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 18th, 2011 in the Isenberg School of Management, room G28, starting at 12:00PM E.S.T.

2010-2011 Academic Year Officers Present:

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

New Business:

1. We began by discussing the activities for the Spring semester. Nathan informed all present that since Marc Schneider’s talk was so successful, that Professor Nagurney had scheduled a new “Meet the Executive” talk with Kevin Koswick (of Ford) for April 15th, 2011 at 11AM. Nathan also went through the list of activities planned which included: Bowling Night (tentatively scheduled for April 7th, at 8:30PM), End of Semester Party (tentatively scheduled for May 4th), the Northeast INFORMS conference (May 6-7th). Nathan also introduced the idea of hosting a LaTeX workshop in early March since there is so much interest on campus in learning it (by the undergraduates and graduates from ISOM and other programs). Nathan will reserve a room for, promote, and lead this workshop.

2. Alternatives to Bowling Night (such as skydiving and golf) were discussed. Farbod then regaled those present with his adventures at a water park in Tehran. Amir estimated that the chances of being injured in a skydiving accident were about 1 in 10,000 and that the chances of being injured in a bowling accident were significantly less. Bowling night was unanimously agreed on.

3. Amir reported on the current financial situation of our chapter. He estimated that we have spent just over 60% of our yearly budget so there should be plenty of money left for Bowling Night, refreshments for “Meet the Executive” with Kevin Koswick and the End of Semester Party.

4. Nathan adjourned the meeting at 12:35 PM