

**INFORMS Transportation Science
and Logistics Society**

Policies and Procedures Manual

October 28, 2025

Section 1 Preface

The following three paragraphs are taken from the INFORMS Policies and Procedures Manual

The INFORMS Board believes in and advocates the use of published policies and procedures to promote good business practice and efficient operation of the Institute.

A *policy* statement presents the position, philosophy, and thinking of the governing bodies of INFORMS on a particular subject. Policy wording is intentionally formal, broad, and in general terms. By the same token, it is concise and brief so that the normal policy length is short. Policies are meant to answer the questions “what” and “why.”

A *procedure* provides detailed coverage of a particular subject. A procedure defines and specifies the necessary steps for accomplishing a given task. Procedures are worded in clear, precise, and specific terms to provide the reader with all necessary details and information. Wording is informal with emphasis on clarity and complete subject coverage, thereby making normal procedure length longer than a policy. Procedures are meant to answer the questions “how” and “when.”

The INFORMS Society on Transportation Science and Logistics will be abbreviated with TSL. This document will be called the TSL Policies and Procedures Manual, or the TSL Manual.

The TSL Policies and Procedures Manual contains official policies of TSL and those procedures of general interest to persons conducting business within or for TSL. Changes to the body of the TSL Manual must be approved by the TSL Board. No Policy or Procedure may contravene the INFORMS Constitution and Bylaws, or the TSL Bylaws. The INFORMS Board has final authority to determine whether a particular policy or procedure is in conflict with the INFORMS Constitution or Bylaws, and the TSL Board has final authority to determine whether a particular policy or procedure is in conflict with the TSL Bylaws.

The TSL Secretary will ensure that the master copy of the TSL Manual and its appendices reflects all approved changes, and that a copy of the TSL Manual and its appendices is posted on the TSL web page.

Section 2 Society on Transportation Science and Logistics Dissertation Prize Competition

Section 2.1 Announcement of the Competition

This section gives a template for the announcement of the competition. The announcement should appear on the INFORMS and TSL channels, and should be distributed in other ways deemed appropriate by the prize committee chair. In the template, words in *italics* indicate information that has to be filled in each year.

The announcement template:

Nominations are invited for the *year* Dissertation Prize Competition sponsored by the INFORMS Society on Transportation Science & Logistics. This award is the oldest and most prestigious honor for doctoral dissertations in the transportation science and logistics area. The award is accompanied by a \$500 honorarium for the winner. In addition, the winner and the recipient of an honorable mention (if any) each receives a plaque announcing the award.

The following criteria will be used in judging candidate dissertations:

- Fundamental contribution and originality of the ideas or methods.
- Practical importance or applicability in solving important real problems.
- Clarity and excellence of the exposition.

Eligible doctoral dissertations are those completed and submitted between June 1, *previous year* and May 31, *year* in the general area of transportation science and logistics. The dissertation's author must be a TSL member in the year of nomination.

To be considered, a dissertation must be nominated by the thesis supervisor, who must submit the following items:

- an electronic copy of the dissertation (in PDF),
- an electronic copy of the extended abstract (3-5 pages) separate from the thesis (in PDF or MS Word),
- an electronic copy of the letter of nomination from the dissertation supervisor supporting the submission and stating his/her assessment of why the thesis is worthy of the award (in PDF or MS Word), and
- an electronic abstract of 300 words without formula or mathematical notation (in PDF or MS Word).

Submissions should be sent to:

Committee Chair

Committee Chair Name

Committee Chair email address

Committee Members
Committee Member Names

The deadline for receipt of submissions is May, *year*. The recommendations of the judges will be announced in the meeting of the Society on Transportation Science & Logistics at the Fall *year* INFORMS meeting. If you have any questions, please contact *Committee Chair Name* by email at *address*.

Section 2.2 Guidelines for the Prize Committee

Appointment of Committee Members

The prize committee consists of a chair and at least four committee members. The committee shall consist of three “three-year appointees” who serve three years each and up to three “one-year appointees” who serve one year each. The three-year appointments are staggered such that one new three-year appointee is selected by the residing President each year. The committee chair is the longest serving three-year appointee. Thus, each three-year appointee is scheduled to become committee chair in his/her third year.

The TSL President shall appoint the new three-year committee member and the residing committee chair shall appoint the two one-year appointees to serve on the committee. These appointments shall be made by January 31 of the year in which the prize is to be awarded. New committee members should be chosen such that the expertise of the prize committee will span a variety of important application areas in both transportation and logistics and will possess both theoretical and practical interests. Members should also be chosen so that geographical breadth is achieved. Members should also be chosen with consideration of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

So that all award committees benefit from the broad range of inclusive perspectives, committees should strive to include diversity in both externally-identifiable individual measures of diversity, as well as diversity of professional orientation (when appropriate for the award). Measures of externally-identifiable individual diversity may include such measures as: age; ethnicity; gender; gender identity; language differences; nationality; parental status; physical, mental, and developmental abilities; race; religion; sexual orientation; skin color; socioeconomic status; work and behavior styles; the perspectives of each individual shaped by their nation, experiences, culture, and more. Diversity of professional orientation includes, but is not limited to: current career level (early, middle, and late), field affiliation (academic, industry, government, nonprofit), current geographic region of employment, and area of focus (machine learning, network optimization, computation, etc.).

If a committee member has a conflict of interest (defined herein), then an alternate committee member must be appointed for that year to serve temporarily in his/her place. Any committee member who has a conflict of interest should inform the chair of the prize committee no later than May 31 and the committee chair must appoint an alternate by June 30. If the committee chair has a conflict of interest, then the next longest serving 3-year appointee with no conflict of interest shall serve as chair and the new chair must appoint an alternate committee member for that year to serve in his/her original role.

The TSL President must approve all newly appointed committee members and alternates. If ambiguities in the committee member selection process or continuation of existing appointments

arise, then the TSL President must be consulted and will be responsible for resolution.

Conflict of Interest

It is important to avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest in the evaluation of any submission to an award committee. A problem arises when any member of an award committee has a past or current relationship with a nominee that might influence the voting process (positively or negatively) for reasons other than the merits of the case relative to the award. It is the responsibility of each committee member to bring to the attention of the committee chair any relationship that might be viewed as a conflict of interest. The committee chair should evaluate each case on its merits, and if a potential conflict is deemed to exist, propose a response that ensures that the final decision of the committee is free of any apparent conflict. On large award committees that have to judge many nominees, it is acceptable for a judge with an acknowledged conflict with a nominee to participate in preliminary screening, but if that nominee survives the screening phase, then the judge with the conflict must be excused from further participation. If the potential conflict involves the committee chair, the chair should discuss this with the TSL President to determine an appropriate response.

Criteria for Judging

The committee shall use the following criteria for judging candidate dissertations.

- Fundamental contribution and originality of the ideas or methods.
- Practical importance or applicability in solving important real problems.
- Clarity and excellence of the exposition.

Additional Duties of the Committee Chair

The committee chair must advertise the prize through various channels, including the TSL Channels, and is responsible for ensuring that each submission considered for the prize meets the eligibility requirements. The chair will disseminate the criteria for judging (listed herein) and will ensure that each member of the committee has a copy of each submitted dissertation. The chair will offer technical assistance in the deliberation process and may suggest possible methods for coming to a single unified group decision. The chair will ensure that deliberations are concluded in a timely manner and will report the results of the competition prior to the INFORMS imposed deadline (typically in early September).

Number of Awards

To preserve the significance of this award, *at most* one first prize shall be awarded in a given year. An honorable mention may be given for a second dissertation. However, this honor should be reserved for exceptional cases.

Reporting of the Award

The chair of the committee shall report the results of the competition directly to INFORMS. Every effort must be taken to ensure the secrecy of the competition outcome until the award presentation at the INFORMS annual meeting. Award winners are invited to present their work at a special session at the INFORMS annual meeting.

Section 3 Student Paper Prize Competition

Section 3.1 Announcement of the Competition

The TSL Student Paper Award is given once a year to an outstanding paper written in English, primarily authored by a student(s), and whose topic is of interest to the TSL community. The submitted paper's student author(s) is considered the competition's entrant; each entrant can submit at most one paper to the competition and cannot be a co-author on any other submission. The entrant(s) must be a TSL member in the year of the competition, and the research discussed in the submission must have occurred while the entrant(s) was a student. The submission may be a working paper in any stage of the publication pipeline; if published, its publication year must be the year of the competition or the prior year. A submitted paper cannot be a finalist of a previous TSL student paper prize.

A submitted paper must use the Transportation Science style template, available at <https://pubsonline.informs.org/authorportal/latex-style-files>; this includes default font and text size. Submissions must follow TS formatting guidelines; see <https://pubsonline.informs.org/page/trsc/submission-guidelines#preparing>. In particular, the paper cannot exceed 35 pages in length (including tables, graphs and references), with a 15-page appendix, submitted as a single PDF using the style template. These submission guidelines apply regardless of the paper's status (working paper, under review, accepted or published). A paper that is already accepted or published must be reformatted to conform to the submission guidelines. Submissions that do not follow these instructions will be returned without review.

In addition to the paper, a submission must include a very short letter signed by all the paper's co-authors attesting that the submission follows the competition's guidelines. In particular, the letter must certify that the entrant(s) is the paper's primary author and that their contribution to the paper exceeds 50%.

To submit a paper for the competition, an entrant must electronically submit it and the accompanying letter to the chair of the award committee by the announced deadline (typically in early summer), following the instructions posted with this announcement. (These may include a specialized email address, submission website, etc.)

The competition finalists will be announced prior to the INFORMS Annual Meeting, and the winner will be announced at the TSL Business Meeting held during the INFORMS Annual Meeting. All finalists will receive a commemorative plaque, and the winning entrant(s) will receive a \$500 honorarium (divided among them in the case of multiple winning entrants).

If the authors wish and the winning paper is not published or under review elsewhere, it can be considered for fast-track review at Transportation Science. To qualify for fast-track submission, the winning paper must be submitted to Transportation Science no later than June 30th of the year following its award.

