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2002 Annual Meeting Award Winners

2002 Dennis E. Grawoig Distinguished Service Award Winner:
Michael J. Showalter, Florida State University

2002 Instructional Innovation Award Winner:
S. Thomas Foster, Jr., Boise State University

Elwood S. Buffa Doctoral Dissertation Competition Co-Winners:
Craig Froehle, University of Cincinnati; and Joon Park, Singapore Management University

Best Application Paper Award Winner: Scott Sampson, Brigham Young University

Best Environmental Issues Paper Award Winners:
Frank Montabon, Iowa State University; Robert Sroufe, Boston College; Ram Narasimhan, Michigan State University; and Xinyan Wang, Household Financial

Best Interdisciplinary Paper Award Winners: Krish Muralidhar, University of Kentucky; and Rathindra Sarathy, Oklahoma State University

Best Theoretical/Empirical Research Paper Award Winner:
Hani Mesak, Louisiana Tech University; and Hongkai Zhang, East Central University

Best Case Studies Competition Award Winner: Thomas E. Vollmann, Carlos Cordon, and Chris Ellegaard, IMD

2002 DSI Fellow: Barbara B. Flynn, Wake Forest University

For more details, please see related articles in the 2002 Annual Meeting section, pages 38-46.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Time To Start Again...

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The new year signifies the conclusion of another successful annual meeting, the start of a new academic term, the Institute's election of officers who begin a new officer year in a few months, and the kick-off of preparations for the next annual meeting.

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Many individuals provided valuable contributions to the planning of the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Decision Sciences Institute. It was a team effort by the Program Committee who had to endure many demands and schedule deadlines. I once again express appreciation to Program Chair **Tim Smunt** and his Program Committee; in particular to **Scott Shafer** (Associate Program Chair), **Brooke Saladin** (Proceedings Coordinator), and **Scott Sampson** (Website Coordinator). Also, thank you to all of the reviewers, authors, presenters, session chairs, participants in special sessions and consortia—to everyone who attended the conference in San Diego. I trust your participation stimulated your pursuit of achieving excellence as a practitioner, a researcher, and/or a teacher, in addition to providing an opportunity for congenial association with colleagues. Each of you made possible this Annual Meeting. Each of you played a part in making this a successful venture.

The President's Luncheon provided a finishing touch to the conference by recognizing numerous award winners and others deserving of special recognition. (Please refer to the lists that appear in this issue of *Decision Line* for the Instructional Innovation Award, Best Case Studies Award, Elwood S. Buffa Doctoral Dissertation Award, and Best Paper Awards.) Two surprise recognitions went to **Robert Markland**, University of South Carolina, and **Scott Shafer**, Wake Forest University, who soon will be completing their respective terms as Global Development Coordinator and Member Services Coordinator—two of the most important activities and services to DSI members.

Bob Markland has served three terms as Global Development Coordinator from January 1995 to March 2003. During this time frame, Bob has been successful in his activities, particularly with respect to the staging of international DSI meetings. Thank you for the superb job as Global Development Coordinator, and also for your many roles in serving the Institute.

Scott Shafer has served two terms as Member Services Coordinator from January 1998 to March 2003. On behalf of the Institute, thanks to Scott for the devotion he has exemplified.

We are grateful to you both. Although it will be difficult to replace Bob's and Scott's enthusiasm, the Institute has lots of hard-

working volunteers so I know someone will pick up the tasks when their terms are completed.

In addition, **Barbara Flynn**, Wake Forest University, was recognized for her selection as Fellow of the Decision Sciences Institute. This designation is awarded to active supporters of the Institute for outstanding contributions to the fields of decision sciences in at least two categories from among research and scholarship, teaching and/or administration, and service to the Institute. Congratulations Barb!

Finally, I had the pleasure to present one of the pinnacle awards conferred by the Institute—the Dennis E. Grawoig Distinguished Service Award—to **Michael J. Showalter**, Florida State University, in recognition of and with deep appreciation for outstanding service to the Institute. Mike has attended the Institute's annual meetings since 1970 and has served in leadership roles for almost two decades. In recognition of his exceptional professional commitment, excellent leadership contributions, and exemplary service that have advanced the Decision Sciences Institute's vision to be the premier professional organization of choice for business scholars, Michael J. Showalter was selected to receive the Distinguished Service Award. The complete award citation appears elsewhere in this issue of *Decision Line*.

Have you ever thought about volunteering to serve on a DSI committee? Committees play an important role by providing guidance to the Board of Directors in identifying and developing the future directions of the Decision Sciences Institute. While in San Diego, each of the Institute's committees met to finalize reports and recommendations regarding their respective committee charges, which were reviewed at the January Board of Directors Meeting. Actions taken by the Board of Directors will be reported in a forthcoming issue of *Decision Line*.

During the next several months, President-Elect **Barbara Flynn** will be working on committee appointments to fill vacancies, as well as developing committee charges for 2003-2004. If you have an interest in serving on a committee, now is the time to contact her (barb.flynn@mba.wfu.edu). Please read the poem "VOLUNTEERS" (author unknown) that appears elsewhere in this issue of *Decision Line*.

Although the 2003 Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. may seem to be a long time from now, Program Chair **Mark Davis** already is actively engaged in planning mode. If you have ideas for "brainstorming sessions" with colleagues having similar interests, or professional development activities, or special high-profile sessions (e.g., tutorial, panel, workshop, etc.) on innovation in teaching, curriculum, and scholarship, contact Mark now to discuss them (mdavis@bentley.edu). You can read more about Mark's conference plans in his Program Chair's Message in this issue of *Decision Line*.

To continue the success that the Institute has enjoyed in the 33 years since it was founded in 1969, then **your** role is important—this is **your** organization. Please contact me with your comments and suggestions.

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Volunteers

Many will be shocked to find,
When the Day of Judgment nears,
That there is a special place in Heaven,
Set aside for volunteers.

Furnished with big recliners,
Satin couches and footstools;
Where there are no committee chairmen,
No group leaders or carpools.

No eager team that needs some help,
No bazaar and no bake sale;
There will be nothing to staple,
Not one thing to fold or mail.

Telephone lists will be outlawed,
But a finger snap will bring,
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners,
And rare feasts fit for a king.

You ask, "Who will serve these
privileged few,
And work for all they're worth?"
Why all those who reaped the benefits,
And NOT ONCE volunteered on Earth.

Anonymous