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President's Message

The last two years seemed to have passed with lightning-like speed. Now it is Mike Taaffe's turn to take over as President of the College. To this end, in this issue of the Newsletter, you will find a ballot for new officers of the College (on the back cover). Please fill it out and return it to me by 15 August 1998.

The past two years have been no different from previous years for the College in that many people gave freely and ably of their time and efforts. Among them were: Mike Taaffe who did excellent work as Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer John Charnes did a fine job of keeping our financial records as well as enhancing the overall book-keeping methods in order to provide a clear financial picture of the College, Diane Bischak provided exemplary examples of the *Newsletter* as Editor along with the help of Associate Editor Russell Barton. Thank you all very much for a job well done.

The College's awards committees have also worked very hard over this period. They have consisted of:

1. The Distinguished Service Award Committee included Steve Roberts (chair), Jim Wilson, and Alan Pritsker.

2. The Publication Award Committee was staffed by Richard Fujimoto (chair), Paul Glasserman, and Peter Glynn, with Sheldon Jacobson (joining the committee in 1997).

3. The Lifetime Professional Achievement Award Committee made its debut through the tireless efforts of Dick Nance, Bob Sargent, and Jim Wilson. The committee is chaired by Steve Roberts.

4. The Committee on Underrepresented Minorities and Women consisted of Ann Dunkin (chair), Harriet Black Nembhard, Jorge Romeu, and Susan Sanchez.

All of the above mentioned people deserve our sincerest thanks for their fine efforts.

In addition, special mention should be made of the efforts that Russell Barton, Diane Bischak, Peter Welch, and Jim Wilson did as members of the ad hoc committee on Web Page development for the College; their effort was truly exemplary. Peter Welch and Jim Wilson have done a truly outstanding job in getting the College's Web page up and running through its first two years of existence. Enver Yucesan and Marvin Nakayama represented us well by organizing fine Ph.D. Colloquia at the Winter Simulation Conference (WSC) in 1996 and 1997, respectively. David Kelton and Jim Wilson have done a wonderful job of serving the College as WSC Board Representatives; their involvement ensured that the WSC would maintain its traditionally high standards of excellence. Special recognition also goes to Dave Goldsman for much effort on overseeing the College Bylaws amendments.

Finally, I would like to thank Pierre L'Ecuyer, Barry Nelson, and Dave Kelton for fine editorial leadership of the simulation community as simulation editors of *Management Science*, *Operations Research*, and *INFORMS Journal on Computing*, respectively.

I wish the new team of officers much luck and look forward to seeing you at upcoming College meetings.

Jeffrey D. Tew
President
INFORMS College on Simulation

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Editor's Corner

In this issue we report on the winners of two of the College's awards, which were awarded at the 1997 Winter Simulation Conference. Bruce Schmeiser was awarded the Distinguished Service Award, and George Fishman was awarded the Outstanding Simulation Publication Award. Congratulations to both and to the winner of the College's first Lifetime Professional Achievement Award, who will be revealed at the INFORMS Montreal meeting.

The time has come to elect new College officers. You will find a ballot on the back page of this issue of the *Newsletter*. Incidentally, the vote in the referendum in the last *Newsletter* was overwhelmingly in favor of the Bylaw changes.

It has been a pleasure serving as your *Newsletter* Editor for the past two years. We have a vital College with many active members, so there has been no lack of material for the *Newsletter*. Thanks to Russell Barton for his help as Assistant Editor. Russell will pick up as Editor next, and I'm sure he will do an excellent job.

Diane Bischak

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The INFORMS College on Simulation has a World Wide Web Page.

Its URL is

http://www.isye.gatech.edu/informs-sim/
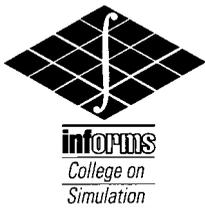
There is also a WWW page for the 1998 Winter Simulation Conference. It can be reached through the College page or directly at

http://www.wintersim.org/

The College page is designed to be a general source of information and WWW references for the simulation community.

