

NORTHEAST DECISION SCIENCES INSTITUTE
Officers and Board Meeting Minutes
Atlantic City, New Jersey, Thursday, March 23, 2000

Presiding: Shaw Chen

Present:

John Affisco	Maling Ebrahimpour	Larry Meile	Steve Schiffman
Bill Allen	Bruce Han	Bill Naumes	Bill Sipple
Rhonda Aull-Hyde	Neset Hikmet	Peggy Naumes	Mohammed Tafti
Al Avery	Julie Kendall	Javad Paknejad	Minoo Tehrani
Bill Bistline	Chris Kydd	Sue Pariseau	Nancy Weida
Karen Brown	Fred Kohun	Fariborz Partovi	Dave West
Shaw Chen	David Levine	Bob Pavan	Barbara Withers
Mark Davis	Mike Maggard	Dave Pentico	
Scott Dellana	Paul Mangiamelli	Dan Reid	

1. Approval of Minutes: Shaw Chen called the meeting to order at 12:05pm. The minutes of the November 22, 1999 Meeting in New Orleans were approved without changes. Several announcements were made:
 - Thanks to all (but especially Bill Bistline) for the extra help in putting this meeting together.
 - Luis is not here; a card is circulating for him and Elizabeth.
 - Nancy Weida is taking minutes since Janelle Heineke is unable to attend.
 - The rooms in Pittsburgh for next year will be \$109.
 - Paul Mangiamelli is on his fifth box of tissues.
2. Greetings and Update from National DSI: Mark Davis pointed out his luck in not having to go to Western DSI's meeting in Hawaii, and instead is representing National DSI at our meeting here in Atlantic City. He described National's strategic planning workshop to be held in Orlando in November.
3. Report on 2000 Conference: After accepting our applause and gratitude, Bill Bistline again thanked all who helped him in this year's unusual circumstances. He said he only finished up the details, and that Luis had done a tremendous amount of work. At this moment there are 189 attendees, and no financial difficulties.
4. Report on 2001 Conference: Fred Kohun reported that a printer error caused a few tracks to be deleted from the Call for Papers; this will be fixed before the general mailing. Fred and Bill Sipple will both organize the meeting. Now that Bill is at Bay Path College, both schools (Robert Morris and Bay Path) will co-sponsor.
5. Report on 2002 Conference: Barbara Withers reported that she has done a lot of work for the March 20-22, 2002 conference, and has signed a contract at the Hilton in San Juan. She will send the call to other organizations, including international ones. She's "rarin' to go!!!"

6. Report on 2003 Conference: Since Janelle Heineke was unable to be there, this report is deferred until November.
7. Future Conference Sites: Various cities were mentioned, as was the fact that we should be careful each year to have our meetings in different places than the national meeting site. Then general chaos ensued as several side conversations were held, until Shaw was able to bring us back to order.
8. Treasurer's Report: National reports that as of July 1, 1999, our balance is \$36,746.
9. Report from Northeast VP: Mark Davis had already given his report, so we thanked him for his service, and congratulated Paul Mangiamelli on his election.
10. NEDSI Laptop Computer: Al Avery reported that the new laptop is just nifty. He also reported that Towson may be able to host our website so that the URL is NEDSI.org. Al clarified that he wouldn't run the site; others can FTP to the site. Many thanks went to Al, and to Julie Kendall (for running our site).
11. Approval of Slate for 2000-2001: The "gold sheet" of nominees was distributed. Since it was confusing to understand (e.g. who's running versus just continuing in a position; length of terms, etc.), it was decided that a new form would be created in time for the Business Meeting later in the day.
12. Old Business:
 - NEDSI sent a letter inviting the Pearson family to our meeting. They declined but wished us well. Since we now fund the awards, it was brought up that we may want to rename some of the awards. This will be discussed in November.
 - It may be the case that an ex-treasurer has some NEDSI funds. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that after 30 days, if this is not straightened out, then necessary and appropriate action be taken to recover our funds.
13. New Business:
 - It was brought up that many people involved in the case activities at NEDSI do not receive information from and about NEDSI. We must be sure to inform future program chairs to use the CMS list, which includes this database. In particular, the program chair's timeline should be on our website, and should be amended to include a mailing to our list, and to National's.
 - The Hotshots dinner is tonight, 7:30, here.
14. Adjournment: We adjourned with our feet.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy C. Weida