



SWDSI Newsletter Fall 2014 Issue 2

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Southwest Decision Sciences Institutes Annual Meeting

March 11-14, 2015

Grand Hyatt Houston, Houston, TX

Decision Sciences Institutes Annual Meeting

November 22-25, 2014

Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel & Marina, Tampa, FL

Message From The President

Dr. June Wei, University of West Florida

Hello All:

I hope that your fall semester is going well.

This newsletter provides you with the latest updates from the SWDSI 2014-2015 team. In this newsletter, you learn about important updates from the SWDSI 2015 conference team, updates from the VP of Member Services, and updates from the Program Chair of SWDSI 2015 conference. This newsletter also covers updates of SWDSI 2015 officer and award nominations including exciting new services for SWDSI members, opportunities to join the SWDSI governance team, as well as updates on the SWDSI 2015 Selection Committees. As always, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at jwei@uwf.edu.

See you in Tampa soon!

Decision Sciences Institute Annual Meeting

This coming November 22-25 Decision Sciences Institute (DSI) will be holding its 47th Annual Meeting in Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel & Marina in Tampa, Florida. The SWDSI 2014-2015 team will be there to represent the region as well as discussing upcoming business matters. An important note for all SWDSI members who will be attending the DSI meeting please make certain that your DSI registration has SWDSI listed as your primary region affiliation.

The SWDSI officer meeting will be held from 4:30 to 6:00pm on Saturday, November 22, 2014. Items that the SWDSI board will discuss during the officer meeting at DSI will include the SWDSI 2015 Annual Meeting, SWDSI membership drive and other new businesses. If you are in Tampa please stop by.

Important Dates/Deadlines

Date of Author Notification of SWDSI2015 Conference Acceptance anticipated for Nov. 30, 2014

Deadline of final Proceedings Camera-Ready Paper submission - Jan. 7, 2015

SWDSI/FBD Annual Meeting Online Conference and Hotel Registration anticipated for Dec. 1, 2014

Last day to obtain Hotel Discount/Online Registration anticipated for Feb. 26, 2015

Deadline for Award Nominations— Nov. 25, 2014

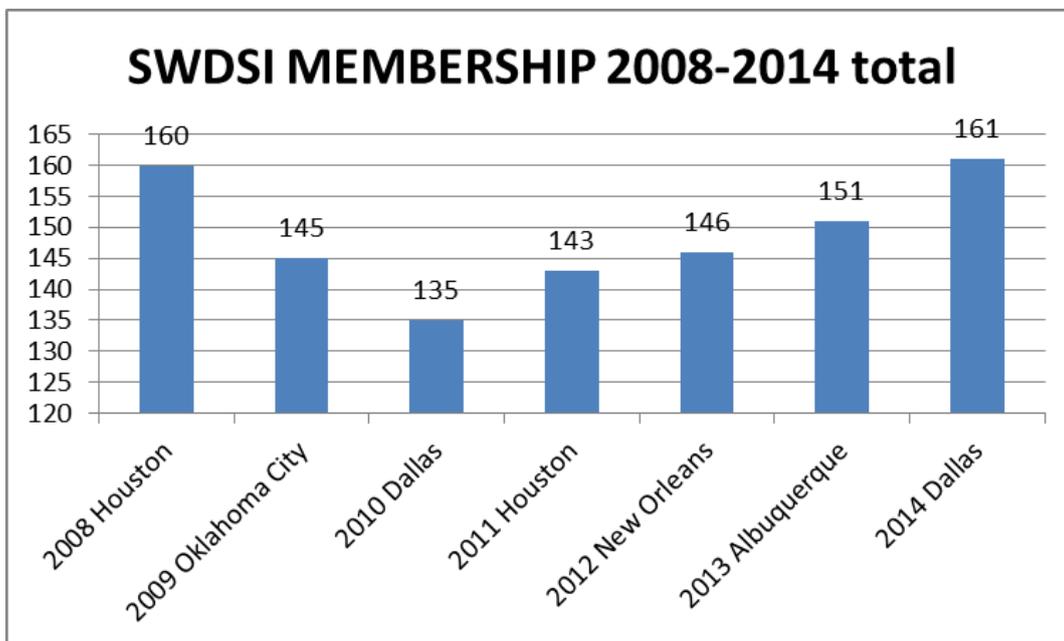
Report from VP Member Services

News from the SWDSI 2014 VP of Member Services,
Dr. Matt Lindsey, Stephen F. Austin State University

Trends in membership for SWDSI continue to be strong in 2014 largely due to increases in student memberships. Historically, you can see in the chart below, that membership is strong when our conference is in Houston. Please do what you can to help to continue this trend. Inviting a student member or a colleague to Houston will help to insure that our small annual increases in membership continue into 2015.

