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36th Annual Midwest Decision Sciences Institute Meeting Highlights

Thanks to the track chairs, reviewers, session chairs, presenters, and attendees who made Midwest Decision Sciences Institute's 36th annual meeting in Toledo a success! Eighty-one people attended the meeting. Sixty-three papers and five teaching workshops were presented. Twenty people volunteered their time as reviewers.

Several sessions emphasized teaching and learning. Faculty members shared ideas for enhancing teaching in five workshops on topics including SAP, lean, conflict resolution, supply chain management, and Excel applications. Two sessions addressed issues of innovative education. Congratulations to Donald Carpenter, Mesa State College, and Vijay Agrawal, University of Nebraska at Kearney who were the recipients of the Alpha Iota Delta Innovative Award.

An industry spotlight focused on Owens Corning's supply chain and featured Mike Cramer, Director Logistics and Bob Harlan, Director Customer Fulfillment. The presentation shared innovative supply chain management practices.

One of the benefits of attending MWDSI is the opportunity to get constructive feedback on research at any stage in its development. Research presentations spanned a range of topics from new product development, knowledge management, data warehouse systems, supply chain integration, and accounting for long-term projects. Congratulations to Thawatchai Jitpaiboon, Ball State University, T.S. Ragu-Nathan, University of Toledo, and Mark Vonderembse, University of Toledo who received the Best Refereed Paper Award.

Student involvement was a key to success of the Toledo meeting. The doctoral student dinner coordinated by Daesik Hur, Bowling Green State University was an excellent opportunity for students to get to know each other and to meet MWDSI members. This year, 18 students attended representing Case Western Reserve University, Indiana University, Michigan State University, and University of Toledo. We especially want to thank the 13 faculty participants who shared their experiences and made the students feel welcome.

Twenty-two students submitted papers for the student paper competition. Third place honors went to David Marion, University of Toledo, second place to Yulong Li, University of Toledo, and the first place award went to Shahnawaz Muhammed and Parag Dhumal of University of Toledo. We appreciate Carl Briggs, Indiana University for all of his effort in coordinating the student paper competition this year.

Each year, at the annual meeting, MWDSI honors the best paper published in Operations Management with the Stan Hardy Award. The editors of *Decision Sciences*, *Journal of Operations Management*, *Manufacturing and Service Operations Management*, and *Production and Operations Management* nominated papers that had been published in 2004. A team of five researchers reviewed the nominated papers and

selected the winner. Congratulations to Michael Lapre and Gary Scudder of Vanderbilt University, the 2005 Stan Hardy Award recipients. You can read their award winning paper “Performance Improvement Paths in the US Airline Industry: Inking Trade-offs to Asset Frontiers” in *Production and Operations Management Journal*, vol. 13, no. 2, 2004.

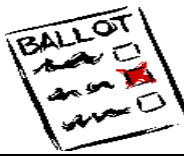
Amid the professional development aspects of the meeting, MWDSI members always find time to have some fun! Attendees new to the Toledo area now know how to recognize a “Mud Hen” as we watched the team pummel the Durham Bulls 8 to 3 (sorry Bulls fans)!!

The annual meeting would not be possible without the generous support of sponsors. We greatly appreciate the financial support provided for the 2005 meeting by Bowling Green State University, Northern Illinois University, Sam & Irene Black School of Business, Penn State Erie, University of Toledo, Valparaiso University, Winona State University, McGraw-Hill/Irwin, Responsive Learning Technologies, Prentice Hall, and Wiley.

