

Minutes

Business Meeting of the INFORMS Computing Society San Antonio, November 6, 2000

Attendance

The following people signed the attendance sheet: John Chinneck, Arne Lokketangen, Dave Woodruff, Rex Kincaid, John Hooker, David Gay, Ariela Sofer, Michael Ferris, Hemant Bhargava, Chris Huntley, Rick Mathieu, Joe Creegan, Bob Fourer, S. Raghavan, Rudolf Muller, Barin Nag, Frederic Murphy, Harlan Crowder, Ted Ralphs, Fred Glover, Leon Lasdon, Laszlo Ladanyi, Robin Lougee-Heimer, Matthew Saltzman, Richard Barr, Nick Sahinidis, Bjarni Kristjansson, Dave Morton, Eli Olinick, Kevin Wood, Sheldon Jacobson, Karla Hoffman, Manuel Laguna, Sanjay Mehrotra, Jose Luis Gonzalez Velarde, Irv Lustig.

Opening

Irv Lustig, Chair, opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

ICS participation in the San Antonio meeting includes 13 sponsored sessions, of which 3 are dedicated to Carl Harris. A new tradition is beginning at this meeting: the winner of the ICS Prize will present a tutorial on the prize winning material at the next INFORMS meeting; Janos Pinter is presenting a tutorial at the San Antonio meeting.

ICS Officers 2000-2001

- *Chair*: Irv Lustig
- *Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect*: Dave Woodruff
- *Secretary/Treasurer*: John Chinneck
- *Newsletter editors*: Raghu Raghavan and Tom Wiggen

Board of Directors:

- Bruce Golden (-2001)
- Jeff Kennington (2001)
- Manuel Laguna (-2002)
- Eric Rolland (-2002)
- Sanjay Saigal (-2003)
- Hemant Bhargava (-2003)

Newsletter

Raghu Raghavan presented a report on the ICS Newsletter. A problem with the mail list delayed the distribution of the last edition of the newsletter. The question was posed as to whether the newsletter should be put behind a firewall so that it is available only to members.

It was moved (Chinneck, Creegan) that the newsletter should be distributed in electronic form only. After some discussion, the motion was defeated (12 for, 16 against, 4 abstentions).

Our site is hosted by INFORMS Online (IOL). This affects whether non-ICS people can be put on the ICS mailing list. One suggestion was that the non-ICS people should be kept on the newsletter mailing list, but that ICS membership should be automatically added to their next INFORMS membership renewal form.

It was moved (Raghavan, Kincaid) that only ICS members should be on the email distribution of the newsletter. Carried unanimously.

It might be possible to automatically generate a message about joining ICS for any non-ICS people who are currently on the email list, giving them until the end of the year to join before they are removed from the email list. Other variations to encourage people to join ICS to obtain the newsletter benefit were also discussed.

The next issue of the newsletter, about 20-24 pages in length, should be out mid-November.

INFORMS Journal on Computing

David Kelton, JoC Editor-in-Chief, reported on activities at the Journal. Highlights:

- A detailed report will appear in the next ICS Newsletter.
- Volume 12 (2000) has been published. 25 papers, 388 pages, memorial to Carl Harris.
- First ¾ of 2000: 64 submitted papers, 20 accepted, 34 rejected, 3 withdrawn, 78 in process. Backlog of 9 accepted papers. Several invited papers and 3 special issues are in the works.
- Web site is now at <http://joc.pubs.informs.org/> Much useful information there, including scanned back issues 1992-97 (Vols. 4-9). Vols. 1-3 to come by January 2001.
- Some area name changes, and changes to list of Associate Editors, Area Editors.
- Circulation is close to budget. 1772 subscribers if all INFORMS Pubs-Online suite subscribers are counted (832 if the IPOL subscribers are not counted). 11 paying institutional subscribers.
- Expenses are well under budget.

ICS Prize

Dave Shanno will be the chair of the next ICS Prize Committee. The next award will be given at the Miami meeting in fall 2001.

Bylaw Changes

Certain bylaw changes are necessitated by the change in the INFORMS meeting format to one general meeting per year.

