

INFORMS TECHNICAL SECTION ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS MINUTES OF SAN DIEGO MEETING

10/11/09

(Minutes taken by Mauricio Resende, Secretary, INFORMS Technical Section on Telecommunications).

The meeting was called to order by the chair S. Voss. Present at the meeting were: Stefan Voss (University of Hamburg), J. Cole Smith (University of Florida), Eli Olinick (Southern Methodist University), Anant Balakrishnan (University of Texas), Luis Gouveia (University of Lisbon), Abdullah Konak (Penn State University), Aaron Phillips (Texas Tech University), David Shallcross (Telcordia), Bin Chao Chen (Texas Tech University), Natarajan Gautam (Texas A&M University), Ricardo Silva (Federal University of Lavras), Soumyo Moitra (Carnegie Mellon University), and Mauricio Resende (AT&T Labs Research).

The chair made welcoming remarks and the minutes from the Washington, D.C. meeting were approved.

Before reading the report from the board, the chair proposed a change in the access policy to the mailing list of the technical section so that in the future messages can be posted and all members notified. These messages could be, for example, newsletters, invitation to meetings, etc. E. Olinick asked if the list had a single administrator and, if so, who that person was.

The chair read the report from the board. He praised Tim Metis and Jun Xu for organizing the 2009 sponsored sessions at the San Diego meeting. With respect to future conferences, a decision needs to be made as to whether the sponsored sessions would be organized. These include the Joint ALIO-INFORMS meeting in Buenos Aires and 2010 annual meeting in Austin. For the latter, Voss remarked that at least Metis or Xu should stay and a volunteer would be needed to help organize the sponsored sessions. A. Konak volunteered. With respect to the ALIO-INFORMS meeting, it was decided that no sponsored sessions would be organized given that this meeting is about a month after the INFORMS Telecommunications conference in Montréal.

The chair next presented the Treasurer's Report for the twelve months ending on December 31, 2008. The audited retained earnings statement showed a balance of \$35,993.16 on 01/01/08, a meeting surplus of \$5,881.50 on 12/31/08, and a net revenue of \$2205.75 on 12/31/08, resulting in an ending balance of \$42,943.87 on 12/31/08. There was (\$740) of deferred future dues revenue.

Following the presentation of the Treasurer's Report, there was a short discussion about what to do with the money. S. Voss proposed a PhD prize for 2010. A small committee would be formed and the chair of the committee would search for candidates to have presentations at the Montréal meeting in May 2010. The prize would be handed out at the INFORMS Annual Meeting in Austin in October 2010. J. Cole Smith volunteered to chair the committee. (Note: Eli Olinick ended up chairing the committee.)

The chair went on to report on the progress of the organization of the Montréal meeting to be held May 5-7, 2010 at Concordia University. The meeting was originally set for March but had to be moved to May because of scheduling conflicts with Cirrelt, the organization in Montréal that will be helping with the conference. The website for the conference is already on line.

With respect to the committee for the PhD prize, it was proposed that the committee be made up of three members and that all should attend the Montréal meeting. The committee would set up the time line. For the previous PhD prize, there were 10 submissions. It was decided that the language of the PhD thesis would have to be English but that the quality of the English could be disregarded when judging the entries.

The meeting ended with a discussion about future INFORMS Telecom meetings. Questions were raised as to whether there was a policy with respect to the location of the meeting, if the meeting should be moved back to Boca Raton, and whether the meeting needed to be in North America (in Hamburg there would be a conflict with INOC 2011 which will also be there). J. Cole Smith volunteered to organize the next meeting in Boca, since it is reasonably close to Gainesville, Florida.

The meeting was adjourned after E. Olinick moved to adjourn and J. Cole Smith seconded the motion.