

INFORMS Computing Society Business Meeting
November 9, 2020

The meeting was held on Zoom from 5:45-6:45 PM ET during the INFORMS Annual Meeting – Virtual 2020. The chair, Simge Küçükyavuz, led the meeting. The slides used in the various presentations are to be posted on the ICS website. The meeting started with 47 attendees which rose to 89 after a few minutes.

Simge announced that the ICS Conference in Tamp originally scheduled for January 2021 would be moved to 2022.

The ICS awards were introduced by Simge and each in turn presented to the winners by the award committee chairs. The fORged-by-Machines Contest prizes were also awarded; this award is not an ICS award but was presented at our meeting because it aligns with our mission.

The secretary/treasurer, Mary Fenelon, thanked the outgoing board members and asked for nominations for two new board members and a newsletter editor/webmaster. Paul Brooks and Steve Dirkse were nominated. Nominations will be open for the next couple of weeks.

Mary gave the treasurer's report. Membership is down this year; this is true of INFORMS as a whole and most subdivisions and is attributed to COVID. The snapshot of the balance for September 2020 is up a bit from 2019 but meeting and award expenses are not yet reflected. There was a discrepancy in the 2019 balance due to the fORged-by-machines award; the expense was attributed to ICS but not the revenue from the sponsor. This has been corrected and will be reflected in the 2020 numbers.

Akshay Gupte, vice-chair, reported on the ICS-sponsored sessions at the Annual Meeting. The number is only about 40% of the usual number. A number of speakers dropped out when the meeting was changed to virtual.

Alice Smith, INFORMS Journal on Computing Editor, gave a status report on the journal. There are many positives with the outstanding negative the growing backlog. She has requested relief from INFORMS via an increased page budget. A highlight is the establishment of the Test of Time paper award.