

Minutes

Business Meeting of the INFORMS Computing Society

Salt Lake City, May 2000

Attendance

The meeting was well attended. The sign-in sheet recorded the following attendees: David Gay, David Kelton, David Woodruff, Dick Barr, Eli Olinich, Irv Lustig, John Chinneck, Karla Hoffman, Kevin Wood, Matthew Saltzman, Ramayya Krishnan, Sanjay Saigal, Robin Lougee-Heimer, Robert Vanderbei, János Pintér, Tedary Taura's, Bruce Golden, Prakash Mirchandani, Sheldon H. Jacobson, Mihai Auitescu, Anduj Lewanhwese, Dan Zhu, Mana A. Osono, Bjarni Halldorsson, Dave Morton, John Forrest, Harlan Crowder, Ariela Sofer, Trish Allewalt, Mary Steffens, Mark Webster, Bjarni Kristjansson.

Opening

Ramayya Krishnan opened the meeting, introduced the new slate of officers, and turned the meeting over to the new Chair, Irv Lustig.

ICS Officers 2000-2001

- *Chair*: Irv Lustig
- *Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect*: Dave Woodruff
- *Secretary/Treasurer*: John Chinneck
- *Newsletter editors*: Raghu Raghavan and Tom Wiggen

Board of Directors:

- Bruce Golden (-2001)
- Jeff Kennington (2001)
- Manuel Laguna (-2002)
- Eric Rolland (-2002)
- Sanjay Saigal (-2003)
- Hemant Bhargava (-2003)

Next ICS Meeting

The next ICS meeting will be held at the INFORMS meeting at San Antonio in the fall of 2000. Volunteers for session chairs are encouraged.

Next ICS Conference

The conference is traditionally held in January every 2 years. On this schedule, the next meeting would be held in January 2002. However, the INFORMS Practice Meeting will be held in May 2002. There are two options:

- Run our own ICS conference as usual in January 2002.

- Piggyback on the May 2002 Practice Meeting. We can then have INFORMS help with the logistics.

In either case, we need someone to chair the conference. Volunteers are sought.

INFORMS Historical Notes

INFORMS wants to publish a volume with historical notes, and the societies are being asked to contribute. Contributors, especially those with a long history in operations research, are sought.

Bylaw Changes

A number of changes to the ICS bylaws are necessitated by the change in the INFORMS meeting policies (the spring general INFORMS meeting is being eliminated in favor of a practitioner's meeting; the general meeting will be held in the fall). Specific items needing change are:

- ICS Prize is awarded at the spring meeting.
- All terms of office begin at the conclusion of the spring ICS Business Meeting.
- The Chair shall also take nominations from the floor during the ICS fall Business Meeting.
- ICS shall hold a Business Meeting during each regularly scheduled national INFORMS meeting.

Proposals to address this problem include:

- Move the elections and awarding of the prize to the fall INFORMS meeting (next prize would then be awarded in the fall of 2001).
- Change the term of office of the chair and vice-chair/chair-elect to be two years.
- Change the term of office of secretary-treasurer to be two years, with a maximum of four years.
- Transition to take place as follows:
 - Lustig's term as chair ends in fall 2001 (18-month term).
 - Woodruff takes over as chair at meeting in fall 2001 and continues until fall 2003 (2 year term).

We will vote on these proposals at the fall 2000 meeting in San Antonio as per our current bylaws.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Bjarni Kristjansson submitted the minutes from the Philadelphia 1999 meeting, which were made available as a handout and then approved simultaneously. Bjarni also presented a status report on the current ICS finances:

REVENUES	2000	1999
Dues	2055	2903
Meeting	2260	
Other	0	599
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>4315</i>	<i>3502</i>

EXPENSES	2000	1999
Newsletter	0	3173
Nat. Meeting	0	351
Ballot	57	0
Marketing	0	0
Award	0	1116
Admin.	500	25
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>557</i>	<i>4665</i>

Balance as at 3/31/2000: \$17,622

ICS Prize

Dick Barr, Chair of the ICS Prize committee, presented a plaque and cheque to János Pintér for his book entitled *Global Optimization in Action*. The prize is for the best English-language paper or book on the OR/CS interface. The committee members were Dick Barr, Dave Woodruff, and Bob Vanderbei.

ICS Newsletter Report

Co-editors are Raghu Raghavan, U.S. West Advanced Technologies, Boulder CO, and Tom Wiggen, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND.

INFORMS Journal on Computing

David Kelton, JoC Editor-in-Chief reported on activities at the Journal. Highlights:

- A Carl Harris tribute and paper is being planned.
- Some changes in Areas:
 - Former Telecommunications area expanded to *Telecommunications and Electronic Commerce* with Anant Balakrishnan and Ramayya Krishnan as Co-Editors
 - Former Logic Modeling and Computation area renamed *Logic, Optimization and Constraint Programming* by Area Editor John Hooker.
 - Former Modeling Languages and Methods area renamed *Modeling: Methods and Analysis* by Area Editor John Chinneck
- Advisory Board changes: Dick Larson stepped down, Bruce Golden appointed.
- Associate Editor changes: Kirk Pruhs, Alan Hevner newly appointed. Stepping down: Lawrence Dowdy, Leslie Hall, Charles Blair, Ramayya Krishnan, Melanie Lenard, Erik Rolland, Douglas Shier, Praseon Tiwari.

- Institutional Sponsors:
 - New: Andersen Consulting, IBM Watson Research Center, Palisade Corporation, Systemflow Simulations, Sabre Inc., University of Cincinnati.
 - Continuing: ARKI Consulting, FedEx, GTE Labs, ILOG, ICS, Paragon, and perhaps others.
 - Revenue is above INFORMS budget amount.
- New web site is up at <http://www.informs.org/Pubs/JOC>. Address may be changed soon. Includes information for authors, editors, advisory board, sponsors, and subscribers. Separate site for internal procedures. Coming soon: scanned back issues, online appendix for published papers, lists of accepted papers.
- Vital Statistics:
 - Things on schedule for first two issues of 2000.
 - 12 papers in accepted queue, 84 papers in progress.
 - Editorial board is working to shorten review times.
 - Various special issues, clusters, and invited papers are in development.
 - No reliable data from INFORMS on circulation or budget at this time.

Announcements

Karla Hoffman reported that Carl Harris passed away unexpectedly. She is working towards some relevant memorials for Carl, including a scholarship at George Mason University (donor cards available from Karla), and a “Carl Harris” track at INFORMS meeting.

Bob Fourer (4er@iems.nwu.edu) is putting together an ICS web page and asked everyone to email him any ICS-related links that would be appropriate for the page.

Matt Saltzman reported that volunteers are wanted for work on the INFORMS Online (IOL) pages.

Leon Lasdon reported that the INFORMS International Meeting in June 2001 will be held in Hawaii, and is looking for persons interested in organizing sessions for that meeting.