

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

September 8, 2011

## 1 Scheduled Agenda

1. Approval of minutes from the official meeting of February 14, 2011.
2. Motion to reduce the size of the SLB from eight elected members to seven elected members.
3. INFORMS planning.
4. Server upgrade and relocation.
5. Corporate membership/sponsorship for AIMMS.
6. Developing a steady income stream to support hardware and software infrastructure maintenance.
7. Progress on web site.
8. Membership discussion.
9. Loose ends from legal policy discussion.
10. Cleaning up posted policies, *etc.*
11. Scrubbing repository.
12. Static/archived projects.

## 2 Minutes of the Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the President at 4:10 pm ET. In attendance: Lou Hafer, Kevin Furman, Randy Kiefer, Ted Ralphs, Paul Rubin, Matt Saltzman. Absent: Bob Fourer, Alan King, David Jensen. A quorum was present.

### 2.1 Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the official meeting of Valentine's Day, 2011. (Hafer, Furman) adopted (unanimous).

*« R. Kiefer dropped out due to technical difficulties. »*

## **2.2 Motion to Reduce the Size of the SLB**

There was general discussion of possible candidates for director positions in the SLB and TLC. The following motion was placed before the Board:

The size of the COIN-OR Foundation Strategic Leadership Board be reduced from eight (8) elected directors to seven (7) elected directors. (Furman, Ralphs)

There was no further discussion. The motion was adopted (unanimous).

## **2.3 Remaining Agenda Items**

### **INFORMS Planning**

Discussion moved to planning for INFORMS Charlotte. Lou reported that he has corresponded with Sandy Owens and Cheryl Clark at INFORMS and arrangements for the booth and User's Meeting are on track. Matt reported that Pietro Belotti is organising a group to run the COIN Cup competition. Lou will put out a call for nominations for the upcoming elections before September 19<sup>th</sup>. Matt will follow up on the chocolate coins. Lou will put out a call for news to coin-announce and the Project Manager's list to get material for the Annual Report and OR/MS Today article.

### **Server Relocation**

Matt reported that he was about to cut over the mail and list service to the new server. The planned schedule was to move mail and list service on the 9<sup>th</sup>, with static HTML to follow over the weekend and the remaining content (repositories) over the following week or two. Shell accounts will soon be possible. Mail and list service was chosen to go first as it presented a few challenges but was not a critical service. Along the way, the file system organisation is being rationalised to remove distortions introduced when it was thought we would be sharing the INFORMS server. The student hired over the summer has agreed to do some work now that the server is available, to balance out the general inability to work over the summer.

*« R. Kiefer rejoined the meeting. »*

### **Developing an Income Stream**

Randy reported that he's working on titles and levels for sponsorship. There was some discussion of appropriate levels; \$8,000 – \$9,000 was suggested as a top level. Matt and Randy will work together to map sponsorship levels to tasks.

It was noted that the lifespan of the server would be between 4 and 5 years and we should plan for replacement in that time frame.

Given the direction of the discussion, the consensus was that agenda items 5 and 6 should be merged.

*« R. Kiefer had to leave the meeting due to a schedule conflict. »*

### **Other Items**

Discussion of the remaining agenda items was cursory. Items 7 and 8 have been blocked pending completion of the server relocation. Ted will have a look at policies (items 9 and 10) to assess the situation. It was suggested that items 11 and 12 be merged until some good reason justified the separation.

A motion to adjourn (Saltzman, Rubin) was adopted (unanimous). The conference call ended at 5:02 pm ET.

### **3 Summary of Resolutions**

- \* Motion to approve the minutes of the official meeting of February 14, 2011. (Hafer, Furman) adopted (unanimous).
- \* Motion that the size of the COIN-OR Foundation Strategic Leadership Board be reduced from eight (8) elected directors to seven (7) elected directors. (Furman, Ralphs) adopted (unanimous).