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Minutes
NEDSI Board Meeting, San Francisco, CA
Sunday, November 18, 2012

5:00 pm -6:30 pm

Present members: J. Affisco, S. Chen, M. Davis, M. Ebrahimpour, J. Field, J. Heineke, B. Klingenberg, C. Kydd, D. Levine, L. Boardman Liu, R. Malhotra, P. Mangiamelli, S. Pariseau, F. Partovi, K. Sengupta, K. Sousa, M. Tehrani, B. Withers

President M. Tehrani called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Agenda Items:

1. Approval of the minutes of the Newport meeting, March 22, 2012

(B. Klingenberg, D. Levine). Approved: 13-0-0.

2. 2014 NEDSI meeting Proposal, Philadelphia, PA:

M. Tehrani stated that J. Field volunteered for setting forth a proposal for 2015 in Boston. She said that she sent emails for a vote on the 2014 proposal for Philadelphia which did not receive the simple majority votes for approval or disapproval. She also sent an email inviting proposals for the 2014 meeting. She only received the Philadelphia proposal by R. Malhotra. In order to address the lack of experience, M. Tehrani stated that after discussing the issue with some of the board members, she volunteered as the co-program chair for the 2014 proposal in Philadelphia. R. Malhotra presented the proposal for 2014 meeting to be organized in Philadelphia. R. Malhotra addressed the issue of the location of the hotel. Other Philadelphia hotels did not consider accommodating the conference without guarantee of 250 rooms per night. She explained that the Hilton hotel was proposed as the hotel site through connection to the Hilton hotel manager. She mentioned that she had support from Philadelphia University (\$2,500) and Saint Joseph's University (\$2,500). Further, she mentioned that Philadelphia University was willing to sponsor a special event – the organization of a tour of Philadelphia for the participants. J. Affisco suggested that arrangements should be made for shuttles to the center of the city. After a lengthy discussion on the feasibility of organizing the conference in the center city, J. Heineke suggested that we should consider not organizing the conference in 2014. J. Affisco, P. Mangiamelli and M. Davis commented that not organizing the conference in 2014 was out of question and the continuity of the NEDSI's annual events should be maintained. M. Tehrani informed the board that the proposed dates of the conference

were not coinciding with Easter or Passover. B. Withers suggested Atlantic City as an alternate option the 2014 conference. However, D. Levin stated that NEDSI was coming back to Philadelphia after 10 years and should not be changed. M. Tehrani stated that Philadelphia being a big city had many direct flights from Europe and the rest of major cities in the US, and therefore is very attractive as a venue for the conference. D. Levin moved to accept the proposal for 2014 conference submitted by R. Malhotra and M. Tehrani. The motion was seconded by M. Davis. The motion passed with 15 (approved), 0 (opposed) -1 (abstention)

3. 2015 NEDSI Conference Proposal:

J. Field presented her proposal for organizing the 2015 meeting in Boston. She presented different options and prices given by different hotels and provided a comparative analysis of the hotels and recommended Marlow. J. Affisco moved to accept the proposal by J. Field for 2015 with Boston as the site, Marlow as the conference hotel and dates of 20-22 of March, 2015. R. Malhotra seconded the motion. The motion passed with 15 (approved)-0 (opposed)-3 (abstention).

4. Progress report on 2013 NEDSI Conference, NY City:

J. Affisco presented an update on the 2013 meeting. There were 176 submissions, and Hofstra has deposited \$5000 in the bank account and M. Tehrani has provided funds for an ad by her university. He further informed that the hot shot dinner would be at the same venue as in 2008. He was still deciding whether to have a plenary breakfast or lunch and was more inclined towards breakfast. He was also trying to arrange a talk on Big Data Analytics by a Senior Analyst at IBM. He also was planning on having sessions conducted by industry analysts for which participants could register for a small fee. Overall, he reported that conference was going well and asked the Board for possible sponsorship from their institutions.

5. Treasurer's Report:

M. Tehrani presented the Treasurer's report. M. Davis asked for clarification on the adjustments shown in the report. P. Mangiamelli explained that the adjustments were made by the DSI Accounting Office.

6. Report of the NEDSI VP on the DSI Board:

J. Field reported that there was a proposed change to the DSI Board structure with regions such as Americas, Europe, and further subdivisions. M. Ebrahimpour explained that a changed format was under consideration, but no vote on it yet.

M. Tehrani reported that there was a discussion at the DSI Annual Meeting Program Chairs as to requiring the regional members to be also a member of the DSI. J. Heineke stated that the objective of the NEDSI was to create awareness among scholars of regional schools and not profitability and the proposed structure for membership might hurt submissions as many of the participants came from non-DSI members. J. Affisco noted that there was not enough representation of NEDSI at the national level and small schools might not be able to attend the DSI and NEDSI meetings.

M. Tehrani stated that she questioned the proposal as to what benefits would pass to the NEDSI by DSI through providing financial support from membership dues or requiring membership in both to the DSI and NEDSI.

The consensus of the NEDSI board was that the membership in the DSI should not be a requirement for participation at the regional conferences.

7. Board of Directors: One vacancy

M. Tehrani announced that D. Wasieleski has taken up the position of chair at Duquesne University and has asked to be removed from the NEDSI Board. She stated that she had sent an email to the NEDSI Executive Committee as for any nominations. She said that N. Hikmet has expressed interest to be a nominee. J. Heineke stated that NEDSI needed new members. The consensus of the Board was to keep the nomination open till the meeting In NY City.

8. New Business:

M. Tehrani stated that she was approached by the Midwest VP on the DSI Board as a possible joint conference with the NEDSI. M. Davis stated that a joint conference was a possibility. Some other members commented as to the organization of a joint conference. M. Tehrani said that she would discuss the matter with the Midwest DSI president

A motion to adjourn (J. Field, J. Affisco). The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rashmi Malhotra