

## **MSOM Business Meeting Minutes – INFORMS 2009**

MSOM Society President Jeannette Song conducted the meeting, held on Monday, October 12, 2009 from 6:15pm to 7:15pm. The agenda was as follows:

### 1. Society Officers

Jeannette reminded the audience the society-officer election result that was announced at the MSOM summer conference.

- President: Jeannette (Jing-Sheng) Song
- President elect: Noah Gans
- VB of meetings: Georgia Perakis
- Treasurer/Secretary: Volodymyr Babich

### 2. MSOM 2009 Distinguished Fellows Awards

Jeannette also reminded the audience that the 2009 Fellow recipients, first announced at the MSOM 2009 conference, are Gabriel Bitran, Aleda Roth, and Luk van Wassenhove. The award was given in the MSOM summer conference at MIT in June, 2009.

### 3. 2009 MSOM Best Paper Award

The winners of 2009 MSOM Best Paper Award are Nicole DeHoratius, Adam Mersereau, Linus Schrage for their paper “Retail Inventory Management When Records Are Inaccurate” published in M&SOM 2008, v. 10, n. 2, pp. 257-277. This award recognizes papers for their significance and impact on the OM research community. It comes with a cash prize of \$2000 from the MSOM Society. The award was announced at the MSOM summer conference, but the plaques and checks were presented at this meeting.

### 4. MSOM 2009 Distinguished Service Award

Jeannette reminded the audience that the service award recognizes “Distinguished service that has helped to advance significantly the goals and objectives of the Society.” The 2009 MSOM Service Award recipient is Marty Lariviere, Professor, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University. The award comes with a cash prize of \$400 from the MSOM Society. The award was announced at the MSOM summer conference last June, but the plaque and check were presented at this meeting.

### 5. MSOM 2009 Student Paper Competition

The chairs of the MSOM 2009 Student Paper Competition were professors Hyun-soo Ahn and Damian Beil, University of Michigan. Damian Beil presented the competition review process and results. 60 papers were submitted to the competition on a diverse set of topics. 62 judges served on the review committee. Each paper was reviewed by at least 5 different judges in the first round and 8 papers proceeded to the second round. In the second round, first and second prize winners were selected by the votes of 45 judges. Damian thanked all judges for their hard work and

acknowledged help from Jérémie Gallien from MIT, Max Shen from UC Berkley, Marcial Lapp from the University of Michigan, and Tava Olsen from Washington University, St. Louis. Jeremie and Max shared their expertise, and helped with the infrastructure. Marcial was responsible for judge/paper assignment problem & ranking algorithms as well as outcome analysis. Tava advised the competition on logistics/timing.

The results of the competition were as follows:

- First Prize: Denis Saure (Columbia University), “Optimal Dynamic Assortment Planning,” advisor Assaf Zeevi (Columbia University)
- Second Prize: Mehmet Begen (University of British Columbia), “Appointment Scheduling with Discrete Random Durations,” advisor Maurice Queyranne (University of British Columbia)
- Finalists:
  - Ali Ekici (Georgia Tech), “Modeling Influenza Pandemic, Intervention Strategies, and Food Distribution,” advisors Pinar Keskinocak and Julie Swann (Georgia Tech)
  - Biyu (Polly) He (Stanford University), “Staffing in Hospital Operating Rooms: Capturing Information on Workload Heterogeneity to Reduce Total Costs,” advisor Stefanos Zenios (Stanford University)
  - Ying Rong (UC Berkeley), “Bullwhip and Reverse Bullwhip Effects under the Rationing Game,” advisor Lawrence Snyder (Lehigh University)
  - Onesun (Steve) Yoo (UCLA), “A Time-Management Framework for Entrepreneurial Process Improvement,” advisor Charles Corbett (UCLA)

Damian presented the award plaques and checks to the winners.

#### 6. MSOM Journal Report

Jeannette invited Steve Graves, Editor of *MSOM*, to present *MSOM* Journal Report. He provided the following information.

- Submissions (1/1 – 9/30): 188 new papers; 67 revisions
- 4 issues, 42 papers (712 pages) published in 2009
- Current backlog: 27 papers, 500 pages
- M&SOM now included in ISI citation index

Steve thanks the reviewers for their exceptional service in providing high quality reviews that are critical, fair, constructive and fast. He reported that out of 276 reviews, 63% of reviews completed by due date (5 weeks); 73% completed by due date + 1 day

Steve Graves emphasized the goals for *MSOM*, going forward:

- Continue to provide exceptional service to authors
- Attract and publish high-impact papers that report *relevant research* on *important problems* of operations management
- Be a positive force for influencing and disseminating OM research

## 7. Management Science Journal Report

Christian Terwiesch, one of the Department Editors of *Management Science*, updated the audience on the recent changes at the journal and announced upcoming special issues.