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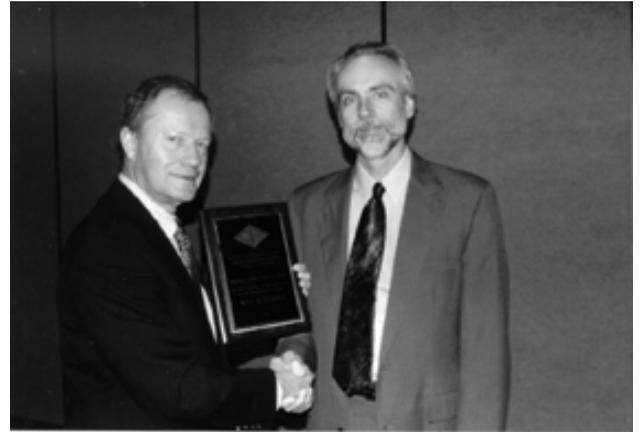# Bruce Schmeiser Receives 1997 INFORMS College on Simulation Distinguished Service Award

The INFORMS College on Simulation presented its 1997 Distinguished Service Award to Professor Bruce Schmeiser of Purdue University for his outstanding contributions to the college, to the Winter Simulation Conference, and to the general simulation community over the past twenty-two years. The presentation took place on December 8, 1997 during the opening session of the Winter Simulation Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

The college established its Distinguished Service Award in 1986 to recognize each year at most one individual who has provided "long-standing, exceptional service to the simulation community ... acquitted with distinction." In 1997 the award selection committee was co-chaired by Thomas J. Schriber (The University of Michigan) and James R. Wilson (North Carolina State University), with Stephen D. Roberts (North Carolina State University) completing his final year of service on the committee. In the photograph Professor Schmeiser (right) is pictured accepting the award from Professor Schriber.

Bruce Schmeiser has played a leading role in initiating and sustaining the primary ongoing activities of the college over the past three decades. In 1976 he was a founding editor of the college's *Newsletter*. In 1980 he served on the committee that established the college's Outstanding Simulation Publication Award; and from 1980 to 1982, he served as chair of the selection committee for this award. Bruce also served the college as secretary-treasurer (1980-1982), vice president (1982-1984), and president (1984-1986). During his term as president of the college, Bruce oversaw the revision of the college's bylaws and the establishment of the college's Distinguished Service Award. From 1987 to 1990, he served on the selection committee for the Distinguished Service Award, chairing this committee in 1988. It is no exaggeration to say that much of the current structure and traditions of the college originated under Bruce's leadership.

Professor Schmeiser has also played a leading role in the growth and development of the Winter Simulation Conference (WSC). He served as Associate Program Chair for WSC'82 and Program Chair for WSC'83. From 1982 to 1991, he also served as a member of the WSC Board of Directors, representing the Operations Research Society of America and holding the positions of vice chair (1986-1988), chair (1988-1990), and liaison to the 1986 and 1992 conferences. During his term as board chair, Bruce introduced long-range planning and operating procedures not only for the WSC board but also for the annual conference committees. These innovations were key factors in the expansion and maturing of the WSC since the mid-1980s.

Beyond his work with the college and WSC, Professor Schmeiser has distinguished himself by his service to the broader simulation community and to related professional disciplines. Since 1977 he has served on the editorial boards of numerous publications of the American Society for Quality, the American Statistical Association, INFORMS, and the Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIE). Moreover, he served as the simulation department editor of *IIE Transactions* (1981-1985), simulation area editor of *Operations Research* (1988-1994), and associate editor of the *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics* (1995-1997).

In all aspects of service to his profession, Bruce Schmeiser has set an exceptional standard for innovation and excellence. It was with great pride that the selection committee presented to him the 1997 Distinguished Service Award of the INFORMS College on Simulation.