Do not forget, that you can maintain a current membership by paying a \$10 SWDSI membership fee at www.swdsi.org even if you are not able to attend the annual conference. It is quick and easy to pay online using a credit card or PayPal. As a reminder, dues paid members also have access to the Members Only site to obtain contact information for fellow members and archival material.

If your school does not have a campus representative for Southwest Decision Sciences, please consider volunteering for this position. Campus representatives are asked to promote the call for papers and attendance at the annual conference. Please contact me at lindseymd@sfasu.edu if you would like to be a representative for your campus.



SWDSI 2015 Annual Meeting Update

News from the SWDSI 2015 Program Chair,
Dr. Hong Qin, University of Texas – Pan American

To date we have received more than 190 submissions to SWDSI 2015 in Houston, TX. Thanks so much for the hard work from all track chairs and board members! This year, we removed several tracks with low submissions and added five new tracks including “Big Data”, “Globalization”, “Project Management”, “Social Media” and “Social Networking”. The tracks that reached the top six numbers on submissions are “Management Information Systems”, “Operations and Supply Chain Management”, “Student Track”, “Innovative Education”, “Management and Organizational Behavior”, and “Finance”. Moreover, papers were submitted globally with more than 250 authors from 13 countries. In addition, we will also have approximately eight panels and workshops. Thank you all for your support and service in helping to make the SWDSI 2015 conference a success! I look forward to meeting you all in Houston in March.

SWDSI Officer and Award Nominations

It is now time to start preparing the SWDSI 2014-2015 election ballot. The following positions are all facing expiring terms and request for nominations are being accepted for the following offices:

Vice-President for Program and Meetings-Elect

Vice-President for Finance

Vice-President for Student Liaison

Council Members– Three Council Member Terms are Expiring

Please send any candidate nomination (Also please note the candidate must be a current member of DSI and SWDSI) to the Chair of Committee on Nominations Dr. Janet Bailey at jlbailey@ualr.edu by December 10, 2014.

Also don't forget there is still some time to send nomination for the Outstanding Educator Award (send to Dr. Kai Koong) and for the Distinguished Service Award (send to Dr. Binshan Lin). The extended deadline is November 25, 2014.

Updates on Committees

SWDSI has several committees to which I am pleased to announce who has accepted to serve. These different committees are very important in helping SWDSI prepare for the future as well as recognizing the efforts of our membership. I list the membership of each committee so you can contact them with nominations.

Nomination Committee

Chair: Janet Bailey, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, jlbailey@ualr.edu
Khaled Alshare, Qatar University, kalshare@qu.edu.qa
Rhonda Syler, Louisiana Tech University, rasyler@latech.edu

Distinguished Service Committee

Chair: Binshan Lin, Louisiana State University Shreveport, Binshan.Lin@lsus.edu
Mike Hanna, University of Houston-Clear Lake, hanna@uhcl.edu
Lynn Heinrichs, Elon University, lheinrichs@elon.edu
June Lu, University of Houston at Victoria, luj@uhv.edu
Richard Segall, Arkansas State University, rsegall@astate.edu

Outstanding Educator Committee

Chair: Kai Koong, University of Texas Pan American, koongk@utpa.edu
Fred Kitchens, Ball State University, fkitchens@bsu.edu
Francis Kofi Andoh-Baidoo, University of Texas-Pan American, andohbaidoof@utpa.edu
Peggy Lane, Missouri Western State University, plane3@missouriwestern.edu
Richard Segall - Arkansas State University, rsegall@astate.edu

Strategic Planning Committee

Chair: Mike Hanna, University of Houston -Clear Lake, hanna@uhcl.edu
Paul Cronan, University of Arkansas, cronan@uark.edu
Binshan Lin, Louisiana State University Shreveport, Binshan.Lin@lsus.edu
Robert Pavur, University of North Texas, robert.pavur@unt.edu

Contribute to the NEXT SWDSI Newsletter

While this newsletter has mainly been a communication platform for the President and other officers to make announcement or reports, I encourage all of you to consider making a submission of your own. It could be a mention of yourself or a colleague regarding any awards or exciting news that you may want to share. You can also consider writing a letter to the President regarding any issue that you think SWDSI should address. I want this newsletter to be an open forum for communication, not just from the executive council to the members, but rather a free flow of information. I hope you have enjoyed this issue.