

Minutes

Business Meeting of the INFORMS Computing Society

San José, November 18, 2002

Attendance

The following ICS members signed the attendance sheet: John Chinneck, Ariela Sofer, Irv Lustig, Dick Barr, Gordon Bradley, David Gay, Bob Fourer, Ted Ralphs, Jonathan Owen, Frederic Murphy, Jonathan Jacobs, Andrew Kusiak, Gary Folven, Sheldon Jacobson, Abhijit Gosavi, Nick Sahinidis, Hong Seo Ryoo, Jeff Arthur, John Stone, Kevin Wood, Jan Karel Lenstra, John Hooker, Manuel Laguna, Bjarni Kristjansson, Jonathan Eckstein, John Gregory, Leyuan Shi.

The following non-ICS members signed the attendance sheet: Lou Hafer, Pascal van Hentenryck, Stephen Billups.

Opening

David Woodruff, Chair, opened the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Board Members

Chair: Dave Woodruff

Vice-Chair/Chair elect: Ariela Sofer

Secretary/Treasurer: John Chinneck

Acting Newsletter editor: David Woodruff

Board of Directors:

Karen Aardal (-2005)

Robin Lougee-Heimer (-2005)

Bob Fourer (-2004)

Brian Borchers (-2004)

Sanjay Saigal (-2003)

Hemant Bhargava (-2003)

Minutes of November 2001 Meeting

It was **moved** (Brown, Barr) that the minutes of the November 2001 meeting be approved (with a correction to the spelling of Shanno). Carried.

ICS Prize

The 2002 INFORMS Computing Society Prize for research excellence in the interface between operations research and computer science was awarded to Pascal van Hentenryck, Brown University, for his many contributions to the field of constraint programming and its integration into operations research. The prize committee members were Kevin Wood (chair), David Morton, and Manuel Laguna.

ICS Conference 2003

Hemant Bhargava reported on the plans for the 2003 ICS conference in Phoenix Arizona. The title is “Optimization and Computation in the Network Era”. The venue is the Sheraton San Marcos Resort and Convention Center. Fourteen papers will appear in the edited volume. John Hooker will present a plenary on a “General Framework for Combining Solution Methods” and there will be tutorials on Computational Biology (Harvey Greenberg), XML for Modeling and Optimization (Gordon Bradley), Scatter Search (Manuel Laguna), and Computing and Mechanism Design Problems (Rudolf Müller).

INFORMS Atlanta 2003

Ariela Sofer reported on plans for the INFORMS Annual Meeting in Atlanta in November 2003. It will be held November 19-22. March is the deadline for sessions, and May 15 is the abstracts deadline. Members are requested to submit sessions to Ozlem Ergun.

Dues

David Woodruff led a discussion about the ICS dues, currently set at \$7 per year for regular members. The main expense is printing/distributing the newsletter. Other expenses include the ICS prize, support for the INFORMS Journal on Computing, and receptions at the annual business meeting. We may also wish to raise discretionary money via the dues. Should the dues be raised?

Each printed newsletter will require a dues increase of about \$5 per year. A discussion followed on moving to an all-electronic format. It was **moved** (Barr, Chinneck) that the Society not use dues money to print the newsletter. Carried unanimously.

Given the decision to move to an electronic format for the newsletter, dues will not be raised.

INFORMS Journal on Computing Report

John Chinneck presented the ICS Journal on Computing report on behalf of David Kelton, who did not attend the conference. A copy of his remarks is attached.

Journal Support

There was a discussion of whether the ICS should continue supporting the INFORMS Journal on Computing, given its healthy finances. There was general backing for continuing our support and affiliation.

Vice Chairs of Areas of Interest

John Chinneck proposed the idea of establishing vice chairs of specific areas of interest, e.g. constraint programming, XML for modeling, etc. This is similar to the system used in the Optimization Section. The goal is to promote a community feeling among the members.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

John Chinneck presented the Secretary/Treasurer's report. A summary of the current state of the finances is attached as an appendix. There was a general discussion of methods to raise more funding.