Section 3.2 Guidelines for Prize Committee

The award committee consists of a chair and at least four other members. This includes three "-year" appointees, who each serve -year appointments in staggered fashion, with the committee chair being

the longest serving of these members, and at least two additional "-year" appointees.

The TSL President appoints the new three-year member, and the committee chair appoints at least one one-year appointee, but the chair may appoint other members as necessary depending on submission volume. The target date for these appointments is January 31 of the competition year, but the committee chair may appoint additional members as necessary. At least one of the committee's members must be a member of the Transportation Science editorial board (associate editor, area editor, or editor-in-chief). One such member will be responsible for submitting a report on the winning paper to TS if the authors choose fast-track submission; this report may be used by the authors to update their paper before submission to TS, and should be included with the journal submission as a supplementary file.

Committee members should be chosen so that their combined expertise spans TSL research areas as much as possible. The committee membership should also reflect TSL's geographical breadth and consider issues of diversity, equity and inclusion.

If a committee member has a conflict of interest with any submission, this submission should be evaluated without the conflicted member's input. In case of any ambiguity, the committee chair should consult with the TSL President, or with the immediate Past-President in case the conflict also concerns the President.

Judgment Criteria

The committee should evaluate submissions based on the following criteria:

1. Fundamental contribution and originality of methodology.
2. Practical importance and applicability to real-world problems.
3. Clarity and ease of exposition.

Additional Committee Chair Duties

The committee chair must choose a submission deadline in early summer and announce the award and call for submissions, including choosing the submission method (email, submission website, etc.) The chair is responsible for ensuring that each submission meets the competition requirements. The chair will choose the specific evaluation methodology (scoring, review rounds, etc.) in consultation with the committee.

The competition should have only a single winner, at most one honorable mention, and at most five finalists (including winner and any honorable mention). The chair will announce the award finalists prior to the INFORMS Annual Meeting on INFORMS Connect and other appropriate venues, and will also announce the winner and honorable mention (if any) at the TSL Business Meeting during the INFORMS Annual Meeting. The award finalists will be invited to present their results in a special session at the INFORMS Annual Meeting.

Section 4 Robert Herman Lifetime Achievement Award

Section 4.1 Announcement of the Award

This section gives a template for the announcement of the award. In the template, words in *italics* indicate information that has to be filled in each year.

The announcement template:

The Robert Herman Lifetime Achievement Award in Transportation Science is awarded at most once a year by the INFORMS Transportation Science and Logistics Society to an individual who throughout their professional career has made fundamental and sustained contributions to transportation science and logistics, and who has influenced the field through their writings, teaching, service, and nurturing of younger professionals. The award is accompanied by \$750 honorarium.

In the event a first-time nominee is not selected, we will hold the nomination package for consideration again with next year's pool of nominees. The nominators should contact the committee chair if they want to update the nomination materials.

Whom to contact:

Committee Chair

Committee Chair Name

Committee Chair email address

Committee Members

Committee Member Names

Section 4.2 Guidelines for the Award Committee

Appointment of Committee Members

The prize committee consists of a chair and four committee members. The committee shall consist of three three-year appointees who serve three terms each and two one-time appointees who serve one term each. The three-year appointments are staggered such that one new three-term appointee is selected by the TSL President every year. The committee chair is the longest serving three-term appointee. Thus, each three-term appointee is scheduled to become committee chair in his/her third term. The two one-term appointees are appointed each term by the residing committee chair.

New committee members should be chosen such that the expertise of the prize committee spans a variety of important application areas in both transportation and logistics and possesses both theoretical and practical interests. Members should also be chosen so that geographical breadth is achieved, and with consideration of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

So that all award committees benefit from the broad range of inclusive perspectives, committees should strive to include diversity in both externally-identifiable individual measures of diversity, as well as diversity of professional orientation (when appropriate for the award). Measures of externally-identifiable individual diversity may include such measures as: age; ethnicity; gender; gender identity; language differences; nationality; parental status; physical, mental, and developmental abilities; race; religion; sexual orientation; skin color; socioeconomic status; work and behavior styles; the perspectives of each individual shaped by their nation, experiences, culture, and more. Diversity of professional orientation includes, but is not limited to: current career level (early, middle, and late), field affiliation (academic, industry, government, nonprofit), current geographic region of employment, and area of focus (machine learning, network optimization, computation, etc.).

If a committee member has a conflict of interest (defined herein), then an alternate committee member must be appointed for that term to serve temporarily in his/her place. Any committee member who has a conflict of interest should inform the chair of the prize committee no later than May 1 preceding deliberations and the committee chair must appoint an alternate by May 31 preceding deliberations. If the committee chair has a conflict of interest, then the next longest serving three-year appointee with no conflict of interest shall serve as chair and the new chair must appoint an alternate committee member for that year to serve in his/her original role.

The TSL President must approve all newly appointed committee members and alternates. If ambiguities in the committee member selection process or continuation of existing appointments arise, then the TSL President must be consulted and will be responsible for resolution.

Conflict of Interest

It is important to avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest in the evaluation of any submission to an award committee. A problem arises when any member of an award committee has a past or current relationship with a nominee that might influence the voting process (positively or negatively) for reasons other than the merits of the case relative to the award. It is the responsibility of each committee member to bring to the attention of the committee chair any relationship that might be viewed as a conflict of interest. The committee chair should evaluate each case on its merits, and if a potential conflict is deemed to exist, propose a response that ensures that the final decision of the committee is free of any apparent conflict. On large award committees that have to judge many nominees, it is acceptable for a judge with an acknowledged conflict with a nominee to participate in preliminary screening, but if that nominee survives the screening phase, then the judge with the conflict must be excused from further participation. If the potential conflict involves the committee chair, the chair should discuss this with the TSL President to determine an appropriate response.

Criteria for Judging

The committee shall award the Robert Herman Lifetime Achievement Award to an individual who deserves special recognition for a lifetime of research and contributions to the transportation science and logistics community. Throughout his or her professional career, the selected individual must have made fundamental and sustained contributions to transportation science and logistics, and have influenced the field through her or his writings, teaching, service, and nurturing of younger professionals.

Additional Duties of the Committee Chair

The committee chair must advertise the prize through various channels, including TSL channels, and is responsible for ensuring that each submission considered for the prize meets the eligibility requirements. The chair will disseminate the criteria for judging (listed herein) and will ensure that each member of the committee has a copy of all relevant materials. The chair will take responsibility for ensuring a fair and timely deliberation process and may suggest possible methods for coming to a single unified group decision. The chair will ensure that deliberations are concluded in a timely manner and will report the results of the competition prior to the INFORMS imposed deadline (typically in early September).

Previous Applications

In the event a first-time nominee is not selected, the committee will hold the nomination package for consideration again with next year's pool of nominees. The nominators should contact the committee chair if they want to update the nomination materials.

Number of Awards

To preserve the significance of the award, *at most* one person will be named every year for the lifetime achievement award. The committee will cycle even if no award is given in a year.

Reporting of the Award

The chair of the committee shall report the results of the competition directly to INFORMS. The winner may be notified to ensure attendance. The winner is invited to present his/her work at a specific session at the INFORMS annual meeting.

Section 5 Stella Dafermos Achievement Award

Section 5.1 Announcement of the Award

This section gives a template for the announcement of the award. In the template, words in *italics* indicate information that must be filled in each year.

The announcement template:

The Stella Dafermos Achievement Award in Transportation Science is awarded to at most one individual in a year by the INFORMS Transportation Science and Logistics Society to honor a mid-career scholar who has made fundamental scientific contributions to transportation science and logistics. Other considerations when evaluating an individual are their impact on practice, their service to TSL, and their involvement in diversity and inclusion-related activities. To be eligible for the award, an individual must be within 10 and 20 years of having finished their PhD on December 31st of the year they are nominated. Nominations are due by June 1st. It is incumbent upon the nominating individual to ensure their nominee meets the eligibility criteria. The typical nomination will include the CV of the nominee and a letter explaining why their accomplishments merit consideration for the award. The award is accompanied by a \$750 honorarium.

In the event a first-time nominee is not selected, we will hold the nomination package for consideration again with next year's pool of nominees as long as the nominee is still eligible. The nominators should contact the committee chair if they want to update the nomination materials.

Whom to contact:

Committee Chair

Committee Chair Name

Committee Chair email address

Committee Members

Committee Member Names

Section 5.2 Guidelines for the Award Committee

Appointment of Committee Members

The prize committee consists of a chair and four committee members. The committee shall consist of three “three-year appointees” who serve three years each and two “one-year appointees” who serve one year each. The three-year appointments are staggered such that one new three-year appointee is selected by the residing President each year. The committee chair is the longest serving three-year appointee. Thus, each three-year appointee is scheduled to become committee chair in his/her third year.

The TSL President shall appoint the new three-year committee member and the residing committee chair shall appoint the two one-year appointees to serve on the committee. These appointments shall be made by January 31 of the year in which the prize is to be awarded. New committee members should be chosen such that the expertise of the prize committee will span a variety of important

application areas in both transportation and logistics and will possess both theoretical and practical interests. Members should also be chosen so that geographical breadth is achieved. Members should also be chosen with consideration of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

So that all award committees benefit from the broad range of inclusive perspectives, committees should strive to include diversity in both externally-identifiable individual measures of diversity, as well as diversity of professional orientation (when appropriate for the award). Measures of externally-identifiable individual diversity may include such measures as: age; ethnicity; gender; gender identity; language differences; nationality; parental status; physical, mental, and developmental abilities; race; religion; sexual orientation; skin color; socioeconomic status; work and behavior styles; the perspectives of each individual shaped by their nation, experiences, culture, and more. Diversity of professional orientation includes, but is not limited to: current career level (early, middle, and late), field affiliation (academic, industry, government, nonprofit), current geographic region of employment, and area of focus (machine learning, network optimization, computation, etc.).

If a committee member has a conflict of interest (defined herein), then an alternate committee member must be appointed for that year to serve temporarily in his/her place. Any committee member who has a conflict of interest should inform the chair of the prize committee no later than May 31 and the committee chair must appoint an alternate by June 30. If the committee chair has a conflict of interest, then the next longest serving 3-year appointee with no conflict of interest shall serve as chair and the new chair must appoint an alternate committee member for that year to serve in his/her original role.