- Marketing within the Enterprise and Beyond  
Eds: Preyas Desai and Pradeep Chintagunta (deadline – Feb 26, 2010)
- Behavioral Economics and Finance  
Eds: Teck Ho, Terrance Odean, Brad Barber (deadline – June 2010)

He also announced the winners of this year's Management Science service awards.

There are two tiers of awards: distinguished (top 1%, noted with \* below) and meritorious (top 1-4%)

AEs:

- Fernando Bernstein
- Steve Gilbert
- Albert Ha\*
- Serguei Netessine
- Taylor Randall
- Robert Shumsky
- Xuanming Su\*
- Terry Taylor

Reviewers:

- Gad Allon
- Laurens Debo
- Srinagesh Gavirneni
- Elena Katok
- Noah Lim
- Qian Liu\*
- Mahesh Nagarajan
- Ediel Pinker
- Justin Ren
- Guillaume Roels\*
- Senthil Veeraraghavan
- Greys Sosic\*
- Robert Swinney\*
- Yi Xu
- Fuqiang Zhang\*

He discussed what Management Science offers to the authors described the Editors' wish list for a paper. The journal will publish articles that are interesting to scholars in the field of management. There are no quotas on the number of papers, the DEs are evaluating each paper independently of other papers.

## 8. Operations Research Journal Report

Jeannette Song, as an Area Editor of Operations Research, presented submissions/acceptance statistics for the MSOM Area of Operations Research. Between September 1, 2005 and September 30, 2009 (online submission)

- Accepted: 43      7.5%
- Rejected: 391    75%

Number of submissions, (relative to total OR submissions)

2006	131	(23.7%)
2007	127	(21.7%)
2008	143	(21%)
2009 (till Sept. 30)	98	(22.5%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>(22%)</b>

9. Update on MSOM Society Finances

Secretary/Treasurer, Volodymyr Babich, provided the following information concerning 2009 financials to date (Q1&2 of 2009):

Beginning Balance:	\$ 33,994
Revenues (from dues):	\$ 15,580
Expenses:	\$ (670)
• Awards	\$ 325
• Balloting	\$ 75
• Membership	\$ 270
Ending Balance (6/30/08):	\$ 48,903
Projected Reception Cost	\$ (10,920)
Projected Ending Balance	\$ 37,984

10. New SIGs Announcement

Jeannette Song announced the formation of the new SIG of the MSOM society – Healthcare Operations Management. The president of the new SIG, Avi Seidmann presented the goals of the new SIG and invited submissions to the first SIG meeting at MSOM 2010 in Technion, Haifa, Israel.

11. Update on the existing SIGs

Vice President of Meetings, Georgia Perakis, provided updates of existing SIGs:

2009 Chairs of Special Interest Groups of the MSOM society were

- Supply Chain Management – Julie Swann
- Interface of Finance, Operations, and Risk Management (iFORM) – Panos Kouvelis
- Service Management – Philipp Afèche

All existing SIGs had tracks at INFORMS 2009 conference and will hold one day conference on June 27 prior to MSOM 2010 in Israel. The SIG conference chairs are

- Supply Chain Management – Retsef Levi and Gal Raz
- Interface of Finance, Operations, and Risk Management (iFORM) – Ling Dong

- Service Management – Gad Allon and Achal Bassamboo

## 12. Update on Future Conferences

Georgia Perakis invited society members to volunteer to organize tracks at the **2010 Fall INFORMS conference**. She also announced that **2011 summer MSOM conference** will be held in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

### **Information on the MSOM 2010 Conference**

Georgia presented the following information on behalf of the organizing committee consisting of Yigal Gerchak, Yale Herer, Moshe Kaspi, Retsef Levi, Georgia Perakis, Nicole Adler, Shoshana Anily, Dagan Gilat, Boaz Golany, Michal Penn, and Michal Tzur. The conference will be held in the Technion - Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel on June 28 – 29, 2010. Important dates:

- Submission deadline: February 8 (Mon)
- Review deadline: March 15 (Mon)
- Notification of acceptance: April 11 (Sun)
- SIGs: June 27 (Sun)
- MSOM: June 29 and 29 (Mon & Tue)

Georgia invited everybody to come to Israel for more than three days and bring a spouse. The conference organizers are planning pre- and post-conference tours and spouse's program.

## 13. Appreciation

Georgia thanked the following members for their service:

- MSOM INFORMS Cluster Track Chairs: Laurens Debo and Rodney Parker
- Webmaster: Joern Meissner
- MSOM Listserve Moderator: Yavuz Günalay

Jeannette adjourned the meeting.

Recorded by Volodymyr Babich