

MSOM Business Meeting Minutes, INFORMS Fall Conference

November 5, 2001 (Miami)

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by President Sridhar Tayur. Sridhar began by introducing the officers for 2001 ♦2002, Steve Gilbert (VP for meetings), Rachel Zhang (secretary/treasurer), and Ananth Iyer (President elect) and reminding the membership of the next election.

Awards

Since there was no business meeting in Hawaii, Sridhar re-announced that MSOM selected three new fellows: Paul Zipkin, Haul Lee, and Ken Baker and the Distinguished Service Award went to Lee Schwarz for his extraordinary work for the MSOM journal. Sridhar went on to thank Jan Van Mieghem and Martin Lariviere for organizing this year♦s MSOM Student Paper Competition. There were total 27 submissions from 23 different schools/departments from 5 different countries (US, Canada, Germany, France, Hong Kong), the largest ever. Each paper was read by two judges who helped select a set of finalists. Each of the finalists was read by a panel of five judges who helped select the winner and the second place papers. There were six finalists. Among them, three were awarded honorable mentions (Zhao Yao of Northwestern, Joon-Seok Kim of University of Minnesota, and Eylem Tekin of Northwestern). Gustavo Vulcano of Columbia and Rene Caldentey of MIT tied for the second prize for their papers "Optimal Dynamic Auctions for Revenue Management" and "Revenue Management of a Make-to-Stock Queue", respectively. The first prize went to Kevin Shang of UC Irvine for his paper "Newsvendor Bounds and Heuristic for Optimal Policies in Serial Supply Chains". The gift certificates will be mailed to the winners. Sridhar congratulated the winners and called for volunteers for the next MSOM Student paper Competition.

Conferences

Larry Robinson reminded the membership that the next MSOM/Multi-Echelon conference will be held at Cornell, June 16-18. He will be chairing the MSOM conference and Jim Bradley will be organizing the Multi-echelon. Larry distributed the conference brochure with detailed conference information to the MSOM members attended the business meeting.

Sridhar reminded the membership that the next INFORMS conference will be held in San Jose. Candi Yano, the program chair for the conference called for organizers for special sessions.

Seyed Iravani reported on the MSOM cluster for the Miami conference and thanked session chairs. There were total 25 sessions, two tutorials and one panel.

Sridhar then called for volunteers for the 2003 MSOM conferences. Several schools expressed their interest in organizing the conference which include Washington University, INSEAD, Hong Kong Science and Technology Institute, University of Southern California, and Duke. Volunteers are encouraged to contact Ananth Iyer and Steve Gilbert, who will be working on this issue.

MSOM Journal

MSOM Editor Lee Schwarz reported on the status on the journal. Issue 3:2 has just been distributed and Issue 3:3, Focused Issue on Retail Operations edited by Marshall Fisher and Ananth Raman, is in production. Currently, Lee is selecting accepted papers for Issue 3.4. The review process has an average cycle time of 45 days.

Lee also reported on some of the new initiatives for Year 2002. The following papers have been commissioned: Survey of Aircraft Operations Management (Cynthia Barnhardt), Forecast, Solution, and Rolling Horizons: A Bibliography (Suresh Chand and Suresh Sethi), Survey of Pull-Oriented Manufacturing (Wallace Hopp and Mark Spearman), The HR/OM Interface (John Boudreau, Joe

Thomas, and Wallace Hopp), Pricing Models and Revenue Management Survey (Gabriel Bitran and Caldentey), OM of Material versus Information (Uday Karmarkar), Heavy Traffic in OM (Mike Harrison), and Survey of Environmental Issues (Charles Corbett). There will be editorial reorganization in the coming year, if approved by INFORMS Board: Aleda Roth, Candi Yano and Paul Zipkin will serve as the deputy editors-in-chief starting next year and Co-Editors-in-Chief from Year 2003.

Lee encourages MSOM members to continue their support to the journal and submit their papers to the journal.

MSOM Society Budget

Sridhar reported on MSOM finances. We will end the year 2001 with about the same balance as last year. The item of note is that the membership due is down compared with the past two years.

Community Activities

Sridhar reported that the GSIA (CMU) hosted MBA Operations Case competition that had 15 schools competing this year. A call was made to see if other schools would volunteer for an undergraduate case competition, and whether MSOM can support other undergraduate activities. Candi Yano suggested a prize for project competition at the undergraduate level.

After thanking all for attending, Sridhar Tayur adjourned the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rachel Zhang.