

MSOM Business Meeting Minutes, *INFORMS* Spring Conference May 8, 2000 (Salt Lake City)

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 pm by President Nicholas Hall.

Minutes of the Philadelphia Meeting

Valerie Tardif reminded the members that the minutes from the Fall *INFORMS* conference (in Philadelphia) were put online at www.sie.arizona.edu/MSOM/Minutes for them to review. Those minutes were then approved.

Announcements

Tava Olsen gave an update on the preparations for the Multi-Echelon and the *MSOM* 2000 conferences to be held consecutively June 25-27, 2000 in Ann Arbor, MI. The program features a good line up of presentations and we look forward to excellent conferences. She noted that the Bell Tower Hotel has a new phone number and recommended to check the handout distributed during the meeting or the web page at www-personal.engin.umich.edu/~duenyas/msom/index.htm for further information.

Steve Gilbert reported on the submissions for the *MSOM* cluster for the next *INFORMS* conference in San Antonio, TX, in November 2000. Seventeen sessions were submitted, encompassing a good diversity of topics and a strong focus on Supply Chain Management.

Mark Spearman then reported on the ERP workshop that was held at the University of Alabama on April 6-7, 2000. One of the outputs of this workshop was the creation of a virtual, web-based, ERP Institute at www.erpinstitute.org. This site will feature, among other things, a collection of working papers. In addition, there is a call for papers for a special issue of POMS on ERP and the Supply Chain. More information on this special issue is available at www.erpinstitute.org/idcall.htm. Finally, Uday Karmarkar is currently planning a second conference (ERP 2001) at UCLA in February 2001.

Nick Hall then called on Steve Nahmias who is chairing the *MSOM* 2001 conference currently planned for Santa Clara, CA. Because of the Summer 2001 *INFORMS* conference which will be held in Hawaii that summer and the commencement ceremonies at Santa Clara which are always held at the end of June, the exact date of the meeting needs to be determined. An alternate site for the *MSOM* 2001 conference is Berkeley and Candi Yano has volunteered to host the conference in the event of a change of venue.

Finally, Seyed Iravani volunteered to organize the *MSOM* cluster of sessions for the *INFORMS* Fall 2001 conference in Miami, FL. Anyone interested in organizing a session for this conference should contact Seyed at iravani@iems.nwu.edu as soon as possible.

Treasurer's Report

Valerie Tardif summarized the treasurer's report that was e-mailed to all members a few days prior to the meeting. In a few words, *MSOM* ended the year 1999 with a balance of \$29,207 and currently has \$34,409 in the bank. Items worthy of mention were (1) \$1000 was given to Frank Ciarallo to support the development of the Millennium page, (2) \$5000 was in the process of being transferred to the *MSOM* journal, as was decided by a vote in Cincinnati, (3) \$2570 was spent for receptions in Cincinnati, \$2486, for receptions in Philadelphia, and (4) \$607.91, the surplus from the *MSOM* 1998 conference will soon be ours.

Report on the M&SOM Journal

The floor was next turned over to Tim Lowe who reported on the status of the M&SOM journal on behalf of Lee Schwarz. To this date, over 100 papers submissions have been received, eleven have been accepted, and the average review cycle time was 53 days. In 2000, the journal will be published quarterly, and the first 2000 issue was then being printed. To help defray the costs of the journal, nine universities have contributed \$1000 and the journal is looking for additional sponsors. Tim concluded by saying that the journal is an intellectual success, but not a financial success yet. He therefore encouraged all *MSOM* members to subscribe.

In view of Lee's comments, Joe Mazzola moved that *MSOM* gives \$1000/year to the M&SOM Journal until subsequent change. The motion was approved. Finally, Nick Hall, on behalf of *MSOM*, thanked Lee Schwarz for his hard work.

Impact of New Meeting Structure on *MSOM* Business

Nick Hall brought up the need to discuss the impact of the new meeting structure on *MSOM* business. As *INFORMS* moves to the new meeting structure, *MSOM* members are more likely to attend the Fall meeting and the *MSOM* summer meeting only. Joe Mazzola moved that all official business previously held at the Spring National meetings be transferred to the *MSOM* summer meetings (e.g., officer changes, distinguished service award, introduction of Distinguished Fellows). The motion was passed.

Submission Details for the Millennium page

Frank Ciarallo encouraged members to make a contribution to the Millennium project - an internet time capsule of the history of *MSOM* and predictions of its future. Contributions are still accepted and should be sent to Frank (frank@sie.arizona.edu) in pdf, html, or MSWord format. Members were also encouraged to visit the page (www.sie.arizona.edu/MSOM/Millennium).

Reminiscences

Nick informed the membership that *MSOM* and five other *INFORMS* societies have been invited to submit "reminiscences" for a volume to be published by *INFORMS*. Kathy Steckle noted that *INFORMS* is thinking about publishing such a volume each year. Several suggestions were discussed. Finally, it was agreed that a subcommittee formed by Steve Graves and Steve Nahmias decide what to do.

Distinguished Service Award

Ron Askin presented the 2000 *MSOM* Distinguished Service Award to Frank Ciarallo, the unsung hero. Frank has been active in our group since the beginning of *MSOM* and has performed an outstanding job as *MSOM* newsletter editor, webmaster and mailing list moderator for many years. Frank is most deserving of this award and received a good round of applause.

New Officer Introduction

Nick Hall announced the results of the officer elections. Sridhar Tayur was elected to the position of Executive Vice President and President-Elect, Tim Smunt, to the position of Vice President for Meetings, and Valerie Tardif, continues as Secretary/Treasurer. As Executive VP/President Elect for the past year, Ron Askin becomes the new president.

Introduction of *MSOM*'s first Distinguished Fellows

Nick Hall introduced the first three *MSOM* Distinguished Fellows. John Buzacott, Steve Graves, and Ed Silver were honored with this distinction. Both John Buzacott and Steve Graves were present to receive a plaque and applause. Tom Grossman received a plaque on behalf of Ed Silver.

Finally, outgoing president Nick Hall handed over the proverbial gavel to the new *MSOM* president, Ron Askin. Joe Mazzola thanked Nick Hall on behalf of the *MSOM* members. After thanking all for attending, Ron Askin adjourned the meeting at 6:43 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Valerie Tardif.