

# Section on Complexity and Network Studies (SCNS) Annual Section Business Meeting Minutes

Atlanta, Georgia, March 18, Saturday; 7:30-8:45AM, Location: Atlanta 5

## In Attendance:

Alexey Kolpakov

Goktug Morcol

Michael Siciliano

Naim Kapucu (Chair)

Fatih Demiroz

Asim Zia

Triparna Vasavada

Kun Huang

Christopher Koliba

Jack Meek

Welcome and introductions of members present

- 1) Approval of Minutes from the 2016 Annual Meeting in Seattle

Minutes from the 2016 annual meeting was approved anonymously.

- 2) Dr. Chris Koliba presented the treasurer's report for 2016 – 2017.
- 3) Dr. Qian Hu could not participate in the conference but passed membership information to Dr. Naim Kapucu. Currently the Section has 64 members five members fewer than last year (69 members in 2016).
- 4) Dr. Fatih Demiroz presented communications report. The section has a MailChimp account for sending professional emails to section members as well as other professional business.

Drs. Kapucu and Koliba suggested sending two newsletters to section members annually. Dr. Koliba also suggested soliciting news, updates, and other information from section members to share in the newsletter.

- 5) Dr. Kapucu announced the results of executive committee member election. Drs. Fatih Demiroz, Alexey Kolpakov, and Kun Huang were elected to serve on the SCNS executive committee.
- 6) Dr. Goktug Morcol provided updates regarding the Complexity, Governance, and Networks Journal.

The contract with the previous publisher has ended and now the University of Bamberg Press in Germany publishes the journal. The first issue of 2017 is already out. The goal is to have two issues in 2017. There might be three issues in 2018 depending on the number of submissions.

Dr. Morcol suggested editorial board members to submit at least one high quality article to the journal.

The Section members expressed their willingness to maintain affiliation and relationship with the journal.

Financially, the University of Bamberg covers all the costs, however, they do not provide a copyeditor. Dr. Morcol suggested working with a copy editor and paying for the copyediting service. Dr. Kapucu suggested providing institutional sponsorship to the journal for covering the copyeditor costs. The cost per issue is about \$1,000 (approximately \$200 per article). If the section publishes two issues annually, the cost would be \$2,000.

Dr. Morcol will contact the University of Bamberg about institutional sponsorship for covering copy editing costs (i.e. UCF and Penn State covering certain portion of copyediting cost).

In addition to the financial relationship, Dr. Koliba suggested SCNS having a formal relationship with the journal. ASPA shall sign a memorandum of understanding with the University of Bamberg.

Dr. Morcol suggested the SCNS chairs to be a member of the editorial board.

- 7) Dr. Jack Meek suggested identifying the benefits of being a SCNS member.
  - A best paper award
  - Newsletters
  - Workshops
  - An additional award (e.g. best dissertation award)
  - Flyers, brochures, and other bag stuffers for 2018 that would highlight benefits of being a SCNS member
- 8) Dr. Kapucu suggested lowering section membership fee from \$30 to \$15. Offered as a motion by Dr. Koliba, Dr. Siciliano seconded, approved anonymously.
- 9) Dr. Alexey Kolpakov expressed his willingness to coordinate panels sponsored by SCNS.
- 10) Dr. Michael Siciliano will coordinate a pre-conference workshop for 2018 ASPA Conference. Dr. Siciliano will form a committee to coordinate the work.
- 11) Dr. Siciliano will contact Dr. Steve Scheinert for organizing the election of new board members in Fall 2017.
- 12) Dr. Meek suggested forming a committee for evaluating best paper award. Committee members shall be Drs. Jack Meek, Chris Koliba, and Triparna Vasavada. The committee will nominate best paper in networks and complexity.

**The meeting adjourns at 8:50 pm.**