

Section on Multiple Criteria Decision Making Business Meeting Notes INFORMS Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pa, November 1, 2015

In attendance: 40 INFORMS Section and MCDM members and about 10 non-members

President Matthias Ehrgott opened the Business Meeting and presented the other current officers of the Section: Margaret Wiecek (VP) and Johannes Siebert (Treasurer/Secretary).

The President emphasized the importance of the Section and encouraged an active involvement of members. He argued that it is important to attract more members to MCDM and suggested that current members should encourage others to join.

The membership is open to anyone interested in MCDM. To become a member or to renew your membership for 2016, visit <https://online.informs.org/informsssa/>. The dues for 2016 are \$5 for INFORMS members and \$7 for others. One can be a Section member without being an INFORMS member, however, Section Officers need to be INFORMS members.

Anyone wishing to become a member of the MCDM Section without becoming a member of INFORMS should select “Community Only Member” in the application form.

In the Philadelphia conference, the MCDM Section organized a *Sponsored Cluster* with 14 sessions including 50 talks (starting Sunday morning, ending Wednesday noon). The Section is grateful to Margaret Wiecek who volunteered to organize the cluster for the next conference in Nashville in 2016.

The President reported that the Section is financially in good shape.

It was not possible to announce the results of the election since INFORMS could not provide them on time for the elections that ended right before the conference on 28th of October. The results will be sent to the members as soon as they are available.

Within the last months, the Section officers updated the bylaws including:

- Changes to terms of president and vice president (two years), secretary/treasurer (two years)
- Minor changes to dates to conduct elections
- Election committee proposes 1 nominee for each office to be filled

The changes were approved by all board members, and also by INFORMS subject to minor edits due to the independent changes in the INFORMS model bylaws. The participants of the business meeting accepted all these changes unanimously.

The President proposed some ideas for introducing Section awards. A lively and engaging discussion of these ideas ensued. The participating members agreed then that the award should be an INFORMS award with a focus on young researchers.

The hosts of the MCDA/M Summer School 2016 in Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil (July 18th–July 29th, 2016) encouraged PhD-students to participate in the School in Brazil. For more details see: <http://cdsid.org.br/mc-summer-school2016/>

The President closed the session with announcements for the upcoming interesting scientific events in the field of MCDM:

- MOPGP11, 13-15 December 2015, Tlemcen, Algeria
- Third workshop on exact methods for multi-objective optimization, Lancaster, June 2016
- 12th MCDM/A Summer School, 18-29 July 2016, Recife, Brazil
- INFORMS International, 12-15 June 2016, Hawaii (an invitation for the Cluster Chair was extended)
- INFORMS 2016, 13-16 November, Nashville
- MCDM 2017, 10-14 July, Ottawa
- INFORMS 2017, 22-15 October, Houston
- MCDM 2019, Istanbul

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