

Minutes

Business Meeting of the INFORMS Computing Society

Miami, November 5, 2001

Attendance

The following ICS members signed the attendance sheet: John Chinneck, Renate Monteiro, Yin Zhang, Brian Borchers, Ed Wasil, Bruce Golden, Hemant Bhargava, David Morton, Bill Stewart, Rex Kincaid, Bob Fourer, Karla Hoffman, Harlan Crowder, Ray Patterson, Arne Lokketangen, Kevin Wood, Bjarni Kristjansson, Stavros Zenios, David M. Gay, Carol Tretkoff, Ted Ralphs, David Woodruff, Ariela Sofer, David Shanno, Irv Lustig, David Kelton, Sanjay Saigal, Robert Vanderbei, Robin Lougee-Heimer, Gautam Mitra, Frederic Murphy.

The following non-ICS members signed the attendance sheet: William Hart, Thomas McLoud, Hande Benson, Michael Trosset, Martin Durbin, Melissa Dunford, Steve Billups, Harvey Greenberg.

Opening

Irv Lustig, Chair, opened the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

ICS Prize

Given the availability of the INFORMS photographers, the presentation of the ICS Prize was moved to the beginning of the agenda. The 2000 IFNORMS Computing Society Prize for Research Excellence was awarded to Renato D.C. Monteiro and Yin Zhang for their paper *A Unified Analysis for a Class of Long-Step Primal-Dual Path-Following Interior-Point Algorithms for Semidefinite Programming*, which appeared in *Mathematical Programming* 81 (1998) pp. 281-299.

ICS Officers 2001-2002

The term for chair Irv Lustig has expired, as have the terms for the newsletter editors. Ariela Sofer is newly elected and John Chinneck has been re-elected. The officers for 2001-2002 are:

- *Chair*: Dave Woodruff
- *Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect*: Ariela Sofer
- *Secretary/Treasurer*: John Chinneck
- *Newsletter Editors*: vacant

Board of Directors:

The board terms for Bruce Golden and Jeff Kennington have expired. Newly elected board members are Bob Fourer and Brian Borchers. The board for 2001-2002 is as follows:

- Hemant Bhargava (-2003)
- Brian Borchers (-2004)
- Bob Fourer (-2004)

- Manuel Laguna (-2002)
- Eric Rolland (-2002)
- Sanjay Saigal (-2003)

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

It was moved (Sofer, Shano) that the minutes of the November 6, 2000 meeting in San Antonio be accepted as corrected. Carried.

The unaudited financial statements as at June 30, 2001 were presented. These are shown in the attached appendix.

The secretary/treasurer suggested that members include a link to the ICS web site on their own homepages. The ICS website is at <http://www.informs.org/subdiv/Society/ICS>.

INFORMS Journal on Computing

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

- Detailed report to appear in the fall 2001 ICS Newsletter.
- Volume 13 (2001) included 392 pages. Fourth issue has complete index.
- Flow of papers: 81 submissions, up 21% over last year. 104 submissions in last 12 months. Rejection rate at 71%, up from 60% last year. One feature article, one special paper, and two special issues in process. Backlog of 6 accepted papers.
- Web site heavily used by authors. Two entries in the online supplements section. All full papers 1989-1997 now available online for free, 1998-present via subscription to IPOL. There is an "Internal Procedures" website with instructions on handling papers.
- New Area Editors: Susan Sanchez (Simulation) and Prakash Mirchandani (Telecommunications). Three Associate Editors rotated out, seven new ones appointed.
- Page style changed to conform with *Management Science* and other INFORMS journals. New production process, new compositor, use author files; very good page proofs result, almost always perfect.
- Finances: revenues of \$92k vs. expenses of \$75k. Subscriptions are up (non-IPOL 555 vs. 531 last year, IPOL 1004 vs. 940 last year, institutional 292 vs. 291 last year). Four new institutional sponsors replace a couple who dropped out. Release time for Kelton and half-time editorial assistant funded by the University of Cincinnati through summer 2001.
- Plans: accomplished most plans from last year (back-issues scanned, new page style, new production process, maturing website). Future: special issues and special papers to come to fruition, work on increasing library subscriptions, continue to improve paper flow and turnaround.

Discussion topics included the file size of the scanned back issue papers.

ICS Newsletter

Current co-editors are Raghu Raghavan and Tom Wiggen. Next issue to be in the mail by mid-November. 16 pages. Already available electronically.

There was a discussion of the newsletter publishing costs. Harvey Greenberg suggested that we publish a paper edition of the newsletter than coincides with the INFORMS annual meeting, but publish the other issues via email only.

New editors are needed.

ICS Conference

The next ICS conference will be held January 8-10, 2003 in Phoenix, Arizona. The conference chairs are Nong Ye and Hemant Bhargava. The theme is *Optimization and Information Technology in the Network Era*.

Proceedings will be published by Kluwer.

Remarks by New Chair

David Woodruff thanked Irv Lustig for a successful term as Chair, and Tom Wiggen and Raghu Raghavan for their excellent efforts as newsletter editors. He also invited members to volunteer to chair sessions for the ICS conference. He can be reached at DLWoodruff@UCDavis.edu.

Closing

It was moved (Shanno, Crowder) that the meeting be adjourned. Carried at 6:45 p.m.

INFORMS Computing Society
Financial Statement as at June 30, 2001

Summary

	June 30, 2001	Audited 2000	Audited 1999	Audited 1998	Audited 1997
REVENUES	\$2,227.00	\$3,229.52	\$3,502.09	\$5,272.18	\$4,306.39
dues (individuals)	\$2,227.00	\$2,619.00	\$2,903.00	\$1,434.00	\$3,480.00
dues/contributions (corporate)				-\$500.00	
meetings receipts		-\$11.04		\$3,385.85	
interest		\$621.56	\$599.09	\$677.33	\$826.39
other				\$275.00	
EXPENSES	\$2,846.15	\$5,043.37	\$4,664.78	\$8,395.19	\$3,610.94
newsletter - HQ labor	\$44.50	\$73.50	\$128.69	\$13.68	
newsletter - production	*\$21.00			\$136.06	
newsletter - printing	\$2,780.65	\$1,287.99	\$2,014.35	\$3,377.42	\$960.92
newsletter - postage/mailing		\$723.31	\$1,029.93	\$2,701.67	\$349.95
balloting		\$57.25		\$192.94	\$757.48
national meeting (receptions)		\$1,142.15	\$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	\$11,431.41	\$12,050.56	\$13,864.41	\$15,027.10	\$18,150.11

*non-billable labor