

ICS Business Meeting Minutes

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Knoxville, TN

Recorded by Cole Smith

The meeting convened at 6:15pm, with Dr. Cole Smith presiding.

1. New Board members were announced
 - a. The two new members are Dr. Willem-Jan van Hoeve (CMU) and Dr. Juan Pablo Vielma (MIT).
 - b. They replace Dr. Simge Kucukyavuz, who served three years on the Board and is now serving as VP/President-Elect for ICS, and Dr. Laura Albert.
 - c. The interest in serving on the board was possibly unprecedented, and the community is truly grateful for the number of people willing to serve and lead the ICS.
2. Dr. Jim Ostrowski provided a brief summary of the conference. There were around 100 attendees, a special session and plenary dedicated to the career of Dr. Harvey J. Greenberg, five total plenary talks, and very few no-shows. Financials from the conference are not yet available; however, it is anticipated that the conference will do no worse than break even. The meeting attendees noted the smooth organization of the conference and applauded Dr. Ostrowski for his efforts in planning the conference.
3. There was healthy discussion regarding the next ICS Conference.
 - a. A call will go out in the next few weeks regarding nominations to host the next ICS Conference in 2021. The suggestion was made to have at least two co-chairs, because while a single chair can host the conference (as done in 2019), the effort by one person can be too onerous.
 - b. The timing of the conference may contribute to decreased attendance. While the 2019 ICS conference was successful in content, it had a lighter attendance than most recent events. Some typical attendees were attending a different workshop held simultaneously. Many others were dealing with the start of a new semester or quarter. The timing of the conference will be reviewed before the 2021 dates are set.
 - c. The publications associated with the conference should be revisited. Books were published in previous years, but not in 2017 or 2019. The suggestion was to determine what goal we wish to achieve with the publications first. Then, having established that goal, examine options (e.g., proceedings, extended abstracts, special journal issue, edited book, or just a normal abstract) that would best serve that goal. This discussion will be led by the 2021 conference chair alongside the ICS Board.
4. Dr. Alice Smith discussed plans for the INFORMS Journal on Computing. Her discussion followed a 30-minute forum on IJOC, and summarized an array of topics ranging from refereeing speed, new areas, and publication ethics.
5. The INFORMS Seattle Conference will have another cluster sponsored by the ICS. This cluster will be co-chaired by Dr. Simge Kucukyavuz and Dr. Merve Bodur. ICS members wishing to host a session should contact the co-chairs of that cluster to pitch their session ideas.
6. The Harvey J. Greenberg Service Award was discussed. After explaining the options and recapping the discussion in Phoenix regarding the creation of a Greenberg Research Award, Dr. Smith explained that there will be a vote to determine whether to rename the Harvey J. Greenberg Service Award to the *ICS Distinguished Service Award*. There would then be the creation of an (endowed) *ICS Harvey J. Greenberg Research Award*. If the vote does not pass, then the current award offerings through the ICS stay the same. If it does pass, then the

Greenberg Service Award stays as is for 2019, but starting in 2020, the new awards (Distinguished Service & Greenberg Research) would begin. This is subject to finding matching funds for Dr. Bill Pierskalla's \$20,000 gift to ICS that would endow the research award. Whatever is not matched will instead support the existing Pierskalla Award in INFORMS. The Board will create a formal award proposal and will circulate it to the ICS for an electronic vote. The ICS reiterates its gratitude to Dr. Pierskalla for his very generous support!