Report on the Simulation Area of the *INFORMS Journal on Computing*

Since my last report to the INFORMS/CS Newsletter (on September 9, 1997) three new papers have been submitted, none have been accepted, and one has been rejected. Currently there are six papers in various stages of the reviewing and revision process.

The Area Policy statement (in LaTeX input format) is in the file areapolicy.tex and may be obtained by anonymous ftp to econqa.cba.uc.edu (cd pub/keltond/joc), or via the web to ftp://econqa.cba.uc.edu/pub/keltond/joc/areapolicy.tex.

The Associate Editors for the Simulation area are Paul Fishwick (University of Florida, fishwick@cise.ufl.edu) and Michael Taaffe (University of Minnesota, taaffe@oms.csom.umn.edu).

Submitted by David Kelton (david.kelton@uc.edu), Area Editor, March 6, 1998.

Call for Nominations for the
INFORMS College on Simulation Distinguished Service Award

To recognize individuals who have provided long-standing, exceptional service to the simulation community, the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS) College on Simulation has established its Distinguished Service Award, which may be given to at most one person annually. Sustained service to the simulation community should extend over a period of 15 to 20 years or longer and be acquitted with distinction. The concept of service for this award does NOT include teaching or research contributions. Areas of volunteer service include but are not limited to:

1. elected offices in simulation societies;

2. editorial responsibilities for simulation such as department editor, area editor, and editor-in-chief;

3. conference responsibilities involving simulation such as program chair, proceedings editor, general chair, and being a member of the organizing or program committee;

4. appointed positions for simulation-related activities such as serving on committees and being a newsletter editor; and

5. undertakings and actions that promote simulation in the "larger community".

Nominations for the Distinguished Service Award can be made by anyone and are made by sending a letter of nomination to the chair of the award selection committee by September 1, 1998. Letters of nomination should identify the nominee's areas of exceptional service, detailing the activities for which the nominee is believed to deserve this award. The nominee's current vita must be included with the nomination letter. The individual or individuals making the nomination have the primary responsibility for justifying why the nominee should receive this award. If given, the award will be presented Monday, December 14, 1998, during the opening session of the 1998 Winter Simulation Conference in Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

The citation made when the Distinguished Service Award was presented to Professor Bruce Schmeiser in 1997 can be found on the World Wide Web at

http://www.isye.gatech.edu/informs-sim/schmeis.html

This citation provides an insightful example of the kind and scope of qualifications that have characterized past recipients of the Distinguished Service Award.

Nominations should be sent to the Chair of the Selection Committee:

Professor Thomas J. Schriber
School of Business
The University of Michigan
701 Tappan Street
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109-1234 USA
Internet: schriber@umich.edu
Fax: 734-936-8716
Voice: 734-764-1398

This address is sufficient for next-day delivery services.

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INFORMS College on Simulation Cash Flow Report 1/1/97 through 12/31/97

INFLOWS	
Dues Revenue	2622.50
Interest Income	318.22
WSC Seed Return	2000.00
WSC Surplus Return	3647.14
TOTAL INFLOWS	8587.86
OUTFLOWS	
CUMW Award	780.91
Monthly Service Charge (Bank)	68.46
Newsletter Expenses	1541.64
Outstanding Service Award Expense Reimbursement	768.69
Outstanding Publication Award	500.00
Business Meeting Snacks	185.84
WSC Expense	49.09
WSC Seed Money	2000.00
WSC Travel	369.06
WWW Site Maintenance	900.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	7163.69
OVERALL TOTAL	1424.17

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Respectfully submitted by John M. Charnes, Secretary/Treasurer, 11 March 1998.

