

NORTHEAST DECISION SCIENCES INSTITUTE  
Minutes of Officers and Board Meeting  
Baltimore, MD  
November 23, 2008

Presiding: Rhonda Aull-Hyde

Present:

Al Avery	Doug Hales	Paul Mangiameli	Deb Sledgianowski
Snehamay Banerjee	Neset Hikmet	Larry Meile	Ken Sousa
Shaw Chen	Frimette Kass	Susan Pariseau	Effie Stavoulaki
Mark Davis	Peggy Lee	Fariborz Partovi	Eric Stein
Maling Ebrahimpour	David Levine	Dave Pentico	Chris Kydd
Joy Field	Mike Maggard		

1. Rhonda Aull-Hyde called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM. Susan Pariseau took the minutes in the absence of Laura Forker, NEDSI Secretary.
2. Rhonda began the meeting by welcoming our new Board members.
3. The minutes of the March 2008 meeting were approved as amended.
4. Snehamay gave a final report on the 2008 NEDSI meeting that was held in Brooklyn, NY. There were 163 regular registrations, 16 late registrations and 26 students. Snehamay thanked Al Avery for his assistance. Snehamay reported a loss of \$388.
5. Ken Sousa reported on the 2009 meeting that will be held from April 1-3 at the Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, CT. There are currently 124 papers, panels and tutorials in the review process. Rooms are available from Tuesday through Friday night at a rate of \$199. Ken will investigate both restaurants at Mohegan Sun and the use of a meeting room for the Hot Shots dinner.
6. Neset reported that his local arrangements coordinator for the 2010 meeting is Snehamay Banerjee. Snehamay provided information on the Hilton Alexandria Old Town Hotel where the conference will be held from Friday, March 26, 2010 to Sunday, March 28, 2010. Guaranteed room rates are \$189 (single/double) and \$209 (triple) plus taxes. The hotel is located in the historic old town. There is close, convenient access to the metro and Amtrak stations and the free trolley to the waterfront. A dinner cruise is being planned.
7. Norma Harrison, President DSI, was welcomed to the NEDSI meeting by Rhonda. Norma stated that the "regions are an integral part of DSI" and that it is important that they work in "synergistic fashion" with DSI.
8. The idea of off-shore conferences was discussed. Problems cited with these events included the need for passports, lack of exhibitors, high airfare, and the change in economic conditions. Positives included that it is a "fun place to go" and that it is "warm." A motion was made by Paul Mangiameli and seconded by David Levine to "not hold the 2011 conference in Costa Rica." The motion passed (16 in favor, 3 opposed and 1 abstention). Discussion ensued about holding a meeting in the SEDSI territory. Finally, a motion was made by David Levine and seconded by Mike Maggard that the 2011

meeting be held in the northeast region of the continental United States but including Montreal, Quebec and Toronto. The motion passed (14 in favor, 1 opposed and 5 abstentions). **Rhonda will discuss the change in plans with Minoo Tehrani, Program Chair 2011.**

9. Rhonda gave the Treasurer's Report in the absence of John Affisco, NEDSI Treasurer. The cash on deposit at the home office is \$40,716.79. There was a \$2076.22 operating loss for the year. There were questions about allocated income (including negative interest income) and insurance costs. **Chris Kydd will follow up with the Home Office.**
10. Doug White and Janet Pritchard have been working to improve the NEDSI website. Old minutes are being added and can be retrieved through a login process. There is also a link to the NEDSI Annual Conference website.
11. Eric Stein reported on his progress with prospect lists for new members. He thanked both Rhonda and Ken Sousa for their assistance. The lists for the Philadelphia (997 records) and Boston (1086 records) metro regions are complete. Both Baltimore (90 records) and New York (21 records) lists are in progress. **Neset will need to track new membership to see how many actual registrations are received from the list of prospects.** There was some discussion about how the prospect database will be maintained and incorporated into the NEDSI database. No decisions were reached. **Eric will continue to work to complete the DC and Baltimore prospect lists.**
12. In the absence of Ed Arnheiter, VP Promotional Activities, Rhonda reported that \$2750 has been committed by schools for the 2009 meeting. No publishers have committed to attend at this time.
13. Joy Field, VP Communications distributed a copy of *NEDSI Jottings*, Volume 1, Issue 1, June 2008. This will be published each June and December. Joy asked for comments on content. Discussion ensued about including News on the Upcoming Conference, NEDSI People in the News, and Leadership Positions in DSI held by NEDSI members. It was decided that Joy would determine the content of *NEDSI Jottings*.
14. Al Avery, VP Proceedings will continue to upload the *NEDSI Proceedings* to EBSCO.
15. New Business
  - a. Maling Ebrahimpour is the Program Chair for the 2009 Annual DSI Meeting in New Orleans. Maling asked that people contact him if they have ideas or suggestions.
  - b. Paul Mangiameli made a motion, seconded by Maling, that travel expenses be authorized for Snehamay's visit to the Hilton Alexandria.
16. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Pariseau