

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Transportation Science and Logistics Society in Conjunction with
the Annual INFORMS Meeting

October 7, 2013, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Agenda

- Welcome and overview of major TSL initiatives by President
- Secretary/Treasurer's report
- Membership and communication report
- Awards
 - Robert Herman Lifetime Achievement Award
 - TSL Dissertation Prize
 - Best Paper Award
- Cluster Chair's report
- TSL elections and appointments
- TSL workshops
 - Report on 2013 Workshop
 - Information on 2014 Workshop
- Editor reports
 - Report from transportation area editor of *Operations Research*
 - Report from EIC of *Transportation Science*

The business meeting was called to order by President Laurie Garrow at around 6:30 pm, and the agenda was followed in order.

President's report

President Laurie Garrow gave a report on TSL initiatives. These include extending the Cluster chair appointment to two years to facilitate transitions, modifying the submission process for the Dissertation Award (in order to collect short abstracts that can be published in TSL newsletters) and modifying the criteria for Best Paper Award submissions (to add a maximum number of papers that can be submitted by any one author in a given year). A committee headed by Warren Powell was created to look into the establishment of TSL fellows, and the ITS SIG established a best student speaker award. On the financial side, TSL is increasing dues, implementing student fees, and changing how workshop proposals are evaluated. The evaluation of future workshop proposals will include an assessment of financial risks. In addition, locations for workshops other than Asilomar are now being considered. TSL is also looking to simplify the revenue sharing with AAS. A TSL Award Session is offered on Tuesday, and a survey of the membership with regard to the type of workshop/conference desired is planned for November.

Secretary/Treasurer's report

Ann Campbell gave the Secretary/Treasurer's report. Revenues from dues are up a bit, and the TSL workshop netted over \$4,000. Expenses appear to be stable (but most are incurred at the meeting), making the predicted balance to be up roughly \$5,000.

Membership and Communication Report

Maciek Nowak gave the membership and communication report. In terms of membership, TSL is growing (now at 1147), and over half of the members are students. New membership retention, though, is quite low. INFORMS is offering a free subdivision membership for new members for one year. LinkedIn membership is growing and is far exceeding the TSL membership. A newsletter should be available soon after INFORMS.

Robert Herman Lifetime Achievement Award

Patrick Jaillet presented the Lifetime Achievement Award. Patrick chaired the committee, where other members include Michel Bierlaire, Samer Madanat, Richard Hartl, and Anton Kleywegt. The winner was Carlos Daganzo, who was not able to attend. He sent a letter of acceptance which was read by Dave Lovell.

TSL Dissertation Award

The TSL Dissertation Award was presented by Thomas Vossen. The committee was chaired by Martine Labbé, and other members included Satish Ukkusuri, Thomas Vossen, Juan-José Salazar-González, and Douglas Fearing. The committee received 35 submissions. The committee awarded an Honorable Mention to Dimitri Papageorgiou of Georgia Tech for his dissertation “Optimization in Maritime Inventory Routing”. His advisors were George Nemhauser and Joel Sokol. Dimitri was unable to attend. The Dissertation award was presented to Max Klimm of Technische Universität Berlin for his dissertation “Competition for Resources: the Equilibrium Existence Problem in Congestion Games.” His advisor was Tobias Harks.

TSL Best Paper Award

Ann Campbell presented the TSL Best Paper Award. The committee was chaired by Ann Campbell, and other members include Rajesh Ganesan, Jan Fabian Ehmke, Jennifer Pazour, and Markos Papageorgiou. The committee received 31 submissions. First prize was awarded to Dimitris Bertsimas, Guglielmo Lulli, and Amedeo Odoni for their paper “An Integer Optimization Approach to Large-Scale Air Traffic Flow Management” published in *Operations Research*, 59(1): 211-227 (2011).

Cluster Chair Report

The current cluster chair is Nick Lownes who gave the report. TSL has 73 sessions with over 250 talks. Next year’s session chair will be Irina Dolinskaya.

Election Results

Laurie Garrow presented the election results. The incoming Vice-President is Barry Thomas, and the incoming Communications Chair is Mike Hewitt. Incoming SIG Vice-Chairs include Max Shen (Facility Logistics), Kevin Furman (Freight Transportation and Logistics), Yingyan Lou (ITS) and Song Gao (Urban

Transportation & Logistics). Incoming international liaisons include Andrés Medaglia (Americas), Mark Hickman (Asia, Australia & New Zealand) and Harilaos N. Psaraftis (Europe). Justin Goodson was appointed newsletter editor.

2013 TSL Workshop Report

The workshop report was presented by Kevin Furman. This year's workshop at Asilomar was on "Maritime Transportation and Port Logistics". The total number of attendees was 43, with 30 presentations. A special issue of Transportation Science is being devoted to this topic, with guest editor Harilaos Psaraftis.

2014 TSL Workshop Report

The report on the upcoming TSL workshop was presented by Maciek Nowak and Mike Hewitt. The topic of the workshop will be "Handling uncertainty in planning logistics and transportation systems." It will be held in Chicago June 30- July 2, 2013. Abstract submissions run October 15-December 15, 2013.

Journal Report for Operations Research

This report was presented by Anton Kleywegt, the area editor for transportation. He gave statistics on the number of submissions and rejections over the past few years. He showed that the percent with decisions in the first 30 days is growing, reflecting an effort to expedite the rejection process.

Journal Report for Transportation Science

The journal report was given by Michel Gendreau, the editor in chief of Transportation Science. He reported a very large number of submissions (350) have been received in the last year, with 54 submissions for one special issue. He discussed the upcoming special issues and said there would be no more new special issues during his term. He says the backlog for publication has increased to about a year due to the combination of increased submission with a similar acceptance rate. Laurie Garrow asked about TSL purchasing additional journal pages to reduce this backlog. Michel stated there were no changes to the editorial board in 2013.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 pm.