It was moved (Creegan, Sofer) that Article IV, Section 2 be changed as follows:

2. Terms of Office. All terms begin at the conclusion of the fall ICS Business meeting, a) The terms of the Chair and Vice Chair are two years, and no person may serve as Vice Chair immediately after having served a full term as Chair. b) The term of the Secretary/Treasurer is

two years, and no person may serve more than two consecutive terms. c) The term for ICS Board members other than the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer is three years, and two of these members are elected each year. All offices and Board seats must be occupied by distinct persons, except that a Board member who is elected Vice Chair or Secretary/Treasurer may retain his/her seat on the Board.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved (Creegan, Laguna) that the terms of office be amended as follows:

A. The Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer whose terms began at the end of the Spring, 2000, ICS Business Meeting will have a term of 18 months, with a change in officers at the end of the Fall, 2001, ICS Business Meeting.

B. The Secretary/Treasurer whose term began at the end of the Spring, 2000 ICS Business Meeting, can serve one additional term beginning at the end of the Fall, 2001, ICS Business Meeting, provided that Amendment 1 is approved by the membership.

Carried unanimously.

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

There has been a downward trend in ICS membership, as shown in the following table. This trend is similar to the downward trend in INFORMS membership as a whole.

| Year | ICS Members |
|-------------|--------------------|
| 1997 | 673 |
| 1998 | 589 |
| 1999 | 533 |
| 2000 | 495 |

The financial statements as at June 30, 2000 were summarized. See table on next page.

The minutes of the ICS Business meeting in Salt Lake City were approved.

Next ICS Conference

The ICS Conference is traditionally held in January every 2 years; on this schedule the next meeting would be January 2002. However, the next INFORMS Practice Meeting will be held in May 2002. We have some options:

- Piggyback on the INFORMS Practice Meeting in May 2002. INFORMS can help with logistics, but the location will not be decided until March 2001.
- Hold our own meeting in January 2002.
- Hold our own meeting in January 2003.

After much discussion, we have decided to target January 2003 for the next meeting. A “call for chair” will go out soon. We will check the exact date in January 2001 when more is known about the dates of future INFORMS meetings.

It is important to keep the costs of the ICS conference down. One idea is to perhaps co-ordinate with the INFORMS Optimization society.

| | At June 30/00 | Audited 1999 | Audited 1998 | Audited 1997 |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| REVENUES | -\$212.51 | \$3,502.09 | \$5,272.18 | \$4,306.39 |
| Dues (individuals) | \$2,411.00 | \$2,903.00 | \$1,434.00 | \$3,480.00 |
| Dues/contributions (corporate) | | | -\$500.00 | |
| meetings receipts | -\$2,623.51 | | \$3,385.85 | |
| interest | | \$599.09 | \$677.33 | \$826.39 |
| other | | | \$275.00 | |
| EXPENSES | \$3,738.98 | \$4,664.78 | \$8,395.19 | \$3,610.94 |
| newsletter - HQ labor | \$73.50 | \$128.69 | \$13.68 | |
| newsletter - production | | | \$136.06 | |
| newsletter - printing | \$1,287.99 | \$2,014.35 | \$3,377.42 | \$960.92 |
| newsletter - postage/ mailing | \$164.87 | \$1,029.93 | \$2,701.67 | \$349.95 |
| balloting | \$57.25 | | \$192.94 | \$757.48 |
| national meeting (receptions) | \$396.20 | \$351.03 | \$670.51 | \$747.24 |
| award | \$1,000.00 | \$1,116.08 | \$1,302.91 | \$594.73 |
| supplies/copying/postage | \$259.17 | \$24.70 | | \$200.62 |
| contributions to journals | \$500.00 | | | |
| Ending Balance | \$9,912.92 | \$13,864.41 | \$15,027.10 | \$18,150.11 |

ICS and Future Meetings

The INFORMS International Meeting will be held June 17-20 in Maui, Hawaii. See Dave Woodruff about ICS sponsored sessions for this meeting.

The next general INFORMS meeting will be in Miami in the fall of 2001. See Dave Woodruff about ICS sponsored sessions for this meeting.

There is a CIST meeting to me held in Miami for which there are ICS sponsorship opportunities. We could provide financial support, provide access to the ICS member list, or cosponsor the conference.

Other Items

Matt Saltzman will work on getting the minutes of the ICS Business Meetings online at the ICS site.