

2012 INFORMS ANNUAL MEETING
Aviation Applications Section Business Meeting Minutes

- Meeting held on October 14, 2012 at 6:15pm in Phoenix, AZ.
- Approximately 30 were in attendance.
- AAS Chair Laurie Garrow opened up the meeting by introducing all section officers, and provided a review of the past year.
- AAS Vice Chair Thomas Vossen provided an overview on finances and membership:
 - There has been a slight decrease in membership compared with the numbers from last year. However, the numbers provided by INFORMS vary at different times of the year, so the member counts may not be perfectly accurate.
 - Current number of members is 522, with 322 student, 191 regular, 5 retired and 4 other category members.
 - Dues revenue is stable around \$1400, while interest revenue from the \$10,000 bank account is about \$50/year.
 - Food and beverage expenses have been going up due to inflation and location specific reasons, in addition to the labor-admin charges by INFORMS
 - There is an expected net loss of approximately \$200 this year.
 - Membership dues for 2013 are the same at \$20/\$0/\$20/\$20 for regular, student, retired and non-INFORMS members.
- AAS Secretary/Treasurer Senay Solak provided an update on the AAS web activities on behalf of Webmaster Poornima Balakrishna:
 - Current setup of the website has information on upcoming events, AAS newsletter, research funding opportunities, dissertation award, presentations from previous meetings, as well as membership and contact information for the section.
 - Contributions by members are encouraged, such as news and announcements on local aviation related events and meetings.
- Doug Fearing, AAS Cluster Chair for the 2012 INFORMS Annual Meeting, provided an overview of the organized sessions. Overall, the number of sessions is around the same levels as previous years.
- On behalf of the AAS Dissertation Committee, committee chair Rajesh Ganesan presented the 2012 dissertation award to Marcial Lapp.
- AAS Chair Laurie Garrow discussed the elections for officers, which will be announced by email notification after the conference. Marcial Lapp will be serving as the 2013 Cluster Chair. Senay Solak is running for Vice-Chair/Chair Elect, while Poornima Balakrishna and Vikrant Vaze are running for the Secretary/Treasurer position.
- AAS Chair Laurie Garrow provided some information on INFORMS' plans for changes in membership benefits and their implications for AAS. The proposed change is that all new INFORMS members will be offered a free membership in a subdivision. This is already the case for student members. When a member selects a subdivision for "free", INFORMS pays the subdivision the rate they charge for student members. Given that AAS (and TSL) do not charge any student fees, the section is not getting any revenue from those who select AAS

as their “free” subdivision. Hence, an open question is whether AAS should charge student fees. AAS Vice-Chair Thomas Vossen also stated that this is an issue we need input from members. Some members stated that a \$2-\$5 fee would be a way to distinguish those that are really interested in AAS, and that they viewed such a change favorably. Thomas Vossen noted that this issue will have to be decided over the course of next year, and possibly a vote will be conducted.

- AAS Chair Laurie Garrow asked the members for any other business issues. None was brought up.
- Location and directions for the Dutch treat dinner, which will take place at TGI Friday’s, were announced.
- The meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by AAS Secretary/Treasurer Senay Solak