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George Fishman Receives 1997 INFORMS College on Simulation Outstanding Simulation Publication Award

The INFORMS College on Simulation presented its 1997 Outstanding Simulation Publication Award to Professor George Fishman of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, for his recent book entitled *Monte Carlo: Concepts, Algorithms, and Applications*, published by Springer-Verlag. The presentation took place on December 8, 1997, during the opening session of the Winter Simulation Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

The award is intended to "recognize outstanding contributions to the simulation literature." Journal articles, proceedings articles, books, and monographs copyrighted in 1994, 1995, and 1996 were eligible for the 1997 award. The award selection committee consisted of Richard Fujimoto (Georgia Tech), Peter Glynn (Stanford University), and Sheldon Jacobson (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University). In the photograph Professor Fishman (left) is pictured accepting the award from Professor Jacobson.

Professor Fishman's book provides a comprehensive introduction and reference to Monte Carlo methods and their application. While accessible to advanced undergraduates and first-year graduate students, the book provides a research-level discussion of error analysis for Monte Carlo experiments and a broad, integrated treatment of Monte Carlo methods, in general. It should further be noted that the book was awarded this year the INFORMS Lanchester Prize for the best work published in operations research and management science.

Call for Nominations for the INFORMS College on Simulation Outstanding Simulation Publication Award

To recognize outstanding contributions to the simulation literature, the INFORMS College on Simulation annually sponsors an Outstanding Simulation Publication Award. Nominations for the 1998 Award should be sent by October 1, 1998 to the Awards Committee Chair:

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The complete set of rules governing the Award appeared in Volume 19, Number 2 of the INFORMS College on Simulation Newsletter (Fall 1985). The following summary includes an amendment to these rules that was passed by the College at its December 1991 Business Meeting:

Anyone is eligible to win the Award. Journal articles, proceedings articles, books, and monographs copyrighted in 1994, 1995, 1996, and 1997 are eligible for the Award to be presented in 1998. Technical reports, research memoranda, working papers, theses, and dissertations are not eligible. Nominations for the Award may be made by anyone, including the author(s), but they may not be made anonymously. Nominations should include: (a) a copy of the written work, including all bibliographical information (in the case of books, the Awards Committee will obtain copies); (b) a short statement suitable for reading at the award ceremony if the work is chosen; and (c) any other information thought relevant by the nominator. If given, the Outstanding Simulation Publication Award will be presented December 14, 1998 at the opening session of the 1998 Winter Simulation Conference, in Washington, DC, USA. The Award carries with it a cash prize of $500.

Status Report on the Simulation Department of *Management Science*

by Pierre L'Ecuyer, Departmental Editor, March 9, 1998

During the year 1997, 12 new papers have been submitted to the Simulation Department of *Management Science*; and editorial work has been completed on 15 papers, with 6 papers accepted, 7 papers rejected, and 2 papers withdrawn. So far this year, we received 2 new submissions. For comparison, we had 15 new submissions in 1996, 7 in 1995, and 19 in 1994. Over the last three years, 11 papers have been accepted and 28 papers have been rejected or withdrawn.

Currently the Simulation Department has 13 papers in process, including 1 for which more than 6 months have elapsed without editorial feedback being provided to the authors. We do the best we can to eliminate such long delays, but we depend to some extend on the good will of the referees.

The Simulation Department seeks high-quality papers dealing with any aspect of system simulation that is relevant to the practice or theory of management science. Authors can submit their paper to the Departmental Editor preferably by electronic mail (in the form of one self-contained TeX or LaTeX or postscript file, without encoding) or by regular mail (in four hard copies). The full text of the Editorial Policy is available from the web page of the Department Editor (click on Simulation Department):

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The Associate Editors for the Simulation Department are: Russell R. Barton of the Pennsylvania State University, Russell C. H. Cheng of The University of Kent at Canterbury, Halim Damerdji of North Carolina State University, Paul Glasserman of Columbia University, Peter W. Glynn of Stanford University, and John D. Sterman of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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Report of the Simulation Area Editor for *Operations Research*

The Simulation Area of *Operations Research* publishes high-quality papers on simulation methodology and applications. The Simulation Area also reviews papers involving statistical problems in operations research. Associate Editors for the simulation area are Peter Haas, IBM Research; David Kelton, University of Cincinnati; Susan Sanchez, University of Missouri-St. Louis; and Mike Taaffe, University of Minnesota.