The TSL President must approve all newly appointed committee members and alternates. If ambiguities in the committee member selection process or continuation of existing appointments arise, then the TSL President must be consulted and will be responsible for resolution.

Conflict of Interest

It is important to avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest in the evaluation of any submission to an award committee. A problem arises when any member of an award committee has a past or current relationship with a nominee that might influence the voting process (positively or negatively) for reasons other than the merits of the case relative to the award. It is the responsibility of each committee member to bring to the attention of the committee chair any relationship that might be viewed as a conflict of interest. The committee chair should evaluate each case on its merits, and if a potential conflict is deemed to exist, propose a response that ensures that the final decision of the committee is free of any apparent conflict. On large award committees that have to judge many nominees, it is acceptable for a judge with an acknowledged conflict with a nominee to participate in preliminary screening, but if that nominee survives the screening phase, then the judge with the conflict must be excused from further participation. If the potential conflict involves the committee chair, the chair should discuss this with the TSL President to determine an appropriate response.

Criteria for Judging

To be eligible for the award an individual must be within 10 and 20 years of finishing their PhD on December 31st of the year they are nominated. Eligibility may be extended by up to two additional years to account for documented career interruptions (e.g., parental or caregiving responsibilities). Any such extensions must be clearly explained in the nomination materials. The committee shall award the Stella Dafermos Achievement Award to an individual who deserves special recognition for contributions to the transportation science and logistics community.

While scientific contributions are the primary consideration in determining an award winner, other factors to consider are their impact on practice, their service to TSL, and their involvement in diversity-related activities. Achievements should be evaluated in the context of the nominee's institutional setting and available resources.

Previous Applications

In the event a first-time nominee is not selected, we will hold the nomination package for consideration again with next year's pool of nominees as long as the nominee is still eligible. The nominators should contact the committee chair if they want to update the nomination materials.

Additional Duties of the Committee Chair

The committee chair must advertise the prize through various channels, including the TSL Channels and is responsible for ensuring that each submission considered for the prize meets the eligibility requirements. The chair will disseminate the criteria for judging (listed herein) and will ensure that each member of the committee has a copy of all relevant materials. The chair will take responsibility for ensuring a fair and timely deliberation process and may suggest possible methods for coming to a single unified group decision. The chair will ensure that deliberations are concluded in a timely manner and will report the results of the competition prior to the INFORMS imposed deadline (typically in early September).

Number of Awards

To preserve the significance of this award, *at most* one person will be named every year for the Stella Dafermos achievement award. If no-one is named to receive the award in a year, then the committee will wait until the following year before naming a new winner. The committee will cycle even if no award is given in a year.

Reporting of the Award

The chair of the committee shall report the results of the competition directly to INFORMS. The winner may be notified to ensure attendance. The winner will be invited to present his/her work in a special session at the INFORMS annual meeting.

Section 6 Transportation Science and Logistics Best Paper Award

Section 6.1 Announcement of the Competition

This section gives a template for the announcement of the competition. The announcement should appear on the INFORMS and TSL web sites and should be distributed in other ways deemed appropriate by the prize committee chair. In the template, words in *italics* indicate information that has to be filled in each year.

The announcement template:

The TSL Best Paper Award is given once a year to an outstanding paper in the field of transportation science and logistics. The paper must have been published in a refereed journal and must present innovative approaches for solving complex problems in transportation and/or logistics, with an emphasis on operations research and quantitative methods. A paper is eligible if it is written in English and if it has been published within the three years prior to the submission deadline. All topics related to the field of transportation science and logistics will be considered, including, but not being limited to:

- airline operations;
- facility logistics;
- freight;
- intelligent transportation systems;
- transit;
- urban transportation planning methods;
- vehicle routing.

To submit a paper for the *year* competition, one of the authors must send the paper along with a short letter (maximum 2 pages) describing the merits of the paper, to the Chair of the TSL Best Paper Award Committee, before June 1, *year*:

Committee Chair Name

Committee Chair email address

The other members of the Committee are:

Committee Member Names

Any author may submit only one of his/her eligible papers. In addition, no individual may be a co-author on more than two papers submitted to the competition. A paper is eligible for the competition if

- its main topic is related to the field of transportation science and logistics;
- it is written in English; and
- it has been published, or appears in pre-print form online through the publishing agency, between July 1, *year* and May 31, *year*. In the case of papers that are only available in pre-print form online at the time of consideration, the online publication date must be easily verifiable.
- Was not submitted to this award committee in a previous award cycle.

The winning paper will be announced at the TSL business meeting to be held during the annual INFORMS meeting. The authors of the winning paper will share a prize of \$800, and each will receive a certificate.

Section 6.2 Guidelines for the Prize Committee

Appointment of Committee Members

The prize committee consists of a chair and at least four committee members. The committee shall consist of three “three-year appointees” who serve three years each and up to three “one-year appointees” who serve one year each. The three-year appointments are staggered such that the committee chair is the longest serving three-year appointee. Thus, each three-year appointee is scheduled to become committee chair in his/her third year.

The TSL President shall appoint the new three-year committee member and the residing committee chair shall appoint the two one-year appointees to serve on the committee. These appointments shall be made by January 31 preceding deliberations for the next competition. New committee members should be chosen such that the expertise of the prize committee will span a variety of important application areas in both transportation and logistics and will possess both theoretical and practical interests. Members should also be chosen so that geographical breadth is achieved. Members should also be chosen with consideration of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

So that all award committees benefit from the broad range of inclusive perspectives, committees should strive to include diversity in both externally-identifiable individual measures of diversity, as well as diversity of professional orientation (when appropriate for the award).

Measures of externally-identifiable individual diversity may include such measures as: age; ethnicity; gender; gender identity; language differences; nationality; parental status; physical, mental, and developmental abilities; race; religion; sexual orientation; skin color; socioeconomic status; work and behavior styles; the perspectives of each individual shaped by their nation, experiences, culture, and more. Diversity of professional orientation includes, but is not limited to: current career level (early, middle, and late), field affiliation (academic, industry, government, nonprofit), current geographic region of employment, and area of focus (machine learning, network optimization, computation, etc.).

If a committee member has a conflict of interest (defined herein), then an alternate committee member must be appointed for that year to serve temporarily in his/her place. Any committee

member who has a conflict of interest should inform the chair of the prize committee no later than July 1 preceding deliberations and the committee chair must appoint an alternate by July 31 preceding deliberations. If the committee chair has a conflict of interest, then the next longest serving 3-year appointee with no conflict of interest shall serve as chair and the new chair must appoint an alternate committee member for that year to serve in his/her original role.

The TSL President must approve all newly appointed committee members and alternates. If ambiguities in the committee member selection process or continuation of existing appointments arise, then the TSL President must be consulted and will be responsible for resolution.

Eligibility of Committee Members to Submit

Members of the award committee are eligible to submit a paper for consideration of this award. If a committee member submits a paper for consideration, this paper must be handled in the initial rounds of evaluations by other committee members. If the paper moves to final rounds of consideration, where all committee members read all finalists, then the committee member should recuse themselves from the remaining part of the committee. If this occurs, the committee chair (or an appointed substitute if the chair is the nominee), should document this via email to the TSL president. The TSL president and committee chair are welcome to identify an external ad hoc reviewer or a past award committee member to provide an independent assessment. Recused members must not have access to deliberations, rankings, or written evaluations related to their nomination.

Conflict of Interest

It is important to avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest in the evaluation of any submission to an award committee. A problem arises when any member of an award committee has a past or current relationship with a nominee that might influence the voting process (positively or negatively) for reasons other than the merits of the case relative to the award. It is the responsibility of each committee member to bring to the attention of the committee chair any relationship that might be viewed as a conflict of interest. The committee chair should evaluate each case on its merits, and if a potential conflict is deemed to exist, propose a response that ensures that the final decision of the committee is free of any apparent conflict. On large award committees that have to judge many nominees, it is acceptable for a judge with an acknowledged conflict with a nominee to participate in preliminary screening, but if that nominee survives the screening phase, then the judge with the conflict must be excused from further participation. If the potential conflict involves the committee chair, the chair should discuss this with the TSL President to determine an appropriate response.

Criteria for Judging

The committee shall use the following criteria for judging candidate papers.

- Fundamental contribution and originality of the ideas or methods.
- Practical importance or applicability in solving important real problems.
- Clarity and excellence of the exposition.

Additional Duties of the Committee Chair

The committee chair must advertise the prize through various channels, including the TSL

channels, and is responsible for ensuring that each submission considered for the prize meets the eligibility requirements. The chair will disseminate the criteria for judging (listed herein) and will ensure that each member of the committee has a copy of each submitted paper. The chair will offer technical assistance in the deliberation process and may suggest possible methods for coming to a single unified group decision. The chair will ensure that deliberations are concluded in a timely manner and will report the results of the competition prior to the INFORMS imposed deadline (typically in early September).

Number of Awards

To preserve the significance of this award, *at most* one first prize shall be awarded in a given year.

Reporting of the Award

The chair of the committee shall report the results of the competition directly to INFORMS. Every effort must be taken to ensure the secrecy of the competition outcome until the award presentation at the INFORMS annual meeting. Winners will be invited to present their papers at a special session at the INFORMS annual meeting.

Sending Best Papers to the SIGS

Typically the committee members score each paper and then a composite ranking is formed. The best 5-7 or so papers in this composite ranking are then placed on a short list for further discussion, but only 2 maximum should receive awards. The committee should group the short-listed papers by SIG, and then forward the two highest-scoring (at most) papers in the ranking in each group that were not selected for the Best Paper award or honorable mention to the SIG chair and vice-chair for review and possible award.

Section 7 Outstanding Special Interest Group Prize

Purpose of the Prize

The purpose of the TSL Outstanding Special Interest Group Prize is to encourage TSL Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and International Liaisons to be exceptionally innovative and imaginative in the nature and scope of the activities that they undertake, and to be successful in their activities beyond expectation.

