Minutes

For the University of Massachusetts at Amherst Student Chapter of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS) Officers Meeting on February 4th, 2013 in the Isenberg School of Management, room G28, starting at 1:00PM E.S.T.

2012-2013 Academic Year Officers Present:

- President: Hyun Jung “Joanne” Oh
- Vice President: Asli Ozen
- Secretary: Tulay Varol and Xiaoling Gao
- Webmaster: Yueran Zhuo
- Treasurer: Dong ”Michelle” Li
- Communications Director: Shivani Shukla

New Business:

1. Spring Activities
The officers began by discussing about the activities for the Spring semester. The place and timing for a “Good-bye Winter” social event were among the first decisions to be made. We agreed on doing it at Bub’s BBQ, Amherst Road, on March 28th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, charging $10 per person. The estimated attendance for this event was 15 people. We also talked about an “end of semester” party and how it shall be planned. Being among the most popular events that attracts great attention from students, we all agreed that the arrangements have to be exemplary.

2. Planning for Professor Tina Wakolbinger’ talk
At the time of the meeting, Professor Tina Wakolbinger’s talk was due on 19th February at the Isenberg School of Management from 2-3 pm. Most of the prior arrangements like preparation of poster and email announcements to members were done. We were left with the decision of a small gift to be given to the speaker after the talk and finalization of the structure of a “thank you” letter for her esteemed presence.

3. Planning for workshop in April
We brainstormed for generating ideas for workshops in April. We came up with two ideas: 1) Sharing Members’ Research: The purpose of this workshop is to have interactions among the students and their peers, to enable the exchange of tips for presentation, and to bring forth thought-provoking questions and 2) Process for Application to an Academic Position: This is meant to bring out ideas and tips that would help students planning to land a job in academics. We are planning to invite faculty members from Isenberg School of Management and Industrial Engineering department to discuss their own policies and also policies in general. We also look forward to calling pass-outs who have been through the process and have been recruited in teaching/research positions. They would be in a position to share their experiences and guide us along the process.