Minutes

For the University of Massachusetts at Amherst Student Chapter of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS) Officers Meeting on September 23rd, 2010 in the Isenberg School of Management, room G28, starting at 4:00 PM E.S.T.

2010-2011 Academic Year Officers Present:

- President: Nathan Kollett
- Vice President: Farbod Farhadi
- Secretary: Ameera Aly
- Webmaster: Min Yu
- Treasurer: Amir Masoumi

New Business:

1. Financial Concerns
   Nathan, the president, talked about financial situation of the chapter and asked Amir, the treasurer, to update the financial status and report back to him. As far as he knows, the chapter finance status is still in a good shape. Anyhow, Amir proposed that the chapter needs to apply for an adhoc budget from GSS.

2. Fall Activities
   We discussed about the activity for the Fall semester. We decided that we should do a Ping-pong tournament again. We also decided on another end of semester party.

3. Farbod proposed the idea of having a thesis-presentation competition for the undergraduates. The proposed competition would be open to undergraduates across campus as long as it related to the Operations Research/Management Science disciplines in some way (ie. methodology). There would be a prize (a gift card possibly) and judged by professors from Management, Industrial Engineering, Math etc. Amir will follow-up to see if we can be reimbursed by GSS for offering a Visa or American Express type gift card as a prize. We agreed that we would all think about this idea more and discuss it in more detail during the next officer meeting.

4. Nathan adjourned the meeting at 4:30 PM