Elect and Secretary/Treasurer Society officers (as long as we become a Society). They will serve for 2 years

Anton gave an overview as to why we want to be a society. He gave an overview of how the bylaws will change.

We Discussed issues related to the elections and requested additional nominees.

A motion was made: Upcoming election will elect all of the officers who will automatically become officers in the Society. The majority of those present accepted the motion.

Matters related to membership - Cindy Barnhart

TSL membership without INFORMS membership was discussed. Cindy reminded us to sign up for TSL membership with INFORMS membership renewal.

Upcoming election in December 2005 of TSL officers for 1-year terms beginning January 2006 - Cindy Barnhart

Additional discussion on the upcoming elections was raised.

Announcements and reminders of upcoming meetings, conferences, and workshops

Yupo Chan announced cosponsorship of two workshop from US and Chinese perspectives for workshops on logistics for INFORMS International Conference in Hong Kong .

Spring conference in Little Rock Arkansas coming in the last week of April.

Theo Crainic – May, Optimization Days joint with Canadian OR Society meeting.

Reminder of Odessus Meeting in Spain .

Brian Norman of University of Pittsburgh encouraged us to attend INFORMS next year in Pittsburgh .

Pitu Mirchandani - TRISTAN coming in Sri Lanka in 1.5 years from now.

Warren Powell - email him to put these announcements on

Special thanks was given to Anton for his hard work as Past President.

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