

# *MSOM Business Meeting Minutes, INFORMS Spring Conference*

*April 27, 1998. (Montreal)*

1. Mark Spearman opened the meeting.
2. Motion to approve the minutes of the October 27, 1997 business meeting in Dallas was made, seconded and approved.
3. Harry Groenevelt reported on the financial results for 1997. The year-end balance was \$37,538. (It turned out the \$3500 in other income for the 1997 calendar year was indeed the positive balance from the 1996 *MSOM* conference.)
4. Mark Spearman announced the results of the officer elections. As Executive VP/President Elect for the past year, John McClain will move up to become the new president. The new officers are:  
  
Executive VP/ President Elect: Nick Hall  
  
Vice President Meetings and Communications: M. Eric Johnson  
  
Secretary/Treasurer: Harry Groenevelt (unopposed, re-elected)
5. Mark Spearman announced that the *MSOM* membership voted overwhelmingly (91% in favor) to change the status of the organization to a Society. Our new name will be: *Manufacturing and Service Operations Management Society: An INFORMS Organization*.
6. Derek Atkins reported on the *MSOM* '98 conference to be held in Seattle on June 29 and 30, 1998. 45 papers have been accepted. The *MSOM* '98 conference will be preceded by the Multi-Echelon Inventory Conference on June 28.
7. John McClain presented the 1998 *MSOM* Distinguished Service Award to John A. Buzacott for meritorious service toward the founding and development of the *MSOM* Section of *INFORMS*. John has been active in our Section since before it was *MSOM*. He was President for a year, provided the inspiration for the first conference, and was largely responsible for getting ORSA/TIMS/ *INFORMS* to launch the new journal. John has been an exemplary role model for many of us in the field and richly deserves this award.
8. Lee Schwarz reported on the *M&SOM* journal. The journal is now receiving manuscript submissions at a rate of 125 per year, 4 manuscripts have been accepted, and 25 are in revision. The average cycle time for reporting back to authors is 28.4 days with a maximum of less than 90 days. Lee expects the first issue to appear this year.
9. Rachel Zhang reported on the *MSOM* cluster for the Fall 1998 *INFORMS* conference in Seattle. There are currently 15 sessions scheduled.
10. Tim Smunt reported on the *MSOM* cluster for the Spring 1999 *INFORMS* conference in Cincinnati. He expects 24-26 sessions to be scheduled. He invited members to propose Panel Discussions (there are none scheduled so far) and Tutorials (1 so far). Deadline for titles is June 1, 1998.
11. Sridhar Tayur graciously consented to act as the chair for the student paper competition this year.
12. No cluster chair for the *INFORMS* meeting in Philadelphia (Fall 1999) has been identified yet.

13. Mike Magazine announced that *INFORMS* will change the format of the current meetings starting in the year 2000. There will be one National Meeting each year, similar to the current meetings, and a second meeting will be quite different and more practice oriented. The details are still to be worked out.
14. The *MSOM* year 2000 Summer Meeting will be held at the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor) in July. Mention was made of a desire expressed in the past by Steve Nahmias to organize the *MSOM* meeting at the University of California at Santa Clara. This would be a good possibility for 2001.
15. A proposal was made to institute additional awards to be given out by *MSOM* (or the successor Society). With 2 votes opposed and many in favor a motion was adopted to create the award of Society Fellow. Wally Hopp agreed to chair a committee to set up the rules for awarding these awards and for proposing additional awards.
16. Larry Seiford (National Science Foundation) asked for proposals for the next round of research grants to be given out by NSF. The deadline is October 1, 1998. He also asked for volunteers to help in refereeing proposals. This is a great opportunity to become better acquainted with the award granting process and will assist in writing better proposals.
17. Outgoing president Mark Spearman handed over the proverbial gavel to the new *MSOM* president, John McClain. As his first official act, John declared the meeting closed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Harry Groenevelt*

Secretary / Treasurer