



NORTHEAST DECISION SCIENCES INSTITUTE
Minutes of Officers and Board Meeting
San Francisco, California
November 19, 2001

Presiding: Luis Rivera-Solis

Present:

Avijit Banerjee	Janelle Heineke	Larry Meile	Fariborz Partovi
Bill Bistline	Chris Kydd	Bill Naumes	David Pentico
Shaw Chen	David Levine	Peggy Naumes	Dan Reid
Mark Davis	Mike Maggard	Sue Pariseau	Mohammed Tafti
Maling Ebrahimpour	Paul Mangiameli	Bob Parsons	Minoo Tehrani
Bruce Han			Barbara Withers

1. Luis Rivera-Solis called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. The minutes of the March 22, 2001 meeting in Pittsburgh were approved without changes.
2. Luis Rivera-Solis reported on the 2001 meeting, with which there were a number of problems. Attendance at the meeting was low at 134 regular attendees and 11 student attendees for a total of 145. At final accounting, the meeting appears to have lost about \$10,000, reducing the NEDSI account balance to \$23,759.55. Operational difficulties included that the program was not ready as late as two weeks prior to the conference. Bill Bistline reported that Sue Pariseau, Rhonda Aull-Hyde and Shaw Chen pulled together many last-minute details to make the meeting a good one for those who attended.

Because of the problems with the Pittsburgh meeting and Fred Kohun's inaccessibility prior to and since the meeting, there was a motion to reconsider Fred Kohun as NEDSI President Elect. That motion was amended to a motion to remove Fred from the position. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Another motion was introduced to have the nominating committee select two nominees for the position of President by the end of January, determine their willingness to serve as President, and present them to the Board for vote by the membership at the 2002 meeting in San Juan. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

3. Barbara Withers reported on the progress of the March 20-22 2002 meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Prior to September 11, she had been anticipating 250-300 papers. So far, 117 papers have been submitted, not enough to meet the room occupancy number. Barbara is accepting late submissions and is renegotiating with the hotel to try to minimize NEDSI's potential losses.

Wednesday morning there will be a new faculty development program and a meeting with journal editors.

Karen Brown had suggested some changes to the Campus Rep Program, which the Board agreed was not currently working; most campus reps are actually Board members. Canceling the campus rep reception might be a way to reduce meeting costs.

Barbara has arranged a number of special program-related activities, including snorkeling, scuba

diving, rainforest hiking and golfing. Friday night there will be a big party with entertainment, food and drink. There is a casino in the hotel. A special rate for car rentals has been negotiated.

Since the meeting is so far from member schools, projector and screen costs are high at \$1610. Discussion ensued about ways to reduce costs. Drink tickets, rather than open bar, for the President's reception was one option or to cancel the reception. The Board agreed that Barbara should manage these decisions as she sees fit.

4. Janelle Heineke reported on the progress of the 2003 meeting in Providence, Rhode Island. The call for papers has been designed and will be ready to be sent soon. An e-mail will be sent to an international list of potential participants. The Board agreed that the 2003 meeting is a good one to begin electronic submissions.
5. Bill Bistline reported on early decisions for the 2004 meeting, which will be held in Atlantic City. Sites are still to be determined.
6. Bill Bistline provided the Treasurer's Report. Larry Meile brought in \$3800 from publishers for the 2001 meeting and has so far gotten commitments for \$1400 for San Juan.
7. Paul Mangiameli, regionally elected DSI VP, had nothing to report from DSI.
8. Bruce Han reported on placement activities. There will be a bulletin board in San Juan. Any announcements of available positions should be sent to Bruce.
9. The Strategic Planning Committee (Sue Pariseau, Barbara Withers, Bill Bistline, Mino Tehrani, and Luis Rivera-Solis) has developed a list of goals and objectives for NEDSI. Concern was expressed about the aging Board of Directors and the need to involve new people in leadership activities.
10. Old Business
 - Bill Bistline reported on the DSI ad hoc committee formed to review guidelines for regional financial management. The guidelines have been very helpful.
 - Sue Pariseau reported the establishment of the Alpha Iota Delta/David Levine award for innovative education, which was approved at the last Board meeting.
 - Sue Pariseau reminded the Board that the vote had been 24 to 1 against the establishment of a regional journal; the NEDSI Proceedings will continue to be the published outlet for conference papers.

11. New Business

- Mino Tehrani reported on Professional Development activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janelle Heineke