The Prize

TSL has a plaque with 24 smaller plates to record the winners of the TSL Outstanding Special Interest Group Prize. Each time the prize is awarded, the name of the winning SIG as well as the name of the chair of the winning SIG in the year that the prize was earned by the SIG, or the name of the winning International Liaison, will be engraved on a small plate. The chair of the winning SIG or the winning International Liaison can keep the plaque until the next time that the prize is awarded. There is no cash award.

Number of Awards

The TSL Outstanding Special Interest Group Prize shall be awarded to at most one SIG or one International Liaison in a given year. There is no obligation to provide this award.

Prize Committee

The prize committee shall consist of the TSL President, the TSL Vice President, the TSL Secretary/Treasurer, the TSL Communications Chair, and the TSL Immediate Past President. It is the duty of the TSL President to ensure that the committee selects the winner (if any), and that the plaque is engraved, in time for the prize to be awarded and the plaque to be given to the winning SIG chair or winning International Liaison at the annual TSL business meeting.

Criteria for Judging

The prize committee shall use the following criteria for selecting the winning SIG or International Liaison.

- Whether the SIG or International Liaison performs all the duties normally expected of a SIG or International Liaison, such as maintaining a web page, organizing TSL sessions at both INFORMS and other conferences, and contributing to the TSL newsletter in the case of a SIG, or organizing TSL sessions at international conferences and recruiting international members in the case of an International Liaison.
- How innovative the activities are that the SIG or International Liaison undertakes in nature and scope.
- How successful the activities are that the SIG or International Liaison undertakes.
- Growth in the SIG's membership or TSL's international membership.

Conflict of Interest

It is important to avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest in the evaluation of any submission to an award committee. A problem arises when any member of an award committee has a past or current relationship with a nominee that might influence the voting process (positively or negatively) for reasons other than the merits of the case relative to the award. It is the responsibility of each committee member to bring to the attention of the committee chair any

relationship that might be viewed as a conflict of interest. The committee chair should evaluate each case on its merits, and if a potential conflict is deemed to exist, propose a response that ensures that the final decision of the committee is free of any apparent conflict. On large award committees that have to judge many nominees, it is acceptable for a judge with an acknowledged conflict with a nominee to participate in preliminary screening, but if that nominee survives the screening phase, then the judge with the conflict must be excused from further participation. If the potential conflict involves the committee chair, the chair should discuss this with the TSL President to determine an appropriate response.

Section 8 Transportation Science Journal Paper of the Year Award

Overview of the award: TSL will support (financially and otherwise) an annual award honoring one paper published in the print edition of *Transportation Science* (TS) in the previous calendar year. The winning paper will be selected by the editorial and advisory boards of TS from all the papers that were in its print editions the previous calendar year. The name of the award will be the “Transportation Science Journal Paper of the Year.”

Motivation for the award: This award will present an opportunity to honor the excellent scientific work of TSL members while also sending a clear signal that *Transportation Science* is the flagship journal of TSL. By having the TS advisory and editorial boards select the winning paper, and not relying on papers that are nominated, the award will consider papers that otherwise may not have been considered for an honor by TSL.

Eligibility for the award: To be considered by the TS advisory and editorial board, a paper will have to have appeared in the print edition of TS in the previous calendar year. There will **not** be a nomination process for the award. All papers that appeared in the print edition of TS in the previous calendar year will be considered.

Award determination: The TS advisory and editorial board will determine the paper that wins this award amongst all the papers that appeared in the print edition of TS in the previous calendar year. The winning paper will be determined by a vote of the TS advisory and editorial boards, of which there are typically more than 40 members. Specifics of the award determination process are left to the editor-in-chief of TS. **TSL will not form a committee to give this award.**

Prize(s) associated with the award: It is important that the award is seen as being on an equal footing with the TSL Best Paper Award. Thus, the award will be accompanied by the same amount of prize money as given with the TSL Best Paper Award, as well as a similar (albeit appropriately named) plaque.

Number of awards: The intention is to honor one paper each year. In years where multiple papers are honored, the prize money will be divided amongst the author teams.

Conflict of interest: It is important to avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest in determining which paper is given this award. A problem arises when any individual playing a role in award determination has an association with a paper that might influence the voting process (positively or negatively) for reasons other than the merits of the paper itself. This issue is mitigated somewhat by the number of individuals (usually more than 40) who will be voting on the award. However, to further mitigate this issue, no member of the TS advisory or editorial board will be able to vote on a paper they have authored/co-authored. When potential conflicts of interest arise that the editor-in-chief of TS believes have impacted the integrity of the award determination process, the issue should be discussed with the TSL President.

Reporting of the award: The editor-in-chief of TS will report the award directly to INFORMS. Every effort must be taken to ensure the secrecy of the competition outcome until the award presentation at the INFORMS annual meeting. The winner will be invited to present his/her paper at the INFORMS annual meeting.

Section 9 Guidelines for the TSL President

The TSL President, as the chief administrative officer of the Society, is responsible for the general supervision, direction and control of the business and affairs of The Society to ensure fulfillment of the major purposes of The Society (as outlined in Article II of The Society's bylaws.) To this end, the primary responsibilities of the Society President are as follows:

1. The President shall organize and preside at the annual business meeting of the membership and any meetings of the Society Board, as deemed necessary by the President;
2. The President shall represent The Society in external affairs;
3. The President shall appoint ad hoc committees as required, as well as chairs and members of standing committees;
4. The President shall be a member of the Outstanding Special Interest Group prize committee;
5. The President shall resolve potential conflicts of interest involving committee chairs;
6. The President shall be responsible for participating in the nomination process for and maintaining communication with The Society's representative on the INFORMS Subdivisions Council;
7. The President shall be responsible for ensuring that: a) at least two candidates are nominated for the position of Society Vice President, b) at least one candidate is nominated for each of the other open positions in the election, c) at least two candidates are nominated for the Society President position if the current elected Society Vice President declines to become Society President or if there is no current elected Society Vice President, and d) at least one candidate is nominated for the SIG Chair position if the current elected SIG Vice Chair declines to become the next SIG Chair or if there is no current elected SIG Vice Chair; and
8. The President shall coordinate activities with the other Society officers (the Vice President, the Secretary/Treasurer, the Communications Chair, and the Immediate Past President of The Society) and the Society Board (the Society officers plus the Chairs of each of the Special Interest Groups, and the International Liaisons).

Section 10 TSL Conference

Section 10.1 Purpose

The purpose of the TSL Conference is to provide a regular, high-quality, and reasonably affordable conference in an easily accessible location in North America that serves the broad research interests of the transportation science and logistics community with an emphasis on promoting new and impactful areas of research.

Section 10.2 Timing and Location

The TSL Conference should take place every three years, in the off year from the Odysseus and TRISTAN Conferences, starting in 2017. The preference is for the conference to take place between June and July in the year in which it is held. The conference should be held in a North American city with a major airport.

Section 10.3 Organizing Committee

Each Organizing Committee ultimately consists of seven members. These include the General Chair, the Local Chair, two TSL Past Presidents, a TSL President, and two ad-hoc members. The General Chair is to be named by the TSL President and approved by the TSL Board three years prior to the TSL Conference, by the time of the annual Business Meeting in that year. The General Chair selects, with the approval of the President, two ad-hoc members for the Committee.

The Local Chair will be the local organizer of the Conference. This chair will join the Committee upon selection of the location of the Conference. The final three members will be the Presidents of TSL the year of and two years preceding the Conference. The first two of these will join the Committee as TSL President and Vice President/President-Elect two years before the Conference. The third will join as the Vice President/President-Elect the year before the Conference.

Section 10.4 Location Selection

The Organizing Committee should solicit potential conference hosts and may consider an open call for bids. In time for the annual Business Meeting two years before the Conference, the Committee should recommend a host location to the TSL Board for approval. In selecting a location, the Committee should consider the accessibility and cost of a location. Preference should be given to locations that allow for a partnership with a local college or university. All locations should be easily accessible.

Section 10.5 Scientific Committee

At least a year before the Conference, the Organizing Committee should name a Scientific Committee. The Scientific Committee will assist the Organizing Committee in selecting and organizing sessions and presentations for the Conference. The Scientific Committee should include the Chairs and Vice Chairs of each of the TSL Special Interest Groups.

Section 10.6 Scientific Contributions

While the TSL Conference seeks to serve the broad interests of the transportation science and logistics community, to differentiate the TSL Conference from the INFORMS Annual Meeting, the Scientific Committee should seek research presentations that present substantially completed work. To that end, the Scientific Committee should evaluate the work based on four-page abstracts.

Section 11 TSL TALENT WORKSHOP

Section 11.1 Purpose

The purpose of the Transportation and Logistics Early-Career North American Talent (TALENT) Workshop is to provide a regular, high-quality, and reasonably affordable workshop in an easily accessible location in North America that gives early-career researchers in transportation and logistics a platform to share their research and an opportunity to network with other researchers.

For purposes of the TALENT workshop, a researcher qualifies as early-career if they have a PhD and no more than 10 years has elapsed since they obtained their PhD. This includes assistant professors, early associate professors, industry-based researchers, and post docs.

Section 11.2 Timing

The TALENT Workshop shall be held every year that does not include a TSL Conference. The preferred time frame for the workshop to take place is between May and August of the year in which it is held.

The workshop should be scheduled to avoid overlaps with other TSL or related events that TSL members attend to maximize participation.

Notably, the TALENT Workshop and the TSL Workshop both occur in years without a TSL Conference. The organizing committees must coordinate closely to prevent scheduling conflicts and to leverage shared resources when appropriate.

If the TSL Workshop is hosted in North America, the preferred approach is for the TALENT Workshop to be co-located (same time and place) with the TSL Workshop. If co-location is not feasible, the TALENT Workshop may be rescheduled to a time that does not conflict with the TSL Workshop; or the TALENT Workshop may not be held that calendar year.

The TALENT Workshop Chair and TSL Workshop Chair must jointly communicate their proposed plans to the TSL President for review and approval before finalizing dates and venues. The final decision on scheduling should be documented and shared with the broader community to ensure transparency.

