

## **INFORMS Computing Society Business Meeting**

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Phoenix, AZ

Recorded by Mary Fenelon

Cole Smith, ICS Chair, opened the meeting at 6:15 by welcoming members in attendance and presenting the agenda.

### **1. Announcements**

- a. All were invited to the COIN-OR Cup celebration immediately following the ICS meeting.
- b. The INFORMS Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion provided data on ICS membership, taken from the INFORMS membership database. Cole urged members to provide diversity data so that we have an accurate assessment.
  - i. Of those who declared a gender:
    1. 23% women and 77% men, out of those who declared a gender
  - ii. Of those who declared an ethnicity:
    1. 49% White, Caucasian
    2. 43% Asian
    3. 6% Hispanic
    4. 2% African-American, Black
    5. < 1% Other

### **2. Awards**

- a. The ICS Prize was awarded to James V. Burke and Frank E. Curtis, Adrian S. Lewis, and Michael L. Overton for their pioneering work on gradient sampling methods for nonsmooth optimization. James Burke and Frank Curtis accepted the award.
  - b. The ICS Student Paper Award was awarded to Aleksandr M. Kazachkov for his paper *V-Polyhedral Disjunctive Cuts*. Honorable mentions were given to Colin Gill and to Chris Lourenco.
3. **Officer Nominations.** Secretary-Treasurer Mary Fenelon thanked Laura Albert and Simge Küçükyavuz for their service as board members. She then took nominations from the floor for the two open board positions and announced that further nominations would be accepted for a couple of weeks.
  4. **Treasurer's Report.** The society balance was \$60,047 at the end of September, an increase of about \$3500 from 2017. Yearly expenses (business meeting, awards, journal support) are balanced by membership dues; growth in the balance has been due to successful ICS conferences.
  5. **INFORMS Journal on Computing**
    - a. David Woodruff, outgoing editor, reported on the journal's status. Submission numbers are stable, review times are coming down but still too long, and journal impact has improved to 1.392. Acceptance rate is 38%.
    - b. Alice Smith, incoming editor, noted that some changes in area definitions were made and that all area editors are in place. Her goals include more information sharing on journal statistics, video meetings with area editors, reduced review time, and improvements to the journal website.
  6. **2018 INFORMS Meeting ICS Cluster.** Simge Küçükyavuz reported that this year's cluster had 19 sessions and 77 talks.

7. **2019 ICS Conference.** Conference chair Jim Ostrowski encouraged attendance at the conference in January in Knoxville, TN. He reported that there are 110 talks and still room for a few more. There will be a special session and plenary in honor of the late Harvey Greenberg.
8. **New Award.** Cole discussed a proposal made to ICS for a new award for innovative applications in honor of Harvey Greenberg. The proposer has offered to match donations to a specified limit to endow the award. ICS already has an award to honor Harvey, the biannual ICS Distinguished Service Award. Comments from the membership were generally in favor of going forward with the new award. Cole will work with the donor and INFORMS to prepare a formal proposal which would then be presented to the ICS membership for approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30