



NORTHEAST DECISION SCIENCES INSTITUTE
Minutes of Officers and Board Meeting
Orlando, Florida
November 20, 2000

Presiding: Susan Pariseau

Present:

Rhonda Aull-Hyde	Neshet Hikmet	Bill Naumes	Dan Reid
Bill Bistline	Julie Kendall	Peggy Naumes	Bill Sipple
Karen Brown	Chris Kydd	Sue Pariseau	Luis Rivera-Solis
Shaw Chen	Fred Kohun	Bob Parsons	Mohammed Tafti
Mark Davis	David Levine	Sue Pariseau	Minoo Tehrani
Maling Ebrahimpour	Mike Maggard	Bob Parsons	Nancy Weida
Bruce Han	Paul Mangiameli	Fariborz Partovi	Barbara Withers
Janelle Heineke	Larry Meile	David Pentico	

1. Susan Pariseau called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. The minutes of the March 23, 2000 meeting in Atlantic City were approved without changes.
2. Bill Bistline, for Luis Rivera-Solis, reported on the 2000 meeting. The meeting was successful, thanks to terrific track chairs and board members. About 200 attended, with representation from around the globe. The meeting broke even financially.
3. Fred Kohun reported on the progress of the March 2001 meeting to be held in Pittsburgh. One-hundred thirty-one papers were submitted by 225 authors. All papers are out and in review. Larry Meile has brought in about \$2550 in publisher support and a similar amount has been promised by industrial supporters.
4. Barbara Withers reported on the progress of the March 20-22 2002 meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The call for papers has been designed and will be ready to be sent soon. An e-mail will be sent to an international list of potential participants. Track needed for Marketing and Statistics.
5. Janelle Heineke reported on the progress of the 2003 meeting: nothing to report yet, but will be ready in Spring.
6. Bill Bistline has signed on to be Program Chair for the 2004 meeting. Possible locations are New York, Philadelphia and Atlantic City. He noted that hotel rates in New York are much better on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Hershey, PA, was suggested as another possible site.
7. Bill Bistline provided the Treasurer's Report. The only question related to revenues of \$7000 for sponsors and exhibits, which was believed to be high.

There was some discussion around the conference fee. It was generally agreed that the fee should cover variable costs. There was a question about whether all meals should be included. Barbara Withers agreed to gather cost data and report at the next meeting.

A National DSI committee has been working on revising the regional accounting procedures. The goal is to standardize and simplify the format.

The question was raised whether NEDSI should accept credit card payment. It was further questioned whether the credit card payment option was worth the effort required to make it possible.

8. Paul Mangiameli offered the Regional Vice President's report.
 - Announcement: Mark Davis has been voted a DSI Fellow – to be instated today. Congratulations were offered all around.
 - NEDSI can have its own Alpha Iota Delta Chapter. One advantage would be the opportunity to offer a \$100 award and plaque for an educational paper.
 - DSI is moving to a more web-based interface for paper submissions, reviews, etc. It was agreed, after some discussion, that NEDSI should learn from National's experience.
 - DSI is starting a new journal focused on education in the decision sciences. National DSI enrollments have stagnated and a refocus on education is hoped to help to recruit new members to both the national and regional organizations.
 - DSI has requested to have access to NEDSI's mailing list for national recruiting efforts. It was moved and passed that the list be provided to DSI.
 - Next year all regional meetings at the national meeting will be held at 3:00 on Saturday afternoon. Paul agreed to report back concern voiced about conflict with other scheduled Saturday activities. It was moved and passed that NEDSI does not want to meet on Saturday.
9. Julie Kendall, VP Communications, reported on the NEDSI website. NEDSI now has a "vanity" URL at Towson and the Rutgers site is linked to it. Al Avery made it possible to move the Rutgers material there and Julie plans to do that before the Pittsburgh meeting. The conference program is linked to the Rutgers site. Any questions can be directed to Julie at julie@thekendalls.org.
10. Karen Brown, VP Member Services, reported that the Member Services Committee is looking at options for revising the Campus Rep program.
11. The Board authorized Fred Kohun to purchase a replacement laser printer for up to \$500.
12. Archivist Mike Maggard requested old materials and photos. So far, John Afisco is the only one who has sent material in.
13. New Business
 - Chris Kydd attended a strategic planning workshop. She suggested a yearly meeting of the President, VPs and Program Chair to revisit and update NEDSI strategy.
 - At the last meeting, we had agreed to discuss the Pearson Awards. Four currently exist, but the Sabbatical Award has never been given. It was moved and approved that NEDSI offer the following awards:
 - The Pearson Best Applied Paper
 - The Pearson Family Award for the Best Theory Paper

- The Alpha Iota Delta Award
 - The Best Healthcare Paper Award
 - The Babson IT Award
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- A new conference fee category was proposed: \$25 for retirees, to include lunch and Proceedings. The already existing student category will also include lunch and Proceedings. Moved and approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janelle Heineke

With thanks to Larry Meile for notetaking during the latter half of the meeting.