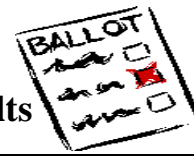
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2005-06 Election MWDSI Officer Results



Election ballots were tabulated immediately following the Midwest DSI Executive Board at the annual meeting in Toledo. This tabulation included both ballots deposited in the ballot box during the annual meeting and those received via mail. The following are the results of the election for the 2005-06-program year:

- President-Elect: Richard J. Penlesky
- Secretary: Edward A. Duplaga
- Vice President-Planning and Development: Charles G. Petersen
- Vice President for Publications: Chang Liu
- Vice President for Member Services: Kristina Setzekorn
- Vice President for Student Liaison: Daesik Hur
- Vice President for Industry Liaison: Thomas F. Gattiker

Please congratulate these individuals and feel free to contact them in order to express your concerns and suggestions for how MWDSI can better serve your needs.

Congratulations!

MWDSI Fellows:

Stan Hardy, MWDSI Fellow

Many consider Stan Hardy as one of the founding fathers of Midwest DSI and being instrumental in the founding of the Decision Sciences Institute itself. Stan served as Midwest DSI's first President, from 1970-71. Stan served as a mentor to many of the current Fellows of the Decision Sciences Institute. The Stan Hardy Award, awarded annually by Midwest DSI to the best manuscript as chosen by editors of *Decision Sciences*, *Journal of Operations Management*, the *International Journal of Production Research*, *Manufacturing and Service Operations Management*, and *Production and Operations Management* and the Stan Hardy Award Committee is named in recognition of Stan's contributions.

William C. Perkins, MWDSI Fellow

William C. (Bill) Perkins is Professor Emeritus of Information Systems and Decision Sciences, within the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University in Bloomington where he served on the faculty for thirty-seven years until his retirement in 2003.

Dr. Perkins has been heavily involved in the Midwest Decision Sciences Institute since its inception. He attended the first meeting of Midwest DSI (then the Midwest Region of the American Institute for Decision Sciences) as well as over eighty percent of the annual meetings since that initial meeting. He has been a regular paper presenter, discussant, and session chair at Midwest DSI meetings. In terms of formal service to Midwest DSI, Dr. Perkins served as Treasurer in 1980-1982. Then in 1984, he served as Program Co-Chairperson for the Midwest DSI Conference, held in Indianapolis. Dr. Perkins served as President-Elect in 1985-1986 and then served as President in 1986-1987. More recently, Dr. Perkins served as Archivist from 1994 to 2003. A nearly complete set of Midwest DSI *Proceedings* has been catalogued in the Kelley School of Business Library at Indiana University, and other archived material from the past thirty years has been organized and delivered to the new Archivist. In 1994, he received the Twenty-Five Year Distinguished Service Award of the Midwest Decision Sciences Institute, the first and only such award given by the organization.

Dr. Perkins has also provided extensive service to the international Decision Sciences Institute (formerly the American Institute for Decision Sciences). Dr. Perkins is a Fellow of the Decision Sciences Institute. In 1988 he received the Institute's Distinguished Service Award. He served on the Council of the American Institute for Decision Sciences

from 1975 to 1977 and 1978 to 1980; as Chairman of the 1977 and 1978 Doctoral Dissertation Competitions; as Vice President and member of the Board of Directors, from 1982 to 1984; and as Treasurer and member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, from 1984 to 1986. Dr. Perkins served as President-Elect of the Decision Sciences Institute in 1991-1992, President in 1992-1993, and immediate Past President in 1993-1994. In addition to publishing three papers in *Decision Sciences*, Dr. Perkins has reviewed dozens of papers for *Decision Sciences* and he served as Associate Editor of the *Decision Sciences* journal from 1990 to 1995. Dr. Perkins has served as Management Information Systems Track Chairman or Co-Chairman for three annual meetings and one international meeting (Las Vegas, Nevada, 1988; Seoul, Korea, 1993; Boston, Massachusetts, 1995; San Francisco, California, 2001). He served as Professional Development Coordinator for the 1990 annual meeting in San Diego, California and as Education Innovations and Distance Learning Track Chairman for the international meeting in Athens, Greece, in 1999. In 2002, he served as a member of the Program Committee for the Asia-Pacific Decision Sciences Institute Conference held in Bangkok, Thailand.