There were nine submissions for 1997; three have been rejected, three are with the authors for revision, two are in their second review following revision, and one is in its initial review. There have been two submissions in 1998. Overall, the Simulation Area is maintaining an average of 143 days from submission to returning reviews to the author.

To submit a paper, send four copies of the manuscript, plus the statement of contribution, list of subject categories and copyright transfer agreement, to

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Detailed submission information, including the complete mission statement for the Simulation Area and instructions for mail and electronic submission, can be found on the World Wide Web at http://www.iems.nwu.edu/~nelsonb/.

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Event Calendar

EUROSIM Congress '98, Helsinki U. of Technology, Helsinki, Finland, April 14-17, 1998. General congress chair: JKaj Juslin, President of EUROSIM, e-mail: Kaj.Juslin@vtt.fi. WWW page http://www.vtt.fi/aut/tau/network/eurosim/eurocall.htm.

Second International Symposium on Sensitivity Analysis of Model Output (SAMO 98), University of Venice, Ca' Dolfin, April 19-22, 1998. Contact SAMO 98 c/o Environment Institute (EI), European Commission Joint Research Centre, phone: 272, 21020 Ispra (VA), Italy, fax. no.: + 39 332 78 5733, e-mail: karen.chan@jrc.it. WWW page http://www.ei.jrc.it/samo/samo98.

INFORMS/CORS Spring Meeting, Montreal Bonaventure Hilton, and the Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Montreal, Canada, April 26-29, 1998. Program Chair: Jean-Marie Bourjolly, Concordia University and CRT, jean-m@crt.umontreal.ca. WWW page http://www.crt.umontreal.ca/~mtl98.

7th Annual Industrial Engineering Research Conference, Banff, Alberta, Canada, May 9-10, 1998. Contact Leon McGinnis, ISyE, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, Georgia 30332-0205, e-mail: leon.mcginnis@isye.gatech.edu. WWW page http://www.iienet.org/conted/ierc98.htm.

P A D S ' 9 8, 12th Workshop on Parallel and Distributed Simulation, Banff, Alberta, Canada, May 26-29, 1998. Contact Brian Unger, Department of Computer Science, University of Calgary, 2500 University Drive N.W., Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4, Canada, phone: 403 220 6316, e-mail: unger@cpsc.ucalgary.ca, web: http://www.cpsc.ucalgary.ca/~unger. WWW page http://www.wnet.ca/pads98.

Third St.Petersburg Workshop on Simulation, St. Petersburg, Russia, June 21-25, 1998. Contact Prof. Viatcheslav B. Melas, St.Petersburg State University Bibliotechnaya sq. 2 198904 Petrodvoretz, St.Petersburg, Russia, fax: (7-812) 186 63 15, e-mail: slava@melas.niimm.spb.su. WWW page http://www.isye.gatech.edu/informs-sim/stpete.html.

SIGMETRICS '98/ PERFORMANCE '98: Joint International Conference on Measurement and Modeling of Computer Systems, Monona Terrace, Madison, Wisconsin, June 22-26, 1998. Contact Garth Gibson, Carnegie-Mellon University, e-mail: garth@cs.cmu.edu, or David Nicol, Dartmouth University, e-mail: nicol@cs.dartmouth.edu. WWW page http://www.cs.gmu.edu/conf/sigmetrics98.

INFORMS Israel 1998, TelAviv University, June 28 - July 1, 1998. Contact Bezalel Gavish, Owen Graduate School of Management, Vanderbilt University, 401 21st Ave. South, Nashville, TN 37203, USA, phone: (615) 322-3659, fax: (615) 343-7177, e-mail: gavishb@ctrvax.vanderbilt.edu. WWW page http://www.informs.org/Conf/TelAviv98.