Section 11.3 Organizing Committee

The organizing committee consists of five members. These include the General Chair, the Local Chair, and three ad-hoc members.

At the conclusion of a TALENT workshop, the current organizing committee will identify a General Chair for the next TALENT workshop that does not already have a general chair identified. Ideally this would be at least 2 years in advance of the held event. This information is provided to the TSL President for approval.

The General Chair selects, with the approval of the TSL President, three ad-hoc members for the Committee. The Local Chair will be the local organizer of the Conference. This local chair will join the organizing committee upon selection of the location of the conference.

Section 11.4 Location Selection

The workshop should be hosted in a North American city near an airport, and ideally on a university campus.

The Organizing Committee should solicit potential conference hosts and may consider an open call for bids. In time for the annual Business Meeting, the Committee should recommend a host location to the TSL Board for approval. In selecting a location, the Committee should consider the accessibility and cost of a location. Preference should be given to locations that allow for a partnership with a local college or university. All locations should be easily accessible.

Section 11.5 Participation Structure

The organizing committee has the authority to determine the participation and registration structure, but all speakers must be TSL members. Guidelines are provided for different structures.

1. Speakers by Invitation

In this structure, invitations for speakers are issued directly by the organizing committee.

Invited speaker nominations should be solicited from the organizing committee, as well as from the TSL SIG (Special Interest Group) chairs and co-chairs. The organizing committee is also encouraged to provide and communicate a simple mechanism for self-nominations, with such self-nominations being reviewed alongside other committee member and SIG nominations to identify highly deserving candidates who may have been overlooked.

The Organizing Committee is responsible for establishing the invitation process and criteria for invitations and this process should prioritize invitations based on expertise, topic relevance, and ability to contribute to the workshop's objectives. Efforts need to be made to ensure invited contributors represent diverse institutions (R1 and non-R1 universities), geographic regions, demographics of the speakers, and TSL topics and methodological perspectives. Further, priority should be given to early career researchers who have not previously participated in a TALENT Workshop.

2. Speakers by Application

In this structure, a call for speakers is issued through official TSL communication channels, ideally at least 6 months prior to the workshop. The application requirements are to be set by the organizing committee but likely would include a research talk title, an abstract, a short bio, and a CV. Based on a review of submitted application materials, speakers are chosen.

3. Hybrid Invitation Opportunities

Regardless of the structure identified, the organizing committee should explore options to provide opportunities for early career researchers to attend, for example, in the form of attending, but not speaking, poster sessions, or other venues to increase participation. Further, applicants who are not selected as speakers are encouraged to express interest in future workshops. The Organizing Committee should maintain a list of past applicants to broaden outreach and ensure equitable opportunities over time.

Section 12 Guidelines for the TSL Secretary/Treasurer

Section 12.1 Guidelines for the TSL Secretary

The Secretary is responsible for maintaining the records and history of the Society and for reporting these records and history to the members of the Society. The Secretary will work with the Communications Chair to ensure that the records and history are easily accessible to the membership and that changes in the records and history are posted in a timely fashion.

Listed below are duties of the Secretary. At the discretion of the Society Board, this list may be amended.

1. Take the minutes and attendance records at the annual business meetings and any other Society meetings. In the case of prizes, INFORMS may also ask for visual documentation of the event. These minutes should be included in the TSL News and made available on the Society's website.
2. Maintain an up-to-date Policies and Procedures Manual for the Society. Changes to the manual are subject to approval by the TSL Board. In part, the Manual offers a way of conveying the institutional knowledge of the Society. The Secretary should annually contact the various constituencies represented in the Manual in order to keep a running record that is passed on to the next set of Society officers.
3. Prepare the annual TSL activity report and submit the report to the INFORMS office. Instructions, including the report form and the instructions for submission, can be found at <http://www.informs.org/Subdiv/SecSocReport.html>.
4. Work with the President to organize the annual business meeting and any meetings of the Society Board as deemed necessary by the President.
5. Liaison with the prize chairs and INFORMS office to ensure that prize checks and plaques are prepared in advance of the annual meeting.

Section 12.2 Guidelines for the TSL Treasurer

The Treasurer's key responsibility is to maintain the financial records of the Society. These responsibilities include but are not limited to:

1. Several times per year, typically quarterly, the TSL Treasurer should receive a financial statement for TSL from the INFORMS office. The TSL Treasurer should go over the statements, and look for any items that look unusual. Pretty much anything other than membership dues, award expenses, the reception at the annual business meeting, and sometimes small election expenses are unusual. Unusual items should be reported to the TSL President and INFORMS office personnel.
2. The TSL Treasurer is responsible for keeping track of funds allocated from the TSL general

funds to each SIG, funds obtained by each SIG from sources outside the TSL general funds, and funds disbursed by each SIG. The INFORMS office does not keep track of these details, and aggregates all TSL funds, including SIG funds, into one account. Thus, it is the responsibility of the TSL Treasurer to keep track of the composition of the total TSL funds into TSL general funds, and funds of each SIG. Upon receiving the Society's quarterly financial statement from INFORMS, the Treasurer shall report to each SIG its financial position.

3. At the annual business meeting the TSL Treasurer should present the financial reports to the TSL members.
4. The TSL Treasure is responsible for keeping the Society's year-end financial report up-to-date on the TSL website.

Section 13 Guidelines for the TSL Communications Chair

The TSL Communications Chair is responsible for managing the TSL website, the TSL social media accounts and other communications of TSL. The TSL Communications Chair picks a News Editor who collects and creates content for the TSL Blog.

Section 13.1 The TSL Website

The purpose of the TSL Website is to give general information on the TSL Society and its current officers, its history, SIGs, membership, as well as awards, events and conferences organized by TSL. All officers and other responsible entities are encouraged to send potential information to the TSL Communications Chair, who is in charge of keeping the website up-to-date.

Section 13.2 The TSL Social Media Accounts

TSL currently maintains a LinkedIn Group for TSL-related posts (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/1737097/>). The TSL Communications Chair, as well as all members, are encouraged to share relevant content such as news, conference updates, and professional highlights. Any LinkedIn member can join the group and contribute to the discussions.

In addition, TSL operates a Bluesky account (@tlsociety.bsky.social) to distribute short and informative messages to our members and public followers. To remain interesting for our followers, the Bluesky account requires regular posts, likes, and reposts. It is a team effort to keep the account active, engaging, and personal. Generally, the TSL Communications Chair is responsible for converting relevant news (e.g., from messages distributed through INFORMS Connect) into Bluesky posts. This includes linking to blog posts created by the News Editor (see Section 10.3). All board members can have access to the Bluesky account. Organizers of TSL conferences and workshops are also invited to post. Information shared by other accounts that is relevant to the TSL community should be reposted. It is also recommended to repost our own posts, for example before important deadlines.

Note: The former TSL Twitter account @TSLSociety is no longer in use, as Twitter (now X) has been discontinued in its original form.

Since social media posts are public, we use a factual and personal style of writing. In case of mistakes, we make them transparent and correct them. If a topic creates a controversial discussion, we point to TSL discussion platforms such as the annual business meeting. Examples for relevant content are: call for papers, conference announcements, award winners, TSL lectures, references to newspaper articles, reports of grant receivers, etc. Examples for forbidden content are: personal opinions, sensational language, religious discussions, etc.

Section 13.3. The TSL Blog

The TSL Blog is hosted on the TSL website and managed by the TSL News Editor. The TSL Blog is supposed to distribute articles to our members and public followers, informing about events and the outcome of TSL awards and stipends. To remain interesting for our followers, the blog should

feature regular entries. When published, blog entries should be announced via the TSL Social Media Accounts (see Section 10.2).

The News Editor is responsible for creating pre-scheduled posts, requesting or drafting content, formatting and publishing it. Examples are New Year's greetings from the TSL President, reports from grant and award winners, announcement and reports of TSL events, summaries of news and notes, calls for papers, references to newspaper articles, etc. If available, we link to (external) websites where more detailed information or application forms etc. can be found.

It is a team effort to keep the blog active, interesting, and personal. Hence, every board member is invited to contribute content for the blog and inform either the TSL Communications Chair or the TSL News Editor. Organizers of conferences and workshops are also invited to send announcements and reports to the TSL Communications Chair or TSL News Editor.

Regarding the style of blog posts, the guidelines of Section 10.2 apply accordingly.

Section 14 Guidelines for the TSL Past President

According to the TSL Bylaws, the immediate Past President of TSL is a member of the TSL Board. The immediate Past President is the president of the TSL Society who served immediately prior to the current president. The purpose of having the Past President on the Board is to provide continuity to the Board and its decisions. The Past President serves as the memory, advisor, and mentor to the TSL Board. Specifically, the responsibilities of the TSL Past President include:

1. Administering the TSL Cross-regional Grants annual proposal and award competition and serving as the evaluation committee chair.
2. Assisting the TSL President and other society officers by reminding them of the duties that they must perform and the times by which certain activities must be completed, especially regarding forming prize committees, administering prize and award competitions, producing society publications and newsletters, organizing annual elections, and producing reports for INFORMS.
3. Helping other board members and society officers be more efficient by explaining to them what decisions have been made in prior years and why these decisions were made.

Section 15 Guidelines for the SIG Chairs and Vice Chairs

Policies

As required by the Bylaws, each SIG is responsible for representing the interests of a particular group within the Society as a whole. Each SIG is required to perform all of the duties required by the Society bylaws as well as any duties required by the Society Board in defining an active SIG.

The Chair and Vice-Chair of the SIG, who must be members of the Society when nominated, are elected for two-year terms.

Procedures

The following procedures outline the activities that the Society requires of the SIG in order for the SIG to be considered active. Other potential activities of the SIGs are discussed. Finally, procedures for SIG financing are outlined.

