Minutes of the COIN-OR Foundation, Inc.
Strategic Leadership Board Conference Call
2005 December 06

1 Scheduled Agenda

The call was scheduled to begin at 10:00 AM Eastern Time.

1. Approval of minutes for meetings on 2005 June 16, 2005 August 4, and 2005 October 25.

2. Official record of election results.

3. Officer elections.

4. Would COIN-OR host projects that contain open-source software that uses an API to proprietary software?

5. Other business.

2 Minutes of the Meeting

Present: Bob Fourer, Brady Hunsaker, Lou Hafer, Robin Lougee-Heimer, Matt Saltzman. A quorum was present.

The President was present and presiding. Meeting called to order at 10:13 AM.

2.1 Approval of minutes for meetings on 2005 June 16, 2005 August 4, and 2005 October 25.

Motion to approve all three sets of minutes was adopted.

2.2 Official record of election results

The Secretary reported on results of the election for directors. Question as to whether the actual number of votes received should be reported publicly.

Brady Hunsaker moved that "We report the elected candidates and the total number of ballots cast in the public minutes, and that we retain records of all ballots until the completion of the next election of directors." The motion was adopted.

In the election completed in November 2005, 14 ballots were cast out of 40 eligible voters. Elected members of the SLB are Bob Fourer and Robin Lougee-Heimer. Elected members of the TLC are Laci Ladanyi, Ted Ralphs, Francois Margot, and Kipp Martin.

2.3 Officer elections

Nominees prior to the meeting were the following, all of whom expressed willingness to serve:

- President: Matt Saltzman

- Treasurer: Ted Ralphs

- Secretary: Brady Hunsaker

Lou Hafer moved to close the nominations. The motion was adopted.

Matt Saltzman moved to elect the slate by acclamation. The motion was adopted.

Discussed committee assignments. Bob Fourer volunteered to serve on the Outreach and Legal committees.

Action item: Brady Hunsaker will update the web page listing of members and committees.

Action item: Robin Lougee-Heimer will draft an announcement that COIN-OR Foundation is now a 501(c)3 organization.

2.4 Would COIN-OR host projects that contain open-source software that uses an API to proprietary software?

This question was posed to a Board member at the INFORMS conference by a software vendor.

Comments that we already have code that links to proprietary solvers. Concerns that this sets a trend toward "locking-in" toward a particular product.

Other concerns about our requirement that COIN-OR should be the best place for the contribution. Some contributions we imagine would be better suited to a company's website.

A sense that this is hard to judge without a specific project in front of us.

Action item: Robin Lougee-Heimer will contact the software vendor about our policies and interest as well as some concerns about this issue.

2.5 Other business

Discussed various aspects of keeping technical reports.

Action item: Lou Hafer will contact Kevin Furman about his interest in setting this up.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 AM.

3 Summary of Resolutions

- Motion to approve the minutes for 2005 June 16, 2005 August 4, and 2005 October 25 was adopted.

- Brady Hunsaker moved that "We report the elected candidates and the total number of ballots cast in the public minutes, and that we retain records of all ballots until the completion of the next election of directors." The motion was adopted.

- Matt Saltzman moved to elect the slate of officers by acclamation. The motion was adopted.

4 Summary of Action Items

- Brady Hunsaker will update the web page listing of members and committees.

- Robin Lougee-Heimer will draft an announcement that COIN-OR Foundation is now a 501(c)3 organization.

- Robin Lougee-Heimer will contact the software vendor about our policies and interest as well as some concerns about the issue of hosting open-source software that depends on proprietary software.

- Lou Hafer will contact Kevin Furman about his interest in technical reports.