Manufacturing and Service Operations Management Conference, June 29-30,1998, Seattle, WA. Preceded by the Multi-Echelon Inventory Conference, June 28, 1998. Contact Ted Klastorin, Chair, Management Science Department, University of Washington, Box 353200, Seattle, WA 98195-3200, phone: (206) 543-1043, e-mail: tedk@u.washington.edu. WWW page http://weber.u.washington.edu/~msomconf/.

1998 SIAM Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, July 13-17, 1998. Contact Kenneth R. Jackson, Computer Science Dept., Sandford Fleming Building, University of Toronto,10 King's College Rd., Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5S 3G4, phone: (416) 978-7075, fax: (416) 978-1931, e-mail: krj@cs.utoronto.ca. WWW page http://www.siam.org/meetings/an98/an98home.htm.

1998 Summer Computer Simulation Conference, John Ascuaga's Nugget Hotel, Reno, Nevada, July 19-22, 1998. Contact Danny DeMarinis, The MITRE Corporation, e-mail: bdemarin@mitre.org or The Society for Computer Simulation International, P. O. Box 17900, San Diego, California 92177-7900, phone: (619) 277-3888, fax: (619) 277-3930. WWW page http://www.scs.org/confernc/coninfo.html#scsc98.

Sixth International Symposium on Modeling, Analysis and Simulation of Computer and Telecommunication Systems (MASCOTS '98) Complex Dejardins Hotel, Montreal, Canada, July 19-24, 1998. Contact Philip Wilsey, University of Cincinnati, Computer Architecture Design Laboratory, Dept. of ECECS, PO Box 210030, Cincinnati, OH 45221-0030, phone: (513) 556-4779, fax: (513) 556-7326, e-mail: philip.wilsey@uc.edu. WWW page http://www.cs.mcgill.ca/~azedine.

Second International Workshop on Distributed Interactive Simulation and Real Time Applications (In Conjunction with MASCOTS'98), July 19-20, 1998, Montreal, Canada. Contact Azzedine Boukerche School of Computer Science, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, phone: (514) 931-4676, e-mail: azedine@cs.mcgill.ca, or Richard Fujimoto, phone: (404)853-9384, e-mail: fujimoto@cc.gatech.edu.

Sixteenth International Conference of the System Dynamics Society, July 20-23, 1998, Quebec Hilton, Quebec City, Canada. Contact R. Joel Rahn, e-mail: rjrahn@microtec.net or joel.rahn@osd.ulaval.ca. WWW page http://www.albany.edu/cpr/sds/.

33rd Annual Conference of the Operational Research Society of New Zealand, August 31 to September 1, 1998, Auckland, New Zealand. Contact Andrew Mason, Department of Engineering Science, University of Auckland, phone: +64-9-373-7599 x7909, e-mail: a.mason@auckland.ac.nz.

International Conference on Operations Research (OR 98), August 31 to September 3, 1998, ETH Zurich, Switzerland. Contact Secretariat OR98, Institute for Operations Research, ETH Zentrum, CLP, CH-8092 Zurich, phone: +41-1-632-6005, fax: +41-1-632-1025, e-mail: or98@ifor.math.ethz.ch. WWW page http://www.or98.ethz.ch.

15th IFIP World Computer Congress, Austrian Computer Society (OCG) and John v. Neumann Computer Society (NJSzT), August 31 to September 4, 1998, Vienna, Austria and Budapest, Hungary. Contact the Austrian Computer Society, Wollzeile 1-3, A-1010 Wien (Vienna) Austria, phone: +43 1 512 02 35, fax: +43 1 512 02 35 9, e-mail: ifip98@ocg.or.at. WWW page http://www.ocg.or.at/ifip98.html.