Responsibilities

1. An active SIG will
 - a. report on its activities regularly to the TSL News Editor,
 - b. maintain an active and up-to-date SIG email list,
 - c. support an up-to-date webpage highlighting the interests of the SIG and the activities of its members,
 - d. provide sessions at TSL sponsored conferences.
2. The SIG is solely responsible for determining procedures for fulfilling the requirements for active status. The Chair and Vice Chair have the right to delegate the responsibilities or to fulfill them themselves. The person or persons fulfilling the first three requirements fulfill the role of Secretary as prescribed by the by-laws. The person or persons fulfilling the fourth requirement fulfills the role of Cluster Chair as prescribed by the by-laws.
3. In addition to the activities required by the Society, the SIG may engage in activities that serve the interests of its members. These activities include but are not limited to:
 - a. awarding prizes periodically for the best paper in the subject area of the SIG,
 - b. awarding a SIG-specific dissertation prize,
 - c. creating a SIG-specific newsletter,
 - d. featuring working papers on its website,
 - e. sponsoring conferences or holding a SIG conference
 - f. communicating through the SIG email list or website conferences and deadlines for conferences of interest to the SIG members,
 - g. sponsoring special issues of journals,
 - h. holding SIG-specific meetings at the INFORMS annual meeting and at other

conferences.

Finances

1. SIGs are allowed to raise funds for their own purposes and to petition the Society for funds from the general Society funds. The uses of SIG funds are subject to the approval of the Society's Board.
2. While the Society Board must approve expenditures of SIG funds, SIG expenditures may include but are not limited to:
 - a. cash prizes for best paper and dissertation awards,
 - b. SIG-specific conferences and meetings.
3. The SIG is responsible for working with the Secretary/Treasurer of the Society to ensure that funds are properly accounted. The Secretary/Treasurer will report on the accounts quarterly in conjunction with the Institute's quarterly financial report to the Society.
4. Procedure for applying for Society funds?

Section 16 Guidelines for the International Liaisons

Policies

International Liaisons are tasked with representing the interests of the Society members who reside outside of North America. It is the policy of the Society that the three international liaisons are elected one each from the regions of Europe-Middle East-Africa, Asia-Pacific, and the Americas. While elected from different regions, the policy of the Society is for the International Liaisons to work together to best represent the interests of the members of the Society outside of North America, as well as have a special responsibility for international activities. Active International Liaisons will provide content for both the Society newsletter and the Society website.

Procedures

1. The manner in which International Liaisons organize their submissions to both the Society newsletter and the Society website is up to the discretion of the International Liaisons. They may determine to provide the content themselves or to delegate the responsibilities.
2. Academic members of the Society outside of North America work in an academic environment different from that in North American universities. International Liaisons are well positioned to ensure that these differences are supported by the Society. Liaison activities that are particularly international in nature, and which might interest all Society members are
 - a. Post programs in transportation and logistics and materials from concentrated Ph.D. courses,
 - b. Post announcements of students seeking a semester abroad (degree requirements).

Section 17 Elections

Policies

In accordance with the by-laws, all Board members serve two-year terms. At the time of nomination and throughout their terms, all Board members are required to be members of both the Society and of INFORMS. The Vice President is responsible for managing elections in accordance with the Society by-laws.

Procedures

1. To maintain institutional knowledge, the Society has chosen to stagger the terms of its Board members. Starting in 2006, the Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Communications Chair will be elected to two-year terms. SIG Chairs, SIG Vice Charis, and International Liaisons will be up for re-election in 2007. Accordingly, elections for the the Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Communications Chair will take place in even years. Elections for SIG Chairs, SIG Vice Charis, and International Liaisons will take place in odd years.

While the by-laws allow for balloting to be performed in a number of ways, the preferred method is now electronic balloting. The electronic balloting is administered by INFORMS.

Section 18 Guidelines for Cluster Chairs

I. Gathering Sessions and Talks

A. Setting a Submission Deadline

The deadline given in the initial mass announcements are typically arbitrary, but late-April to mid-May is appropriate. INFORMS does not actually need complete information until sometime in June or July. However, it is necessary to set an earlier deadline for the submission of talks and sessions so that sessions can be created, authors can be contacted, and talk and session information can be entered.

Note that INFORMS has two separate deadlines – one for declaring sessions and one for the final, complete information. The session deadline is important, because after this date, it is easy to add talks to existing sessions, but you may not add any new sessions.

B. Announcements

The common method for distributing mass announcements calling for talks and sessions is to use the TSL channels.

It is typical to send a first announcement a couple months before the deadline and then send at least one reminder as the deadline approaches.

C. Special Interest Group (SIG) Chairs

SIG chairs are likely to be aware of how various topics within the subgroup can be divided into coherent sessions. Hence, in the mass announcements, it is best to ask people to submit their individual talks to SIG cluster chairs so that SIG cluster chairs can compile the talks and create sessions. The SIG cluster chair should also designate chairs for each of the created sessions.

The cluster chair should encourage SIG cluster chairs to coordinate with one another regarding talks that are of interest to more than one SIG. This can help create better constructed sessions.

The cluster chair should also encourage SIG cluster chairs to solicit talks from authors who regularly participate in INFORMS who have not yet contributed a talk. As noted

in II.B., there is a limited amount of space available for adding late talks; so important authors could potentially be excluded. In addition, many SIG cluster chairs are well aware that certain members of their interest groups have a tendency to submit their talks late. In response, SIG cluster chairs often leave openings in their initial session submissions in order to account for late submissions.

II. Managing Sessions

A. Online Session Entry

With INFORMS' online system, the job of session entry essentially involves input of each session chair's name and email address. This effort creates the session and turns management of the session over to the session chair. Then, from within the online system, the cluster chair can send an email to the session chair informing him/her that the session has been created and how to access the session. The session chair is then responsible for naming the session and entering and contacting participants.

B. Talks and Sessions Submitted After the Deadline

Inevitably, there will be a number of talks and even some sessions that are submitted after the deadline, perhaps up to a month before the conference. Inclusion of these late arrivals is at the discretion of the cluster chair. However, cluster chairs typically try to accommodate as many of these late arrivals as possible. If a submission is late and there is no room in an appropriate session, it may be possible for the author to still submit this talk in a contributed session.

While there may be openings into which late arrivals can be inserted, there comes a point at which session and cluster chairs no longer have access to sessions. In this case, INFORMS staff members are needed in order to add the talk or session.

C. Finalizing

In late summer, INFORMS makes it possible for the cluster chairs to review all of the sessions and session information. At this time, it is important to review which sessions are missing titles and speaker information and contact the session chair to remind them to complete the session information. Note that it is possible that there may be sessions that will need to be deleted at this time.

III. At the Conference

Once the conference begins, the cluster chair's role is mostly complete. However, the cluster chair may be asked to make a few remarks at the TSL business meeting. These remarks should include a report on the total number of sessions and talks, as well as thanks to the SIGs (and anyone else) for their assistance.

Section 19 TSL Workshop

It is the policy of TSL to sponsor a summer workshop or workshops. TSL will from time to time also sponsor workshops that are to take place at other times of the year. TSL will favor workshops that will not conflict with/take away attendance from the TSL conference.

Section 19.1 Call for Hosts

To encourage the summer workshops, TSL will send a call for proposals to the general membership. This section gives a template for the announcement of the call to host the TSL Workshop. The announcement should appear on the TSL web sites and should be sent to TSL members via the TSL Society email list. In the template, words in *italics* indicate information that has to be filled in each year. While it helps to have the host determined as early as possible in the year prior to the workshop, experience has shown that submission deadlines in the early fall (e.g. September 15) offer the best combination of submissions and enough time to make appropriate arrangements for the workshop.

The announcement template:

The INFORMS Transportation Science and Logistics (TSL) Society requests proposals for the 2xxx TSL Annual Workshop. As with previous workshops, TSL will be accepting proposals to host the workshop at “any” location.

Considerations: Proposals should answer the following questions:

1. Who will be the chair(s) of the conference? Who else will be involved in organizing the conference?
2. When and where will the conference be held? Why is the chosen city an attractive location for a TSL Workshop? Notably, is the location accessible to a large number of participants and would they want to visit the location?
3. What is the theme of the conference? Please make the case for the topic’s merit and evaluate the potential audience and expected participation. If possible, please include a list of people who are interested in attending the workshop.
4. In recent years, attendance at the conference has been approximately 50-60 individuals. Does your chosen venue have the ability to handle a group of this size at that time of year? Please consider:
 - a. the availability and prices of conference facilities during the expected dates, and
 - b. the availability and prices of local hotel rooms during the expected dates.
6. What social events would be possible and what venues would be available for these events?
7. Please provide a rough budget for the conference. Factors to consider are: facility charges, catering charges (for lunch, coffee breaks), staff charges, cost of any social events you might plan (including catering charges for dinners), and any transportation charges (either from the hotel to the conference or to any social event).
8. Given target registration fee of \$300 and late registration fee of \$350 for TSL members with slightly higher fees for non-members, what level of corporate and/or host institution support will

be necessary for you to break even? Past conferences have required sponsorships levels on the level of \$3500 - \$7000 to break even.

9. What "blackout dates" do you have during which you will not be able to host the event? Please consider dates when airfares or hotel rates may be extremely high or unavailable in your city due to holidays, conventions or special events.

Sample proposals and budgets are available from *TSL Vice President* (*TSL Vice President's email address*). General information about past workshops is available from <https://www.informs.org/Community/TSL/TSL-Workshop>.

Submission: Please submit all of your materials as a single MS Word or PDF via email to *TSL Vice President* at [*TSL Vice President's email*](#). For full consideration, proposals must be received by *date*.

Proposal Evaluation: Evaluation of the proposals will be carried out by a committee composed of TSL officers, SIG chairs, and international liaisons. TSL VP/President Elect *TSL Vice President* will chair the selection committee. Any TSL Board member involved in a proposal will be excused from the committee. The topic, along with the science behind it, the commitment and expertise in the topic area of the proposers, meeting organization, financial implications, and the potential audience will be considered in evaluating the proposals. The committee will select and rank the top two proposals. The TSL Board will make the final selection.

Section 19.2 Guidelines for the Workshop Host Selection Committee

Committee

The TSL Vice President/President-Elect is the chair of the committee to select the host of next TSL Workshop. The committee shall consist of all of the TSL Board members (officers, SIG Chairs, and International Liaisons). Any TSL Board member involved in a proposal will be excused from the committee.

