

Section on Multiple Criteria Decision Making Business Meeting Notes INFORMS Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, October 6, 2013

In attendance: 35 INFORMS Section on MCDM members, and about 10 non-members

The Business Meeting started with an introduction by the President, Ralph Steuer, who then presented the other current officers of the section: Pekka Korhonen (VP) and Gilberto Montibeller (Treasurer/Secretary).

The President presented succinctly the section and encouraged active involvement of members. He indicated his aim to increase membership further, and the importance of attracting new people to the field, by having current members encouraging others to join.

The membership is open to anyone interested in MCDM. To become a member or to renew your membership for 2013, visit <https://online.informs.org/informsssa/>. The dues for 2014 are \$5 for INFORMS members and \$7 for others. You can be a Section member without being an INFORMS member. Officers need to be INFORMS members.

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.

The MCDM Section in the Phoenix conference had a *Sponsored Cluster*, with 10 sessions, including 34 talks (starting Sunday morning, ending Tuesday noon).

The ballot results from the online voting were announced by the President:

- VP (2014): Matthias Ehrgott. Lancaster University, UK. President for 2015 (to succeed Pekka Korhonen)
- Board members (3-year terms)
 - Luiz Gomes, Instituto Brasileiro de Mercado de Capias, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil.
 - Danielle Morais, Federal University of Pernambuco, Recife, Brasil.
- Treasurer/Secretary: Johannes Siebert. University of Bayreuth, Germany.

They received a "welcome on board, congratulations!" from the President.

The board member are:

James Dyer, Matthias Ehrgott, Murat Köksalan, Roman Slowinski, Theodor Stewart, Margaret Wiecek. At the end of the year James and Murat will be stepping down. They will be replaced by Luiz Gomes and Danielle Morais. Ralph Steuer will continue as ex officio board member for 2014 as Past President.

Gilberto Montibeller reported that the Section is financially in good shape.

It was discussed to change the duration of the presidents from one to two year duration.

Gilberto Montibeller renewed the idea to introduce a MCDM student award in 2014 to attract young researchers to the field.

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