It was **moved** (Lustig, Laguna) that the meeting be adjourned. Carried at 7:01 p.m.

INFORMS Computing Society

Financial Statement as at June 30, 2002

Summary

	<i>June 30, 2002</i>	Audited 2001	Audited 2000	Audited 1999	Audited 1998	Audited 1997
REVENUES	\$2,372.00	\$2,400.42	\$3,229.52	\$3,502.09	\$5,272.18	\$4,306.39
dues (individuals)		\$2,119.00	\$2,619.00	\$2,903.00	\$1,434.00	\$3,480.00
dues/contributions (corporate)	\$2,372.00				-\$500.00	
meetings receipts			-\$11.04		\$3,385.85	
interest		\$281.42	\$621.56	\$599.09	\$677.33	\$826.39
other					\$275.00	
EXPENSES	\$417.85	\$5,618.88	\$5,043.37	\$4,664.78	\$8,395.19	\$3,610.94
newsletter - HQ labor	146.35	\$44.50	\$73.50	\$128.69	\$13.68	
newsletter - production					\$136.06	
newsletter - printing	271.50	\$3,090.65	\$1,287.99	\$2,014.35	\$3,377.42	\$960.92
newsletter - postage/ mailing		\$1,072.48	\$723.31	\$1,029.93	\$2,701.67	\$349.95
balloting		\$8.65	\$57.25		\$192.94	\$757.48
national meeting (receptions)		\$402.60	\$1,142.15	\$351.03	\$670.51	\$747.24
award		\$1,000.00	\$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	\$10,786.25	* \$8,832.10	\$12,050.56	\$13,864.41	\$15,027.10	\$18,150.11

* some question here: might be higher by \$434.00. Under investigation at INFORMS.

Report on *INFORMS Journal on Computing*

David Kelton, Editor-in-Chief (via John Chinneck)

Nov. 2002, San Jose conference, ICS business meeting

More detail: *ICS Newsletter*

- Publication of Volume 14 (2002)
 - All four issues on time
 - 22 papers, 448 pages (exactly on budget), up from last two years
 - 4th issue: *Special Issue on the Merging of Mathematical Programming and Constraint Programming*, Guest-Edited by John Chinneck
 - One Feature Paper with three Commentaries and a Rejoinder, one Research Perspective

- Flow of papers – over last 12-month period
 - 86 submissions (was 104 in prior 12 months)
 - Finished processing on 89 papers (was 70 in prior 12 months), of which 36 were acceptances
 - Backlog stands at 27 papers (after 4th 2002 issue)
- Website
 - Pretty plain-vanilla, but is functioning well
 - Preparing manuscripts, forthcoming papers, Area editorial statements, roster of all people, back issues, online supplements (grew from two to four)
 - Unadvertised site for internal procedures
 - Referees, Associate Editors, Area Editors, Editor-in-Chief
 - Ongoing project for an online subject/keyword index for entire history of journal
 - No need for online submission forms, reviewing, tracking

- People
 - Area Editors unchanged since last report
 - 4 Associate Editors stepped down
 - 5 new Associate Editors appointed
 - EiC reappointed for a second three-year term
- Production process
 - Continues to move very smoothly
 - Thanks to authors for formatting and supplying good files
 - Page proofs are almost always almost perfect
 - INFORMS has brought production in-house, via a key hire

- Finances

- Close of 2001: revenue = \$110K, expenses = \$77K
 - \$77K expenses include \$10K overhead to INFORMS
 - Institutional Sponsorship at \$3500 down from \$4500
- So far in 2002: revenue = \$90K, expenses = \$45K
 - Subject to vagaries of timing of postings

- Circulation

- Total = 1,907
 - = 1,045 IPOL suite + 862 JOC-only (union of print, online)
 - The 862 is up from 555 last year
 - The 862 includes 297 libraries, up from 292 last year

- Plans

- Complete online global keyword-index project
- Encourage Area Editors to expand submissions creatively