

**NORTHEAST DECISION SCIENCES INSTITUTE**  
**Minutes of Officer and Board Meeting**  
**Philadelphia, PA**  
**March 31, 2005**  
**Presiding: Janelle Heineke**

**Present:**

Al Avery  
Rhonda Aull-Hyde  
Dick Baker  
Shehamay Banerjee  
Shaw Chen  
Mark Davis  
Scott Dellana  
Barb Flynn (DSI Rep)  
Maling Ebrahimpour  
Joy Field  
Janelle Heineke  
Julie Kendall  
Bo Kezim  
Chris Kydd  
Malek Lashgari  
David Levine  
Mike Maggard  
Paul Mangiamelli  
Larry Meile  
Sue Pariseau  
Bob Parsons  
Bob Pavan  
Fariborz Partovi  
Dan Reid  
Ken Sousa  
Jennifer Swanson  
Minoo Tehrani  
Doug White

1. Janelle Heineke called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. The minutes of the November 22, 2004 meeting in Boston, MA. were approved without changes.
2. Welcome and announcement.
  - a. Janelle welcomed Barb Flynn, past DSI President, to the meeting.
  - b. Janelle announced the election of Mark Davis as DSI President-Elect.
3. Report on meetings.
  - a. Fariborz Partovi reported on the 2005 NEDSI meeting so far. A total of 218 people registered for the meeting, including students, with 53 first-time attendees and an expected net gain of about \$4,000. First-time attendees were identified with a blue dot on their badges,

making it possible for officers and Board members to welcome them. Fariborz thanked Rhonda Hyde for her yeoman's work as Local Arrangements Chair, and Larry Meile who helped with various issues during the planning of the meeting.

b. Jennifer Swanson reported on the 2006 NEDSI meeting to be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico from March 30th to April 1st (Thursday-Saturday) at the Caribe Hilton. . The room rate will be \$199 plus taxes. Jen informed the Board that NEDSI rates would apply for one week, but only for a few rooms, so if anyone plans to stay longer, it's best to book early.

c. Rhonda Aull-Hyde discussed the 2007 NEDSI meeting in Baltimore. She has signed a contract with the Renaissance Harbor Place Hotel for \$179 +12.5% tax. The meeting will be held March 28-30 (Wednesday-Friday); these dates do not conflict with religious holidays.

d. Snehamay Bannerjee reported that it is too early to book a hotel in the New York City area for the 2008 **meeting**. He plans to work with academics in the area to try to find a venue at a school for **meeting** space.

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#### Officer Reports

a. Chris Roethlein, VP-Promotional Activities, was not able to attend the **meeting** to provide an update, but Fariborz noted that about \$7000 was collected (combined from sponsoring schools and Exhibitors).

b. Minoos Tehrani, VP-Member Services, provided information about the involvement of the **NEDSI** VP Member Services in the Institute's Member Services Committee. She reported that she has been considering a Campus Rep Program and will give a report on her activities to increase **NEDSI** membership at the DSI Annual **Meeting**.

c. Ken Sousa, VP-Technology, noted that the hotel did provide a free internet café. He thanked Al Avery for his help and continued technical support for the CMS. Barb Flynn noted that the system Andrea Williams is developing for DSI will be available at some point for regions to use, but it is unclear when, exactly, that will be.

**Action Item: Ken will get in touch with Andrea to determine what capability the system will have and when it might be available for use by the regions.**

d. Snehamay provided a Treasurer's update. The 2005 **meeting** had taken in approximately \$36,000, but expenses were not yet known definitively.

e. Janelle Heineke, DSI Regionally-elected VP, reported that the DSI **Board** has approved a \$40 one-time DSI membership (versus the usual \$100) to be offered through the regions, providing full membership benefits (the journals, *Decision Line*, etc.) as an introductory offer.

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#### Old Business

a. Registration fees. At the last **meeting** the **Board** agreed to revisit the issue of, given our strong **NEDSI** financial position, reducing the registration fee for the annual **meeting**. Discussion centered around the value of the **meeting** at the current price. There was some discussion about raising fees

for nonmembers, particularly when meetings are held offshore. There was discussion around the feeling that this was not a good way to welcome new members. A motion was made and seconded not to lower the fees; it passed unanimously.

b. Report on CD-ROM *Proceedings*. Keith Willoughby could not attend the **meeting** and, therefore, could not provide this report. A motion was made and seconded to permit submission of full papers for the *Proceedings*,

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because CD capacity is large and page limits have been tight. After much discussion about keeping the *Proceedings* uniform and about the potential loss of some submissions to the **meeting** if full papers were published, a vote was held and the motion did not pass.

c. Officer and **Board** redesign and Bylaws revision

At the last **meeting** the **Board** voted to:

- i. Eliminate VP-Industrial Liaison.
- ii. Rename the VP-Programs & Meetings to Program chair-Elect.
- iii. Eliminate VP-Interim Program
- iv. Eliminate VP-Planning and Development
- v. Eliminate VP-Placement. Placement duties (which would be combined with VP-Member Services).

A motion was made and seconded to approve these changes; it passed unanimously.

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Janelle Heineke had been charged at the last **Board meeting**, in response to a particular instance in which two of three committee members nominated themselves for the position of regionally-elected VP, with reviewing the nominating committee procedures. Janelle stated that the procedures looked fine and that she believed it was understood that nominating committees do not nominate their own members. It was moved and that that understanding be stated explicitly in the Bylaws; the motion passed unanimously.

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Rhonda Hyde provided information about the Officer/**Board** dinner and the President's reception, which would be held at the Seaport Museum.

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Janelle adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janelle Heineke

Unanimously approved March 31 in Puerto Rico