

2014 INFORMS ANNUAL MEETING

Aviation Applications Section Business Meeting Minutes

- Meeting held on November 9, 2014 at 6:15pm in San Francisco, CA.
- Approximately 35 were in attendance.
- AAS Chair Thomas Vossen opened up the meeting by introducing all section officers.
- AAS Secretary/Treasurer Vikrant Vaze provided an overview on finances and membership:
 - There has been a decrease in overall membership by approximately 22%. The new membership level is approximately the same as that two years ago.
 - Most of the decrease is in student membership which is what was expected after the student dues being increased from \$0 to \$5 last year. Current membership levels are expected to be stable going forward.
 - Current number of members is 506, with 243 student, 255 regular, 5 retired and 3 other category members.
 - Despite the decrease in membership, the dues revenue is projected to go slightly up to approximately \$1900. This is mainly due to increase in regular membership and increase in student membership dues.
 - Food and beverage expenses for the year 2014 were much higher than usual as the San Francisco rates are significantly higher than those at the past meeting locations. The food and beverage expenses are expected to return to the levels of the previous years starting next year.
 - The labor/admin charges by INFORMS are expected to be flat.
 - There is an expected net loss of approximately \$400 this year.
 - Membership dues for 2015 are the same at \$20/\$5/\$20/\$20 for regular, student, retired and non-INFORMS members.
- AAS Vice Chair Senay Solak provided an overview of the revenue sharing agreement between AAS and TSL:
 - The AAS/TSL revenue sharing agreement, starting in 2008, included a dual membership structure. Anyone signing up for the TSL Air-SIG automatically became a member of AAS, and vice versa.
 - A number of challenges were encountered recently including administrative complications to INFORMS and revenue dilution to both AAS and TSL.
 - As a result, the revenue sharing agreement has now ended and the dual membership no longer applies to TSL Air-SIG and AAS.
 - As part of the deal, TSL will pay \$300 to AAS in 2014 and another \$300 in 2015.
 - Starting from 2015 membership, the members can register separately for both TSL Air-SIG and AAS. Default registration option for the current dual members will be both TSL Air-SIG and AAS.
 - Make sure to register for AAS separately when members renew their memberships.

- Farshid Azadian, AAS Cluster Chair for the 2014 INFORMS Annual Meeting, provided an overview of the organized sessions. The number of sessions and talks organized by AAS remains strong. Almost all the sessions this year had four talks each.
- On behalf of the AAS Dissertation Committee, committee chair Milind Sohoni announced Stephen Maher of the University of New South Wales to be the winner of the 2014 dissertation award, while Clayton Tino of Georgia Tech was presented with the Honorable Mention. The committee also included Alper Murat of Wayne State University, Vinayak Deshpande of UNC and Lavanya Marla of UIUC.
- AAS Secretary/Treasurer Vikrant Vaze provided an overview of the AAS Best Student Presentation Competition:
 - The competition was introduced in 2013 meeting and had a successful kickoff year with 10 entries from 7 universities across 3 countries. Alexandre Jacquillat from MIT was the 2013 competition winner while Yi Liu from UC Berkeley received an Honorable Mention in 2013 competition.
 - The 2014 competition again has 10 entries from 8 universities across 4 countries. The 2014 competition judging committee chair is Megan Ryerson from University of Pennsylvania and the committee also includes John-Paul Clarke from Georgia Tech, Amy Kim from University of Alberta and Anil Yelundur from MITRE. The winner will be announced after the conclusion of the 2014 INFORMS Annual Meeting.
- AAS Chair Thomas Vossen discussed the elections for officers, which will be announced by email notification after the conference. Senay Solak will become the Chair, Vikrant Vaze is running for Vice Chair/Chair Elect position and Andy Churchill is running for Secretary/Treasurer position. Other open positions include Cluster Chair, Dissertation Prize Chair, and Guest Editor for the AAS Newsletter.
- AAS Chair Thomas Vossen made an announcement that the keynote talk by Dr. Parimal Kopardekar of NASA will take place on Monday at 4:30pm.
- AAS Chair Thomas Vossen asked the members for any other business issues. One member mentioned that AAS can organize monthly webinars on relevant topics, and it was agreed that this could be an issue to follow up.
- Location and directions for the Dutch treat dinner, which will take place at Cupola Pizzeria, were announced.
- The meeting was adjourned.