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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

"Trying to refocus on work"

F. Robert Jacobs
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I KNOW that the events of September 11, 2001, have impacted all of us in a profound way. Many of our students worked in those buildings. Many of us have close friends and relatives that worked in those buildings. Here in the Kelley School, we have a coffee lounge where many of the faculty witnessed the tragic events together that morning. The somber silence, the emotional shock, will never be forgotten. I know we all have similar thoughts. My prayers are with the victims and families of the victims who were killed or injured. I know you all share my thoughts. My hope is that we can begin to refocus on the business that we are about. I know how difficult this is for all of us.

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My trip to San Francisco will be my first since September 11th. Am I apprehensive? Sure, but I know how important it is to get back into it. I am looking forward to visiting with old friends, seeing San Francisco again, and maybe even learning a little academic-related stuff. Vicki Smith-Daniels and her program committee have done an outstanding job putting the meeting together. If you haven't already, check out the website at <http://www.cob.asu.edu/dsi/>. The program is on-line and you can even create a "Personal Meeting Schedule".

This year we are not printing a preliminary program, so obtaining session information from the website is the only way to plan your time prior to the conference. Another change this year is the elimination of the printed proceedings. This year the proceedings will only be distributed on CD-ROM. You will get a printed program that includes session locations in your packet when you register for the conference.

Remember that there is a full slate of activities on Saturday. Believe it or not, the activities on Saturday morning will start at 6:30 a.m.! John Olson will lead a "Warm-up Exercises" session with an introduction to Tai Chi as part of the Services Management Mini-conference that runs all day Saturday.

There are other sessions on MBA, Undergraduate and Distance Learning curricular issues that run throughout the day.

An event you will not want to miss on Saturday is the "Program Chair's Welcome Reception." This will be a casual cash bar reception with some light snacks between 5:30 and 7:00 and will provide a great opportunity to connect with friends. This will be a great way to start the conference.

There has been some concern about possible long lines at the airport on Tuesday afternoon. For this reason, Vicki has rescheduled paper presentations so that all conference activities will be over by 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday. This should give us all ample time to catch our flights home.

I look forward to seeing you at the conference. ■

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The 2000-01 Nominating Committee, chaired by Lee J. Krajewski (University of Notre Dame) has completed the slate of nominees for the 2002 election of officers. The Nominating Committees for the regional subdivisions also have compiled the names of nominees who are running this year for the office of vice presidents elected by the regional subdivisions.

Ballots will be mailed in December 2001. Additional nominations may be made by November 30, 2001. Each additional nomination must be made by petition signed by at least 5 percent of the members and submitted to the Institute's Secretary, c/o the Institute's Home Office, 35 Broad Street, 8th floor, Atlanta, GA 30303.

Additional nominations for vice presidents elected by the regional subdivisions may be made upon petition signed by at least 5 percent of the regional subdivisions' members. ■

Placement Services Coordinator Vacancy

Submit applications by November 1, 2001

The Decision Sciences Institute annually operates a web-based database which provides recruiting information for both applicants and academic institutions searching for faculty. The Institute is seeking a new placement coordinator for a three-year term beginning after the 2001 Annual Meeting in November. At the present time, all placement activities are conducted with the support of the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, with the accounting aspects conducted by Institute staff.

The placement service is concerned with the establishment and maintenance of a database that contains both applicant and position information. Currently, the database is maintained on the DSI Web server with updates performed locally and sent to the DSI server via FTP. The database is maintained and the

web pages generate with Microsoft Word '97 using mailmerge and macros. Advances to this technology, while still preserving the level of service, are encouraged. Data entry is at various stages of automation and still requires the largest commitment of clerical time by the placement coordinator's support staff.

A final critical duty is the coordination of the placement activities at the annual meeting. Such duties include working with the local arrangements coordinator to secure equipment and space, working with the DSI staff to arrange times and supplies, and ensuring the smooth operations of the placement area.

Items to submit: (1) Curriculum vita, (2) Statement of activities and service provided to the Institute, (3) Statement of interest and availability to serve a three-year term, (4) Statement of qualifications and experience related

to the position, and (5) Description of institutional commitment for the support of the coordinator's job functions for a three-year period. Additional information may be secured from the current coordinator, Gary Klein, at (719) 262-3157 or gklein@computer.org.

All interested parties should submit the items listed above by November 1, 2001, to:

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