

**NORTHEAST DECISION SCIENCES INSTITUTE**  
**Minutes of Officers and Board Meeting**  
**Boston, MA**  
Saturday, November 19, 2011

**Presiding:** Susan Pariseau

**Present:**

John Affisco, Richard Briotta, Arthur Chen, Shaw K. Chen, Mark M. Davis, Maling Ebrahimpour, Joy Field, Doug Hales, Janelle Heineke, Beate Klingenberg, Matthew J. Liberatore, David Levine, Mike Maggard, Paul Mangiameli, Larry Meile, Janet J. Prichard, Deb Sledgianowski, Ken Sousa, Jennifer Swanson, Minoo Tehrani, Barbara Withers.

**1. Call to order.**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Susan Pariseau.

**2. Minutes Approval.**

The minutes of the April 2011 meeting were approved as amended.

**3. Report on 2011 Conference**

Minoo gave a final report on the 2011 NEDSI meeting that was held in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. There were 29 tracks, 53 track and co-track chairs from 8 countries and 214 submissions with 428 authors. The number of submissions was a record in the recent history of the NEDSI meetings. Of the 214 submissions, 192 research papers were presented at the conference with the total count of 373 authors. There were 240 participants at the conference including 141 regular, 38 student and 21 guest registrations. Finally, Minoo reported a gain of \$11,622.23 for the conference.

**4. Report on the 2012 Conference**

Janet Prichard reported on the 2012 meeting that will be held on March 21 – 23 at the Hyatt Regency Newport Hotel in Newport, Rhode Island. There are currently 110 papers, panels and tutorials in the review process. Committed room night is 128. Based on past experience, the total registrations will be about 110-130% of the accepted papers. Therefore, the target will be about 100 accepted papers which will help to achieve the room nights target without any loss. On the other hand, the food and service will not be cut or lowered to save some cost if the registrations are not as expected.

**5. Report on the 2013 Conference**

John Affisco reported that the 2013 meeting will be held on April 5-7 in New York. Two new tracks - social media and crisis management will be added.

**6. Future conferences**

2014, possible place: Philadelphia, Program chair: Eric Stein (reported by Minoo, need to be confirmed with Eric); Minoo also emailed Rashmi Malhotra from St. Joseph's Univ. & D.K. Malhotra from Phil Univ. re interest in organizing NEDSI 2014.

2015, possible place: Boston, Program chair: Joy Field

Consideration of DSI location was also discussed. 2013 at San Francisco, 2014 at Baltimore, 2015 at Tampa, and 2016 at Seattle.

**7. Treasurer's report**

Deb Sledgianowski reported that beginning balance on 7/1/2010 was \$19,519.45, plus the operating gain for the year \$12,360.83 and another two deferred charges \$1,500 and \$1,900, the ending balance on 6/30/2011 was \$35,280.28. There might be some other account receivables from DSI, which will be confirmed by Deb.

## **8. Report from Northeast VP**

Larry Meile reported on a new information system for the home office. Requirements from each regional will be incorporated into the new system in order to increase its efficiency.

## **9. Communications**

Joy Field reported that a copy of NEDSI Jottings was distributed twice a year. Joy asked for comments. Minoo mentioned that Joy did a great job to help the 2011 conference. Everyone agreed and gave her applause.

## **10. Member Services Report**

Sue, on behalf of Eric Stein, reported that there are now 239 members in the NEDSI LinkedIn group.

## **11. DSI VP Nominees**

Joy Field and Ronda Aull Hyde were nominated for NE regional elected VP election.

## **12. No-Show Policy**

The topic of “No- Show Policy” was dropped and not discussed.

## **13. Old Laptop & Printer**

The NEDSI old laptop and printer will be donated by Ken Sousa.

## **14. Bylaw Changes Confirmed**

Confirmed the two changes for bylaws from last meeting. 1) “Attending the annual meeting of the Decision Science Institute” was added to the duties of the VP-Promotional Activities. 2) The term for the VP- Promotional activities was changed from two years to three years.

## **15. Suggested Bylaw Changes**

Two bylaw changes were suggested, motioned by Paul, seconded by Minoo. 1) Change the duties of VP-Communication and VP-Technology. The two items of “updating and managing the Northeast Institute website” and “posting information regarding Northeast Institute Annual Meeting on the website” will be moved from the duties of VP-Communication to the duties of VP-Technology. 2) Change the term for the VP- Technology from one year to three years. These changes will be reported at the 2012 annual membership meeting at Newport.

## **16. Election of President**

Interim President Susan Pariseau was elected to serve as President NEDSI 2011-12.

## **17. IDSI-APDSI Meeting**

Minoo reported that the IDSI-APDSI Conference will be held at Bali, Indonesia, on July 10-13, 2013. She will serve as the Program Chair for this conference.

## **18. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Chen