Criteria for Judging

The committee shall use the following criteria for judging potential hosts:

1. Is the topic, along with the science behind it, sound and of interest to the TSL community?
2. Is the proposed organizing committee committed to hosting the proposed workshop?
3. Does the proposed organizing committee have appropriate expertise in the proposed topic area?
4. Does the proposal indicate a level of meeting organization that will lead to a financially viable workshop?

Additional Duties of the Committee Chair

The committee chair must advertise the prize through various channels. The chair will disseminate the criteria for judging (listed herein) and will ensure that each member of the committee has a copy of each submitted proposal. The chair will offer technical assistance in the deliberation process and may

suggest possible methods for coming to a single unified group decision. The chair will ensure that deliberations are concluded in a timely manner and will report the results of the competition prior to the INFORMS Annual Meeting in the year before the workshop is to be held.

Section 19.3 Guidelines for Off-Cycle Workshop Proposals

While TSL wants to ensure regular summer workshops, TSL can consider proposals for workshops to be held outside of the summer months. Such proposals can either be evaluated as part of the evaluation of proposals for the summer workshop, or as necessary, at the request of a proposed organizing committee. Such proposals should be evaluated using the same criteria and process as those proposals for a summer workshop.

Section 20 Society on Transportation Science and Logistics Cross-Regional Grants

Section 20.1 Announcement of the Competition

This section gives a template for the announcement of the competition. The announcement should appear on the INFORMS and TSL web sites, should be sent to INFORMS members via the regular email sent to all INFORMS members, and should be distributed in other ways deemed appropriate by the prize committee chair. In the template, words in *italics* indicate information that has to be filled in each year.

The announcement template:

The application window is open for **TSL Cross Regional Grants**. These grants were created as part of our efforts to generate more collaboration across the four TSL regions (North America, Central and South America; Europe, Middle East and Africa; and Asia, Australia and New Zealand). The grants and application process are described below, with one grant aimed at doctoral students to study abroad and the other more broadly focused at driving collaborative research.

The deadline for submission is *August X, YYYY*. The awards will be announced at the TSL Business Meeting at INFORMS on *October/November XX, YYYY*. The selection committee is composed of the three International Liaisons and is chaired by the TSL Past President. **All applicants for these grants must be registered TSL members. Preference will be given to applicants who have not won cross-regional grants in the past.**

1) Cross-regional Collaborative Grant (\$3,000): This grant is open to any two or more TSL members, located in at least two of the four TSL regions (North America; Central and South America; Europe, Middle East and Africa; or Asia, Australia and New Zealand), who intend to collaborate on a research project. To help generate new collaborative ties across boundaries, proposals from junior faculty and those who have not already conducted this type of collaborative research are most strongly encouraged. Preference will be given to applicants who have demonstrated a commitment to TSL. This grant may be used to fund travel, lodging or other expenses incurred in bringing the collaborators together. Prior awardees who have received TSL Cross-regional Grants, except for doctoral grants, in the past three years are not eligible.

It is expected that recipients will present the results of their collaborative research at the earliest possible INFORMS or TSL Society conference. The application should include the following **(submitted as a single PDF file with naming format CRG_Name1_Name2.pdf)**:

Description of the Project: Describe in appropriate detail the proposed activity, including:

A brief description of the project, including its relevance and contribution to the TSL community as well as its broader impacts on society.

1. Describe how this project relates to the research programs of the applicants, including their qualifications and future projects/proposals.

,

2. Describe (briefly) the discussions that the collaborators have already conducted.

Applicants should limit the description to no more than 750 words, in double-spaced format.

Timeline and Proposed Budget:

1. Describe how and when you anticipate disseminating the results of this project.
2. Provide a brief budget for how the grant will be spent. This could be as simple as indicating that the budget will be spent on travel expenses.

Curriculum Vitae: Full Curriculum Vitae for each applicant, attached at the end of application.

2) Cross-regional Doctoral Grant (\$3,000): This grant is open to any TSL member currently working towards a PhD who would like to spend time studying at an institution located outside of his/her home region. This grant may be used to fund travel, lodging or other expenses incurred during the grantee's visit. It is expected that the grant recipient will present at the earliest possible INFORMS or TSL Society conference. The application should consist of the following (**submitted as a single PDF file with naming format CRG_Doctoral_Name1_Name2.pdf**):

Description of the Visit: Describe in appropriate detail the proposed activity, including:

1. The objectives of the doctoral candidate's visit. A brief description of the project, including its relevance and contribution to the TSL community as well as its broader impacts on society.
2. Describe how this project relates to the applicant's thesis.

Applicants should limit the description to no more than 500 words, in double-spaced format.

Timeline and Proposed Budget:

1. Provide a projected timeline for the proposed visit.
2. Provide a brief budget for how the grant will be spent. This could be as simple as indicating that the budget will be spent on travel expenses.

Letter of Invitation from the host institution: This should provide a brief outline of the expectations for the candidate's visit. Limited to one page.

Letter of Recommendation from the candidate's advisor: This should indicate how the visit will advance the completion of the candidate's thesis. Limited to one page.

Curriculum Vitae: Full Curriculum Vitae-attach at end of application.

Applications may be submitted via email to *Current Past President (email)*.

YYYY TSL Collaboration Grant Committee

Name, TSL Past President (*year of presidency*)

Name, International Liaison, Europe, Middle East & Africa

,

Name, International Liaison, Asia, Australia & New Zealand
Name, International Liaison, The Americas

Section 20.2 Guidelines for the Prize Committee

Committee Members and Chair

The prize committee consists of a chair and committee members. The chair of the committee is the TSL Past President. The committee members are the international liaisons of the society.

If a committee member has a conflict of interest (defined herein), then an alternate committee member must be appointed for that year by the TSL President to serve temporarily in his/her place.

Conflict of Interest

It is important to avoid conflicts of interest in the evaluation of any submission to an award committee. A problem arises when any member of an award committee has a past or current relationship with a nominee that might influence the voting process (positively or negatively) for reasons other than the merits of the case relative to the award. It is the responsibility of each committee member to bring to the attention of the committee chair any relationship that might be viewed as a conflict of interest. The committee chair should evaluate each case on its merits, and if a potential conflict is deemed to exist, propose a response that ensures that the final decision of the committee is free of any apparent conflict. If the potential conflict involves the committee chair, the chair should discuss this with the TSL President to determine an appropriate response.

Criteria for Judging

The committee shall judge grant proposal entries on the following dimensions:

1. Merits of the application, ensuring that proposed project activities will support research of significant potential impact and interest to the membership of the society.
2. Proposed timeline and budget, ensuring that both the planned visit timing occurs only in the current and next INFORMS fiscal year and that the planned expenditures are allowable and in the spirit of the grant mission.
3. For applicants to the Doctoral Grant, acceptable letters of endorsement from both the student's current advisor at the home institution and from the advisor(s) at the proposed host institution are included.

Additional Duties of the Committee Chair

The committee chair must advertise the grant competition through various channels, including but not limited to the TSL Blog, and is responsible for ensuring that each grant proposal submission considered meets the eligibility requirements. The chair will organize the committee evaluation process in a timely manner and will report the results of the competition to the TSL President prior to the INFORMS imposed deadline (typically in early September).

Number of Awards

The TSL Board will establish the maximum number of grant awards to be issued in each category in any given year. In normal years it is expected that not more than one award in each category will be given.

Reporting of the Award

The chair of the committee shall report the results of the competition to the TSL President. Every effort must

be taken to ensure the secrecy of the competition outcome until the award presentation at the INFORMS annual meeting.

Appendix 1

BYLAWS for the
Transportation Science & Logistics Society
A Society of the
Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be Transportation Science & Logistics Society of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS). Herein it will be referred to as “The Society.”

Article II – Purpose

The major purposes of The Society are:

- a. To provide a continuing, specialized focus on the topics of transportation science and logistics, with the aim of identifying current and potential problems and contributions to their solutions.
- b. To lead in the development, dissemination and implementation of knowledge, basic and applied research and technologies on transportation science and logistics.
- c. To support efforts to extend, unify and integrate related branches of knowledge and practice.
- d. To support the free interchange of information, encourage discussion and interaction among individuals having interest in transportation science and logistics by providing the opportunity for these individuals to meet and to exchange information, ideas, experiences and techniques.
- e. To stimulate the type of cross-fertilization which can best be accomplished within the framework of a professional organization.
- f. To identify, codify, synthesize and interpret knowledge, tools and techniques useful to transportation science and logistics, and to promote high professional standards and integrity in all work done in these areas.
- g. To encourage the education of students and the continuing education of practitioners in transportation science and logistics.

The Society is organized and will be operated exclusively for scientific and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c) (3) of the US Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Article III – Membership

1. Any persons interested in transportation science and logistics may become a member of The Society by completing a membership application and submitting it with the proper dues.
2. All members shall have equal rights, duties, and privileges.
3. Membership and participation shall be free from discrimination based on race, religion, ethnic group, national origin, handicap, sex, or sexual orientation.

Article IV – Meetings

The Society will hold at least one membership meeting per year during the national INFORMS meetings, and at least one international meeting every three years, chosen by The Society Board to coincide with meetings outside of the U.S. and Canada which The Society Board feels will serve

the interests of The Society. The time, place and agenda of each meeting shall be set by the Society officers and announced at least two months in advance by the Secretary/Treasurer.