DSS '98 Distributed Simulation Symposium, September 14-18, 1998, Orlando, Florida. Contact Richard Weatherly, The MITRE Corporation,1820 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean, VA 22101, phone: (703)883-7203, e-mail: weather@mitre.org. WWW page http://siso.sc.ist.ucf.edu/siw/98fall/dsscfp.htm.

Randomization and Approximation Techniques in Computer Science (RANDOM'98), October 8-10, 1998, Barcelona, Spain. Contact M. Luby, RANDOM'98, International Computer Science Institute, 1947 Center St., Suite 600, Berkeley, CA 94704-1198 USA, e-mail: luby@icsi.berkeley.edu. WWW page http://cuiwww.unige.ch/~rolim/random/.

INFORMS Seattle, October 25-28, 1998. General Chair: Marisa Altschul, e-mail: marisa.altschul@boeing.com, Program Chair: Jeff Arthur, Oregon State University, phone: (541) 737-2429, e-mail: arthur@stat.orst.edu. WWW page http://www.math.org/seattleinforms.html.

1998 Winter Simulation Conference, Grand Hyatt Hotel, Washington, DC, December 13-16, 1998. Contact John S. Carson, phone: (770) 955-1501, fax: (770) 955-1592, e-mail: johnc@autosim.com, or Mani Manivannan, phone: (503) 499-3550, fax: (503) 499-3858, e-mail: mani@isq91.cnf.com. WWW page http://www.wintersim.org/wsc98.htm.

Minutes of the INFORMS College on Simulation Business Meeting at the 1997 Winter Simulation Conference

Atlanta, Georgia • December 9, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 5:20 PM by President Jeff Tew, who welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

Reports

John Charnes summarized the minutes from the Fall '97 meeting in Dallas and gave the treasurer's report. The details are in the Fall '97 newsletter. Mike Taaffe reported that we will sponsor 7 sessions at the Spring '98 INFORMS meeting in Montreal. He also called for sessions for the Fall '98 meeting in Seattle. Diane Bischak reported that the *Newsletter* was mailed out a month ago.

Sheldon Jacobson reported on the Outstanding Simulation Publication Award, won this year by George Fishman. Sheldon called for nominations for next year. Bruce Schmeiser was recognized as this year's Distinguished Service Award winner. The call for next year's nominations will be out soon. Steve Roberts, Gordon Clark, and Dave Goldsman called for nominations for the Lifetime Professional Achievement Award. The deadline is December 20.

Ann Dunkin recognized this year's winners of the Women and Underrepresented Minorities Committee. One winner, Lilian Afaro, could not attend this year because of a family emergency. She will be allowed to use her award next year, or to attend an INFORMS meeting. Harriett Nembhard will be chair of next year's committee.

David Kelton reported on the Simulation Area of the *INFORMS Journal on Computing*. Details are in the Fall '97 *Newsletter*. Pierre L'Ecuyer reported on the Simulation Area of *Management Science*. Details are in the Fall '97 Newsletter. Barry Nelson reported on the Simulation Area of *Operations Research*. Details are in the Fall '97 Newsletter. The journal now has a web site that contains appendices and other information related to the articles. See the INFORMS web site.

Barry Nelson reported on WSC'97. The participation of the Ph.D. Student Colloquium in the poster session was a success, and is a practice that should be continued. The Ph.D. Student Colloquium had approximately 50 people in attendance. Barry Nelson introduced Viatcheslav B. Melas from St. Petersburg State University, who described the Workshop on Simulation and Applied Statistics to be held 28 June through 3 July 1998. Workshop details can be found at the URL www.niimm.spb.su. Prof. Melas's e-mail address is Viatcheslav.Melas@pobox.spbu.ru. Mani Manivannan reported on WSC'98, which is to be held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington D.C., 13 through 16 December 1998. The theme will be "Simulation in the 21st Century." Various proposals have been made to publish more conference-related material on CD-ROM, and less in printed form. Some of these proposals were described and a lengthy discussion ensued. The WSC web site, www.wintersim.org, will contain updates on this issue, which was unresolved at the end of the discussion.

