

NORTHEAST DECISION SCIENCES INSTITUTE
Minutes of Officer and Board Meeting
San Antonio, Texas
November 20, 2006

Presiding: Fariborz Partovi

Present:

Maling Ebrahimpour
Joy Field
Janelle Heineke
Neset Hikmet
Rhonda Hyde
Chris Kydd
David Levine
Mike Maggard
Paul Mangiameli
Larry Meile

Sue Pariseau
Robert Parsons
Fariborz Partovi
Dave Pentico
Dan Reid
Luis Rivera-Solis
Ken Sousa
Eric Stein
Minoo Tehrani
Doug White

Guests: Antonio Drommi, Alpha Iota Delta

1. Fariborz Partovi called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. Eric Stein was asked and agreed to take the minutes in the absence of Brett McKenzie, Secretary for NESDI.
2. Fariborz Partovi requested that a motion to approve the previous minutes in San Juan, Puerto Rico March 31, 2006 be postponed pending electronic distribution. There was agreement. They will be approved at the next meeting.
3. Fariborz Partovi introduced Antonio Drommi of Alpha Iota Delta and he spoke to the board about the benefits to working together. There was discussion about \$100 monetary awards and plaques; e.g., for best doctoral papers, etc. Go to alphaiotadelta.com for more information. Contact: Dr. Gregory W. Ulferts, Executive Director. Phone: (313) 993-1219. ulfertgw@udmercy.edu
4. The president suggested that a full report on the Puerto Rico meeting by Jennifer Swanson, who was not present, be postponed until the next meeting.
5. Rhonda Aull Hyde reported on the status of the 2007 annual meeting in Baltimore to be held at the Harborplace Renaissance Hotel, downtown Baltimore (March 28-30, Wednesday – Friday):
 - 160+ submissions
 - The Presidential reception will be at the Baltimore Aquarium 5:45-7:00 pm. The exhibit area is “Marine Mammals.”
 - Looking at additional funding options to offset the costs of the reception

- Current exhibitors include Southwestern, ECCH and possibly Hawke Learning Systems. Other corporate sponsors being investigated
- New system of handling paper submissions is working well with authors and reviewers

6. The Treasurer's report was presented by Neset Hikmet. The net balance as of 7/1/05 was \$58,256 (see report). There was discussion about income and cost allocations between NEDSI and DSI. Bank interest is included under "Allocated income." Discussion about compliance reports for national organization vs. detailed internal budget projections for NEDSI. There was discussion about liability insurance and how it is covered under an umbrella policy by national.

7. The president called for discussion about the status of the Conference Management System and other technologies. General agreement was that Al Avery's Web-based paper submission system was successful. It was again proposed (see March 2006 minutes) that Al Avery be recognized for his good work.

8. The president asked for an update on future NEDSI meetings. The discussion focused on potential places to hold them, hotels, current planning status and other logistical issues. The program chairs (according to the revised list in the March 2006 minutes) who were present at the meeting initiated the discussions.

- 2008 meeting: Snehamay Banerjee reported through Larry Meile. The dates of the meeting are March 28 –30 and the site will be the Marriott at Brooklyn Bridge and will be \$199/night. Planning is on schedule.
- 2009 meeting: Ken Sousa reported. The location will most likely be Providence, RI. Holding the meeting at one of the casinos is not likely to be a viable option.
- 2010 meeting: Ken Sousa and others reported on the meeting for program chair Chris Rothlein. Potential sites include Annapolis, MD or Washington, DC.
- 2011 meeting: Doug White reported on the status of the meeting. There was a motion and vote to explore potential sites in the Caribbean, which does not have to be a US territory. Vote was unanimous in favor (pass). Doug White agreed to gather info on potential venues.

9. Rhonda Aull Hyde presented the DSI Regional Activities report on behalf of Shaw Chen. There was discussion about the relationship between national DSI and regional groups. Topics included ways to improve communications between the national and regional groups. A question was asked regarding whether national would host web servers (Answer-yes). There is an initiative to promote DSI at regional meetings. There was discussion about "best of the best" papers coming out of regional (e.g., Best Regional Paper Award) and how the review process would be made fair. Another discussion was had on moving from a regional model to an "affiliate" mode within DSI (like the Academy of

Management). Presumably that would give regional groups slightly more autonomy. No decision was made on any of these items.

10. Old Business. None was raised.

11. New Business: None was raised

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Stein