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 16th, 2010 in the Isenberg School of Management, room G28, starting at 4:30PM E.S.T.

2009-2010 Academic Year Officers Present:

- President: Min Yu
- Vice President: Farbod Farhadi
- Secretary: Ronrapee Leelawong
- Webmaster: Guven Ince
- Speaker Coordinator: Amir Masoumi

New Business:

1. Financial Concerns

Min, the president, talked about the financial situation of the chapter and asked Milad, the treasurer, to update the financial status and report back to her. As far as she knows, the chapter finance status is still in good shape. However, Amir proposed that the chapter needs to apply for an adhoc budget from GSS. Therefore Min, Amir, and Milad will meet at a later time to prepare the application for the adhoc budget; the officers hope to get around $400-$500, in order to be able to cover all the future activity costs and the end of semester party. Moreover, Guven, as a representative of ISOM to GSS, was asked to speak on behalf of the chapter in GSS meetings regarding how we have been using the money we got from GSS.

2. Spring Activities

We discussed possible activities for the Spring 2010. Guven proposed that we should do a Ping-Pong tournament again. However, Amir reminded us that the Ping-Pong tournament is implicitly regarded as a Fall activity only. Thus we went on to talk about other successful activities that we did in the past. Finally, we arrived at a consensus on a Bowling Game.

Activity Name: The 4th INFORMS Spring Bowling Tournament
Place: Spare-Time Bowling Lanes, Northampton, MA
Date & Time: April 8th, 2010; 8:30PM onwards.
Cost: $12 per person, unlimited games and free cheese pizza!
3. The Refreshment for the Speaker Series

We agreed to continue providing the audience with the refreshments in every talk this semester. Min and Farbod volunteered to take charge in supplying refreshments.

4. Seminar Lunch and Attendance

As everybody is cordially invited to join the lunch with speakers, Amir asked officers to plan to attend, and he will talk with each of the officers later individually. Also, he mentioned that, perhaps, some new members can participate more in the lunches this semester.

5. Photo Slideshow for the Website

Min asked Guven to update a photo slideshow on the chapter website. Guven can get the photos from Amir.

6. Updating the Database and Mailing Lists

Min asked Farbod to update the name database and mailing lists on the website. Min will supply the latest member information to Farbod.

7. Adjournment Time

Min adjourned the meeting at 5:15 PM.