

Section on Multiple Criteria Decision Making Business Meeting Notes

INFORMS Annual Meeting, Austin, TX
November 7, 2010

In attendance: 18 INFORMS Section on MCDM members, and about 15 non-members

The Business Meeting started with introductory remarks by the President, Murat Köksalan, who then introduced the other founding officers of the section: Hannele Wallenius and Esma Gel. Murat quickly went over the objectives of the section and encouraged active involvement of members. He mentioned that the Section enjoyed an enrollment of over 100 members (124 as of November 23, 2010) in a short period of time and indicated his hope to increase membership further, by having current members encouraging others to join. To become a member, visit:

https://online.informs.org/informsssa/informsmempubssarenew.choose?p_cust_id=1234

If you wish to become a member of the MCDM Section only (without becoming a member of INFORMS) fill out the forms and select "Community Only Member" when you are asked the membership type.

As future activities, organizing a big MCDM cluster and tutorials at the INFORMS meeting in Charlotte, NC 2011 and succeeding INFORMS conferences, publishing special MCDM issues in highly ranked journals, establishing an MCDM award were discussed.

The flyer prepared to publicize the Section was distributed during the meeting. Murat thanked Johannes Siebert (from Universität Bayreuth, Germany) for preparing the flyer. Murat announced the elected officers for the year 2011 as

President:	Murat Köksalan
Vice President:	Jyrki Wallenius
Secretary/Treasurer:	Esma Gel

The elected board members are Stan Zionts (3-year term), Jim Dyer (3-year term confirmed by the vote in the business meeting), Harold Benson (2-year term confirmed by the vote in the business meeting), Hannele Wallenius (2-year term), Mark Karwan (1-year term), Larry Seiford (1-year term).

The group briefly discussed financial outlook for the section, and there was consensus on engaging in activities to raise funds for various events such as the business meeting reception at INFORMS and a possible future award (to be further discussed by the Board Members of the Section).

Since this is the first year of the section and since there are no financial activities to be reported, a financial report was not prepared. In subsequent years, a financial report will be presented.

Several issues were raised during the discussions:

- Board members will discuss and suggest potential activities that will further the goals of the Section. One idea is to contact other INFORMS sections and societies to learn about their successful activities (Mark Karwan suggested this and may take the lead on this).
- Relations with other INFORMS communities were discussed. Decision Analysis Society and Optimization Society are closely related communities and the desire to collaborate with them were expressed by the officers as well as members. We have members who are active in the Decision Analysis Society (Ahti Salo and Jim Dyer) and we will further discuss possible activities for our mutual benefit.

The slides used in the meeting are available from the Section's web site (<http://www.informs.org/Community/MCDM>).

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