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2003 Annual Meeting Award Winners

Dennis E. Grawoig
Distinguished Service Award
Lee J. Krajewski, *University of Notre Dame*
Instructional Innovation Award
Lee Revere, *University of Houston-Clear Lake*

Elwood S. Buffa *Doctoral Dissertation Competition*
Joan McMahon, *Christopher Newport University*
Best Application Paper Award
Scott E. Sampson, *Brigham Young University*
Best Environmental Issues Paper Award
David West and Scott Dellana, *East Carolina University*
Best Interdisciplinary Paper Award
Wing M. Fok, *Loyola University New Orleans*,
Jing Li, Lillian Y. Fok, and Sandra J. Hartman, *University of New Orleans*
Best Theoretical/Empirical Research Paper Award
Minghe Sun, *University of Texas, San Antonio*
Best Case Studies Competition Award
John Haywood-Farmer and Carol Prahinski,
University of Western Ontario

2003 DSI Fellows
Carol J. Latta, *Executive Director, Decision Sciences Institute*
Roger G. Schroeder, *University of Minnesota*

For more details, please see related articles in the 2003 Annual Meeting section, pages 36-47.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Calling All Volunteers

Barbara B. Flynn, Wake Forest University

The Annual Meeting in Washington was another smashing success, by all reports. I was so sorry to not have been able to attend it. It sounds like the sessions were interesting and informative, as always, and that there were some great new conference traditions, including the region receptions on Sunday night

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and the performance by the Capital Steps during the President's Reception. For those of you who were wondering where I was, I was diagnosed with cancer in October and underwent surgery on November 17. I am recovering nicely from my surgery and have started four months of chemotherapy. The prognosis is good, and I expect to be back and fully functioning for next year's Annual Meeting.

Putting on a great meeting requires a great deal of effort from the volunteers who are the heart and soul of DSI. I would like to express my appreciation to all those who were involved in putting on the meeting. In particular, I would like to thank Program Chair Mark Davis and his program committee, as well as Associate Program Chair Michael Maggard and Proceedings Coordinator Maling Ebrahimpour. Coordinating the information systems critical to the meeting were Phillip Knutel, Program Information Technology Coordinator, Matthew Almeida, Website Coordinator and Scott Sampson, Program Scheduling Consultant/Coordinator. I would also like to express my appreciation to Gerry Campbell, Job Placement Services Coordinator, for the valuable services he provides with the placement operation. The meeting wouldn't happen without the valuable work provided by hundreds of other volunteers, including reviewers, session chairs, track chairs, coordinators of special programs, participants in consortia, etc.

Thanks especially to Tom Jones, Past President, for taking my place during the Executive Committee and Board of Directors meeting, and to Gary Ragatz, President-Elect, for serving as master of ceremonies during the President's Luncheon. The President's Luncheon provided a forum for recognizing many award winners and expressing gratitude for the efforts of so many in putting on a great meeting. Please check out the DSI website and the list in *Decision Line* of the winners of the Instructional Innovation Award, Best Case Studies Award, Elwood S. Buffa Doctoral Dissertation Award and Best Paper Awards.

The President's Luncheon provides the opportunity to recognize those who have a long history of making valuable contributions to the Institute. They are recognized in two ways. First, two new Fellows of the Institute were introduced. Fellows are active supporters of the Institute recognized for outstanding contributions to

the field of decision sciences in research and scholarship, teaching and/or administration and service to the Institute. Congratulations to Roger Schroeder and Carol Latta, who were selected as new Fellows of the Institute. In addition, Lee Krajewski was recognized by the Dennis E. Grawoig Distinguished Service Award for his many years of service to the Institute in a number of leadership roles. The complete award citation, which appears elsewhere in this issue of *Decision Line*, describes his many achievements, and he is well deserving of this award.

The theme of this column is the efforts of volunteers in the Institute, and there are many opportunities for you to get more involved in the operations of the Institute. One important way is through serving on a committee. Committees deliberate issues important to Institute members and make recommendations to the Board of Directors. Many of the important changes to the conference and Annual Meeting that you have seen in the past few years are a direct result of recommendations made by com-

mittees. The next issue of *Decision Line* will report on the changes made in the past year. Becoming a member of a committee is a great way to get more involved in the Institute and learn more about its inner workings. During the next few months, President-Elect Gary Ragatz will be working on putting together committee assignments for next year, as well as charges for the committees to work on. If you are interested in serving on a specific committee, or are interested in serving wherever there is a need, please let him know at ragatz@msu.edu. He will try to accommodate your requests.

The 2004 meeting is well underway, with Program Chair Ken Kendall hard at work. If you have ideas for special sessions, professional development activities, or other innovative activities, now is the time to contact Ken (kendallk@camden.rutgers.edu) to discuss them. Ken discusses his initial plans in his Program Chair's Message in this issue of *Decision Line*.

I look forward to seeing you all in Boston in 2004! ■

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