Old Business

Jeff Tew announced that dues have been raised to $7.50 for non-members, $6.00 for members, and $2.00 for students and retired members as per the vote of the attendees of the Spring '97 Business Meeting in San Diego. Russell Barton reported on the ad hoc committee on matters related to the College's World Wide Web page. The committee has a full report in the Fall '97 *Newsletter*. In brief, the committee recommends that the college appoint a Web Page Editor, as well as a Newsletter Editor. A discussion of the web page editor position took place. Will this be a volunteer effort, or a paid position? We don't pay anyone else to perform his or her college duties, so this one should also be voluntary. A motion was passed to split the monetary issue from the by-law changes included in the Fall '97 *Newsletter* report from the ad hoc committee on matters related to the college's web page. A motion was passed to accept the ad hoc committee's by-law changes. A motion was passed to allow the Web Page Editor established by the by-law changes to pay up to $150/month for expenses to maintain the web page. However, these funds cannot be used to pay for the Web Page Editor's services.

New Business

Mike Taaffe called for a show of hands to indicate approval for holding Sunday sessions at future INFORMS meetings. The results were approximately 50% for and 50% against. Jeff Tew called for nominations for college officers. A ballot will be included in the Spring '98

Newsletter. Sheldon Jacobson reported on the initiative to create corporate sponsorship of college activities. There was a short discussion of this issue. It will be put on the agenda for the Spring '98 meeting in Montreal. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by John Charnes, Secretary/Treasurer.

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- Jim Wilson, NC State
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- Ann Dunkin, Hewlett-Packard Co.
- Judith-Marie Pariss, NC State
- Alan Pritsker, Pritsker Corp.
- Don Gross, George Mason University
- Siggi Olafsson, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Theodore (Ted) Allen, Ohio State University
- Marvin Nakayama , New Jersey Institute of Technology
- Halim Damerdji, North Carolina State University
- Susan Sanchez, University of Missouri-St. Louis
- Paul Sanchez, St. Louis University
- Frank Chance, Chance Industrial Solutions
- Michael Fu, University of Maryland
- Jeff Joines, NC State
- Deryl Hollick, Lockheed Martin
- Shane Henderson, University of Auckland-New Zealand
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- E. Jack Chen, University of Cincinnati
- David Kelton, University of Cincinnati
- Manuel D. Rossetti, University of Virginia
- Ken Bauer, Air Force Institute of Technology
- Lee Schruben, Cornell University
- Alexander Schonig, Siemens AG, Germany
- Pres White, University of Virginia
- Bob Shannon, Texas A&M University
- Barry L. Nelson, Northwestern University
- Chuck Reilly, University of Central Florida
- Jeffrey Goldmon, Cornell University
- Paul Hyden, Cornel University
- Mike Fresner, Cornell University
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- J. O. Miller, Air Force Institute of Technology
- Scott M. Fox, Air Force Institute of Technology
- Hans J. Petry, USAF/Air Mobility Command
- T. Glenn Bailey, Air Force Institute of Technology
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- Vin DeMatteo, SNET
- Brian J. Jun, Biological & Popular Culture, Inc.
- James R. Swisher, Biological & Popular Culture, Inc.
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- Neal Bengtson, Barton College
- Connie Nott, Central Washington University
- Susumu Morito, Waseda University
- Keebom Kang, Naval Postgraduate School
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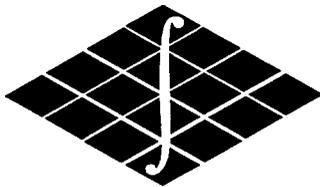**BALLOT: Please place a check in the box before ONE (1) name for each office only.**

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