Article V – Society Board and Society Officers

1. Board: The Society Board will consist of the Society President, Society Vice President, Society Secretary/Treasurer, the Society Communications Chair, the Immediate Past President of The Society, the Chairs of each of the Special Interest Groups (described in Article VI), and the International Liaisons (described in Article VII).
2. The Society President, Society Vice President, Society Secretary/Treasurer, the Society Communications Chair, and the Immediate Past President of The Society, shall be known as the Society Officers and their duties shall be as described in the following.
3. Nominations, elections, and terms of office of the Society Officers shall be as described in Article VIII.
4. Society President: Shall be the chief administrative officer of The Society, and shall be responsible for the general supervision, direction and control of the business and affairs of The Society. The Society President shall preside at membership meetings and represent The Society in external affairs. The Society President shall appoint ad hoc committees as required, as well as chairs and members of standing committees. In addition, the Society President shall be responsible for maintaining communication with The Society's representative on the INFORMS Subdivisions Council, and for participating in the nomination process for the representative to the INFORMS Subdivisions Council.
5. Society Vice President: Shall, in the absence or disability of the Society President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Society President, and shall perform such other duties as The Society requires. In addition, the Society Vice President shall appoint a Cluster Chair responsible for organizing sessions sponsored by The Society at national and international meetings. The Society Vice President will also take responsibility for monitoring and improving the membership in the Society. The Society Vice President shall succeed the Society President at the completion of the term of the Society President.
6. Society Secretary/Treasurer: Shall take the minutes of the Society meetings and shall be responsible for such matters as correspondence and notification of meetings. The Society Secretary/Treasurer shall maintain contact with the INFORMS staff liaison and shall file an annual report describing The Society's activities and financial state. In addition, the Society Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for all financial matters, including the financial records of the Society and all its Special Interest Groups. The Society Secretary/Treasurer shall report on the finances of the Society and all its Special Interest Groups at the Society meetings, and shall include financial statements of the Society and all its Special Interest Groups with the annual report. The Society Secretary/Treasurer shall control expenditures in a fiscally sound manner, including the expenditures of the Special Interest Groups.
7. Society Communications Chair: Shall be responsible for communicating the activities of the Society to both Society members as well as the world at large through the website and other forms of communication as may be appropriate. Shall be responsible for producing the Newsletter of The Society at least twice each year. The Society Communications Chair is also responsible for moderating the electronic mailing list of The Society. The Society Communications Chair is responsible for working with the Chairs of the Special Interest Groups and the International Liaisons to ensure the broadest possible participation in the communication of their activities.

Article VI – Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

1. The Society shall operate Special Interest Groups (SIGs), representing to the extent practicable the varied interests of The Society members.
2. A SIG may be created either by unanimous action of The Society Board or by a petition to The Society President signed by at least 25 members of The Society.
3. Each SIG may have a membership list that must be maintained by the INFORMS head office. In the absence of such a SIG membership list, all members of the Society shall be considered members of the SIG.
4. Each SIG shall have a SIG Chair and a SIG Vice Chair, who shall be known as the SIG Officers.
5. Nominations, elections, and terms of office of the SIG Officers shall be as described in Article VIII.
6. Each SIG Chair represents its SIG on The Society Board and is responsible for the general supervision, direction and control of the activities of its SIG. Each SIG Chair shall appoint a SIG Cluster Chair, who works in coordination with The Society's Cluster Chair and is responsible for organizing a track of sessions on SIG related topics at the INFORMS and international meetings. Each SIG Chair shall also appoint a SIG Secretary, who works in coordination with the Society Secretary/Treasurer and the Society Communications Chair to promote SIG activities with substantive contributions to the newsletter and to the website of The Society.
7. Each SIG Vice Chair shall, in the absence or disability of the SIG Chair, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the SIG Chair. The SIG Vice Chair shall succeed the SIG Chair at the completion of the term of the SIG Chair.
8. SIGs are expected to maintain a set of activities that may include sessions at the INFORMS and international meetings, participation in other conferences, and substantive contributions to the newsletter and to the website of The Society. The Society Board by a majority vote may eliminate a SIG that is deemed to have too little activity. Any SIG that is to be eliminated must receive a one-year advance warning of the action, and The Society Board must review the activities of the SIG during that year. A second vote confirming the decision to eliminate a SIG must then be taken. The decision to eliminate a SIG can be cancelled if a petition signed by 25 members of The Society is presented to The Society Chair, in which case The Society Board may not initiate another action to eliminate the SIG for at least three years.
9. The spending limits for each SIG's expenditures funded from the general Society funds are determined by The Society Board and communicated to each SIG Chair at the beginning of each year. Each SIG Chair must then submit a budget to The Society Board for activities funded from the general Society funds that promote the interests of the SIG. Such activities include, among others: inviting speakers at the national and international meetings; offering prizes and awards; organizing an annual SIG Business Meeting. Each SIG's budget for expenditures funded from the general Society funds may not exceed the SIG's spending limit. The Society Board must approve the proposed SIG budget before the expenses may be incurred. The Society Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for the control and reporting of the expenditures of each SIG, including the adherence of SIG expenditures to the approved budgets of the SIGs.
10. Any funds raised by a SIG shall be used exclusively for expenses approved by The Society Board and incurred by the activities organized by that SIG. The Society Secretary/Treasurer

is responsible for keeping track of each SIG's funds and making sure that it is used for the activities of the SIG that raised it. Any such additional funding is over and above the annual SIG spending limit for expenditures funded from the general Society funds. Any funding raised by the SIG that is not used in a particular year remains for the exclusive use of the SIG in future years. The Society Secretary/Treasurer shall maintain a record of such funds. If a SIG is eliminated, any remaining funds allocated to the SIG will become available for use by The Society.

Article VII – International Presence and International Liaisons

1. Recognizing the importance of transportation and logistics around the world, it will be the policy of The Society to serve the international community. The Society Board will include liaisons for three regions: Europe-Africa, Asia-Pacific and the Americas. These regions may be redefined by unanimous action of The Society Board.
2. Each international liaison represents the interest of a particular region to The Society Board. The liaison is also expected to promote The Society within universities and professional communities that serve the region. Each liaison shall submit a report summarizing their activities for the year to the Society President prior to the business meeting at the annual INFORMS meeting.
3. Nominations, elections, and terms of office of the international liaisons shall be as described in Article VIII.

Article VIII – Elections

1. Nominations: Society members may nominate candidates for the Society Officers and the International Liaisons. Members of a SIG may nominate candidates for the Officers of that SIG.
2. Eligibility: To be eligible to be elected as a Society Officer, SIG Officer, or International Liaison, a nominee must be a member of both INFORMS and The Society at the time of his/her nomination, and the nominee must agree to serve if elected. The Society President shall not be eligible for immediate election to the position of Society Vice President.
3. It shall be the responsibility of the Society President to ensure that at least two candidates are nominated for the position of Society Vice President, and at least one candidate for each of the other positions.
4. Exceptionally, if there is no current elected Society Vice President, or if the current elected Society Vice President declines to become Society President, it shall also be the responsibility of the Society President to ensure that at least two candidates are nominated for the Society President position. In such a case, the Society President shall be elected according to the same procedure as the one implemented for the election of the Society Vice President. The current Society President shall not be eligible for election to the position of Society President.
5. Exceptionally, if there is no current elected SIG Vice Chair or if the current elected SIG Vice Chair declines to become the next SIG Chair, it shall be the responsibility of the Society President to ensure that at least one candidate is nominated for the SIG Chair position. In such a case, the SIG Chair shall be elected according to the same procedure as the one implemented for the election of the SIG Vice Chair.
6. The list of nominees at the election must include all eligible candidates nominated after the election has been announced to the Society.

7. Elections: Elections shall be held by secret ballot issued by one of the following media: a) letter mail ballot; b) electronic mail ballot; c) web-based ballot d) a combination of letter mail and electronic mail or web-based ballot. Society members may vote for Society Officers and International Liaisons. Members of a SIG may vote for the Officers of that SIG. Approval voting shall be used in the election. A majority of votes cast shall determine the winners for each position. Ties shall be resolved by means of fair random processes.
8. Terms of Office: The terms of office for all positions shall be two years. The election for each position shall take place in the Fall at the end of the term of the previous holder of the position. All terms of office shall begin on the first day of January following the election.
9. All Society Board members shall remain members of both INFORMS and the Society during their term of office.

Article IX – Responsibilities to INFORMS

1. The Society shall operate in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of INFORMS. Each year, normally after the annual INFORMS meeting, a Society annual activity report will be submitted to INFORMS setting forth the significant accomplishments and activities of The Society during the previous year and outlining a rationale for the budget projections for the following year. Additional reports shall be submitted to INFORMS upon request by INFORMS.
2. In the event of dissolution of The Society, its assets shall become the property of INFORMS.

Article X – Dues

Dues may be assessed on all members by The Society Board. Dues may be assessed on the members of a SIG by the Officers of the SIG, provided that such dues are collected by the INFORMS head office.

Article XI – Amendments

1. Proposed amendments to these bylaws may be initiated either by action of The Society Board or by a petition to the Chair signed by 25 members of The Society. The Society Secretary/Treasurer shall distribute copies of the proposed change to all members of The Society by electronic or letter mail not less than three weeks before the annual membership meeting. An open discussion of the proposed amendment to the Bylaws shall be carried out at the following membership meeting of The Society.
2. Not more than two months after the discussion of the proposed amendment, the Society Secretary/Treasurer shall distribute to all members copies of the proposed amendment along with ballot forms issued by one of the following media: a) letter mail ballot; b) electronic mail ballot; c) web-based ballot d) a combination of letter mail and electronic mail or web-based ballot.
3. The adoption of the proposed amendment shall require an affirmative vote by at least two-thirds of the members' votes cast. The result of the balloting shall be announced to the membership by the Society Secretary/Treasurer.
4. If approved by The Society membership, the proposed amendment to the Bylaws shall become effective upon approval by the INFORMS Board or its delegate.

Article XII – Policies and Procedures

The Society shall maintain a written Policies and Procedures Manual governing the administration of the prizes and any other services that The Society Board determines is in the best interest of The Society. Proposals to make major changes to the Policies and Procedures Manual must first be posted on the Society web site, with an announcement sent via email to the Society members inviting comments to be sent to a designated individual who will compile and present the comments to the Society Board. A Society Board vote on proposed changes may not take place until the proposed changes have been posted on the web site for at least four weeks, and the Society Board has had a chance to review all the comments. By a two-thirds majority vote, the Society Board may make small changes, including modifications in response to comments by the membership, without prior membership notification, review and comment.

Article XIII – Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern membership meetings, in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws.