

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

March 12, 2014

1 Scheduled Agenda

1. Approval of minutes from the official meeting of November 8, 2012.
2. Election of officers (President, Secretary, Treasurer).
3. Change of bank.
4. Possibilities for the vacant Director position.
5. European multi-objective proposal partnership.
6. INFORMS Impact Prize
7. Miscellaneous infrastructure items.
8. Six additional semi-permanent agenda items.

2 Minutes of the Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the President at 5:00 pm ET. In attendance: Lou Hafer, Alan King, Andrew Mason (5:20), Ted Ralphs, Matt Saltzman. Absent: Kevin Furman, Bill Hart.

A quorum was present.

2.1 Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the official meeting of November 8, 2012 (Hafer, Ralphs). Adopted (unanimous).

2.2 Election of Officers

« Discussion of other agenda items was interrupted around 5:30 ET for election of officers. »

The current President (Saltzman) and Secretary (Hafer) expressed their willingness to continue for the current year. Alan King accepted a nomination for Treasurer. There were no other nominations.

Motion to acclaim Matt Saltzman (President), Lou Hafer (Secretary), Alan King (Treasurer) as officers of the COIN-OR Foundation for the current year. Adopted (unanimous).

2.3 Discussion

Members present at the start of the meeting briefly discussed a web development proposal from Site Magi (see online attachment). Matt will follow up with the developer.

Matt reported continuing progress on technical aspects of the web site. He is investigating a different git plugin (gitlab) which promises better integration with OpenID. Unfortunately, gitlab is not packaged for RHEL so some additional effort is required. Next up are updates to the new project script and a number of minor issues.

In conversation with Matt, Ann Robinson said that she wants to meet with us to talk about strategic planning and outreach. Matt will follow up to get the ball rolling and hand over the details of scheduling to Lou.

« Andrew joined the teleconference at this point, coincident with a hard crash of the Secretary's computer system. When Lou rejoined the meeting, discussion was interrupted for the election of officers. »

Members briefly discussed the upcoming INFORMS Impact Prize competition, with the intent of getting started early enough to put together a good nomination package. Several names were put forward as possible champions for the nomination. Matt will follow up with them.

Discussion turned to the question of moving the Foundation's bank account. PNC was convenient for the previous Treasurer (Randy) but there is no convenient brick-and-mortar branch for Matt. Matt and Alan will discuss and settle on a mutually convenient bank. Ted mentioned that he still controls the Foundation's PayPal account and would like to hand this off to the Treasurer. As the amount of money coming in through PayPal has been insignificant, it was suggested that perhaps we should just cancel the account. After discussion, it was decided that this would be premature pending development of a long-term funding strategy.

Lou pointed out that we still have a vacant SLB director position. One alternative is to find a candidate and run a byelection. Another alternative is to reduce the size of the SLB. The consensus was that we still needed a director with expertise in non-profit organisations and we should keep looking.

Members moved on to the invitation from Klamroth, *et al.*, for COIN-OR to participate as an associate partner in a Multiple Objective Mathematical Optimisation network proposal being developed for submission to the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action: Innovative Training Networks (ITN) competition (H2020-MSCA-ITN-2014). Spirited discussion ensued. The request reflects well on our stature in the OR community and we would do well to capitalise on it. Members expressed general enthusiasm for participation but there was debate about just what we could promise as an organisation and what benefits might accrue to the Foundation. The Foundation does not employ researchers, so we cannot promise to contribute to the research side of the network. Several members pointed out that, to their knowledge, it was not possible to spend European Union funds outside of Europe. We can commit to making the COIN-OR repository infrastructure available. More, we might use this to leverage some infrastructure support, in the form of personnel employed in Europe who would spend time working on infrastructure. Matt will follow up and compose a response for review by the SLB.

A motion to adjourn (Hafer, Mason) was adopted (unanimous). The conference call ended at 6:15 pm ET.

3 Summary of Resolutions

- * Motion to approve the minutes of the official meeting of December 2, 2011. (Hafer, Ralphs) adopted (unanimous).
- * Motion to acclaim Matt Saltzman (President), Lou Hafer (Secretary), Alan King (Treasurer) as officers of the COIN-OR Foundation for the current year. Adopted (unanimous).