Minutes taken by Youngho Lee, Secretary, INFORMS Technical Section on Telecommunications

Meeting called by the Chair Eli Olinick (Southern Methodist University)

Present at the meeting: Youngho Lee (Korea University), Luis Gouveia (University of Lisboa), Stefan Voss (University of Hamburg), Ben Peterson (Level 3), Larry Leblanc (Vanderbilt University), Anant Balakrishnan (University of Texas), S. Raghavan (University of Maryland), Abdullah Konak (Penn State University), Ivan Guardiola (Texas Tech University), Raja Jayaraman (University of Arkansas), Amanda Baty (Texas Tech), Timothy Matis (Texas Tech), Michel Gendreau (Polytechnique Montreal)

The chair thanked outgoing officers, Stefan Voss, and the member of the council Abdullah Konak and Youngho Lee

Treasurer's Report (updated by 4th Quarter Report)

For the twelve months ending on December 31, 2010, the audited retained earnings statement shows a staring balance of $44,198.38, a meeting deficit of $151.10 for the 10th INFORMS Telecommunications Conference, a net revenue of $1,575.38, net expenses of $2,149.99 resulting in an ending balance off $44,472.67.

INFORMS Austin, 2010:

- The chair thanked Abdullah for organizing cluster, INFORMS Austin, 2010. A joint session with computing society on Tuesday was announced.
- Abdullah Konak and Ivan Guardiola were nominated as the cluster chairs for the next INFORMS North Carolina in 2011. Chair's comment: volunteering for the cluster chair is a good way to get to know some of the other people from telecom society. He will also help out as much as possible.

Montreal Conference Review:

- May of 2010, the Montreal conference was held. Brigitte Jaumard was the main chair. Bernard Gendron was the co-chair. 18 technical sessions, and 6 plenary sessions were held.
- The dissertation award was given to Fabio D'andreaqiovanni. Hanan Luss contributed his time to read the dissertation and to help make the decision. Anyone who is planning to graduate between now until next conference is eligible for this award. And they should
be encouraged to submit something before our next conference in 2012.

- Brigitte Jaumard did a nice job of keeping the cost down. The budget report is un-audited to date.
- A business meeting was held in Montreal conference regarding fading number of conference attendees, and how something is not right and something must be done about it.
- An idea of maybe changing or adding telecommunication and network, or networks optimization into the conference title was suggested. We either expand and bring people from other areas, or consider a name change or adding other wording to the name of the conference.
  - To get IEEE participants we definitely need to have some sort of publications. Brigitte thought people will not attend a conference unless there is a conference volume.
  - We need to think about how we can make telecom conference different from cluster of INFORMS. Adding plenary speakers might add value to conference. Couple of speakers at the Montreal in the industry told about new problems which can add a lot of value especially if we can advertise well ahead of time.

2012 Conference:

- Going back to Boca Raton in 2012 was agreed upon. Larry Leblanc made the move to meet in Boca Raton, and it was seconded by Stefan Voss. Eli Olinick is the general chair, and Luis Gouveia and Mauricio Resende will be the co-chairs. Cole Smith is sort of going to do the local arrangements chair but will not be in the lead.
- It will also be helpful to have someone take the leadership in plenary chair, workshop chair. Members of program committee should help try to bring session members. Deciding on the dates for the conference will be done off line. But the usual time frame has been early March.
- Things to consider: spring break in Florida Atlantic area, rates which are related to spring break, and make sure to run through list of other conferences around that time so not to have conflicts on date of major conferences. Place of the conference is to be decided but most agreed Sheraton was a little better in respect to the quality of the people and its staff.

Conference volume:

- Stefan suggested having a volume ready at the conference, and having a special issue of the best papers after the conference. Twice in the past the telecommunication systems
journal was published, but it took time and people complained a lot about it. Twice we also went with Wiley. But for the future we would like to have the book ready at the conference which will be a nice benefit, and possibly use Springer as the publisher.

- The deadline for the papers to appear in the volume should be at least three months in advance of the conference for round of reading and refereeing. The Council will have to announce the conference date well in advance in order to set the date for the paper deadlines.
- The chair will speak to Springer regarding the volume since other sections such as mathematics were also looking into publishing conference volume.

INOC 2011:

- International Network Optimization Conference will be held from June 13 – 16. Conference itself is only two days. No official web address has been set as of yet, but should be announced within the next two weeks.