

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

February 12, 2008.

1 Scheduled Agenda

1. Approval of minutes from the Strategic Leadership Board meeting of June 28, 2007.
2. Election of COIN-OR Foundation officers
3. Authorisation to hire a lawyer for routine legal reviews
4. Approval of Terms of Service for the website
5. Request to archive H. Mittelman's benchmark data sets on COIN-OR

2 Minutes of the Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the President at 10:06 ET. In attendance: Bob Fourer, Kevin Furman, Lou Hafer, Robin Lougee-Heimer, Ted Ralphs, Matt Saltzman, Mike Trick. Absent: Randy Kiefer. A quorum was present.

2.1 Approval of past minutes

Kevin Furman moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of June 28, 2007; seconded by Ted Ralphs. The motion to accept the minutes was approved (unanimous).

2.2 Election of Officers

Nominees for Officers of the COIN-OR Foundation, Inc., prior to the meeting, were Matt Saltzman, President; Ted Ralphs, Treasurer; and Bob Fourer, Secretary. All expressed willingness to serve, with the proviso that Lou Hafer would continue as acting Secretary until the end of March, 2008. Lou Hafer moved to close the nominations; seconded by Ted Ralphs. The motion was adopted (unanimous). Lou Hafer moved to adopt the slate of Officers; seconded by Matt Saltzman. The motion was adopted (unanimous).

2.3 Authorisation for expenditures for routine legal services

Discussion: It was felt that the Board should consider authorising some level of expenditure to hire a lawyer for routine legal advice on intellectual property issues. There was discussion of current reserves and budget, and what we might reasonably expect in the way of support from major donors. A limit of \$5,000 was established as useful and acceptable to the members of the Board.

Lou Hafer moved that the Board authorise up to \$5,000 in expenses to hire a lawyer to advise us on routine legal matters related to intellectual property issues, and that the President be authorised to engage a lawyer for this purpose. Seconded by Kevin Furman. The motion was adopted (unanimous).

R. Lougee-Heimer will follow up on some referrals.

2.4 Approval of Terms of Service for the website

The Terms of Service in Appendix A were presented for approval.

Discussion: It was pointed out that the Terms of Service stipulate that COIN-OR assumed ownership of material posted to the website, and that this implied that we now had an obligation to settle on an appropriate license for website content.

Moved by Kevin Furman that the Terms of Service be accepted as circulated; seconded by Ted Ralphs. The motion was adopted (unanimous).

M. Saltzman and T. Ralphs will make the appropriate modifications to the COIN-OR website. B. Hunsaker will be advised so that the Terms of Service can be incorporated into the ongoing website upgrade.

2.5 Request to archive H. Mittelman's benchmark data sets on COIN-OR

H. Mittelman has an ongoing project to benchmark optimisation software. He uses a large collection of data sets, all of which are available from other repositories. A request was brought to the Board to archive the data sets used for mixed-integer programming benchmarks on the COIN-OR website.

Discussion: A number of issues were raised, including duplication of effort and licensing. Unilateral action might be seen as an attempt to usurp the role of other repositories maintaining benchmark data sets. There was a consensus that the appropriate course was to explore alternatives with current benchmark maintainers. B. Fourer, K. Furman, and R. Lougee-Heimer will act as an *ad hoc* committee to explore further.

2.6 Other business

There was no new business.

A motion to adjourn was moved by Ted Ralphs; seconded by Kevin Furman. The motion was adopted (unanimous).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 ET.

3 Summary of Resolutions

* Kevin Furman moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of June 28, 2007; seconded by Ted Ralphs. The motion to accept the minutes was approved (unanimous).

- * Nominees for Officers of the COIN-OR Foundation, Inc.: Matt Saltzman, President; Ted Ralphs, Treasurer; and Bob Fourer, Secretary. Lou Hafer moved to close the nominations; seconded by Ted Ralphs. The motion was adopted (unanimous). Lou Hafer moved to adopt the slate of Officers; seconded by Matt Saltzman. The motion was adopted (unanimous).
- * Lou Hafer moved that the Board authorise up to \$5,000 in expenses to hire a lawyer to advise us on routine legal matters related to intellectual property issues, and that the President be authorised to engage a lawyer for this purpose. Seconded by Kevin Furman. The motion was adopted (unanimous).
- * Moved by Kevin Furman that the Terms of Service (attached as Appendix A be accepted as circulated; seconded by Ted Ralphs. The motion was adopted (unanimous).

A Web Site Terms of Service

TERMS OF SERVICE

We reserve the right to remove any content or material from the wiki or servers that we deem inappropriate. Inappropriate is defined as per the discretion of the Project Manager, the Technical Leadership Council, or the Strategic Leadership Board. In the event of any disagreement between the Project Manager, Council, and Board, the final decision rests with the Board.

The COIN-OR Foundation reserves the right to refuse service or access to any individual or group within its own discretion.

Please do not use our website or server for advertising purposes. If there is a legitimate reason to cite or refer to a commercial product or application, please use a simple reference to a website or publication. For example, one could use the following format: "For more information about <product X>, please go to <http://www.<product X>.com>."

Please do not post or submit any material that is abusive, harmful, threatening, or otherwise inappropriate. We strongly encourage positive contributions to the community.

The COIN-OR Foundation offers no warranty and accepts no liability for the use of the website, wiki, servers, or any open source software made available.

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Any contributions made to the wiki or website are considered the intellectual property of the COIN-OR Foundation unless an alternate arrangement has been negotiated with the COIN-OR Foundation before making the contribution. Contact the Secretary of the COIN-OR Foundation (secretary@coin-or.org) if you wish to negotiate an alternate arrangement.