



SOUTHWEST DECISION SCIENCES INSTITUTE

## NEWSLETTER SPRING 2019

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**Southwest Decision Sciences Institute  
51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting**

**March 11-14, 2020**

**Hyatt Regency  
San Antonio, Texas**

Deadline for Paper Submissions:  
October 14, 2019

**Program Chair:**

*Dr. Dan Peak*

*University of North Texas*

*[Daniel.Peak@unt.edu](mailto:Daniel.Peak@unt.edu)*

Greetings my fellow SWDSI members! As our very successful 2019 conference in Houston is now behind us. It is time for looking forward for another successful conference in San Antonio.

The Call For Papers has been posted on the SWDSI website (<http://www.swdsi.org/>). If you would like to help or have any suggestions please contact our Program Chair, Dr. Dan Peak ([Daniel.Peak@unt.edu](mailto:Daniel.Peak@unt.edu)) directly. We expect a good participation in the next conference in San Antonio.

It is a great honor to be the president of this particular regional division of DSI. I can go back to more than 20 years when I was first involved in the SWDSI annual meetings, one thing stayed with me all that years long that is the caring and the commitment showed by the officers in charge. They were willing to go extra miles to help and put their experiences in serving the new members and moving the organization forward. I am very confident that you will feel the same way I felt during all these years and you will be self-motivated to get involve and give your best to the SWDSI annual meetings to stay as being one of the most attractive regional conferences. I take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated and spent time and effort in making our organization what it is now.

**Khaled Alshare**  
Qatar University

### Report from the Program Chair SWDSI 2019

We had an excellent conference this year because of your submissions and participation! We had 167 submissions with 39 sessions. Additionally, we had two special panels, one workshop, and a doctoral consortium. As usual, a number of new members joined us this year. The total number of the attendees was 156. Your involvement and support are what help our Organization and Conference to be successful.

Our sincere congratulations to the recipients of the following prestigious awards:

- **Peggy L. Lane** for receiving the Distinguished Service Award.
- **Li-Yueh Lee** and **Phoc Thien Nguyen** for receiving the FBD Distinguished Paper Award
- **Ahn Ta, Keya Sen, and Xinyu Wei** for receiving the Alpha Iota Delta Best Student Paper Awards.
- **Balaji Janamanchi** for being elected as the secretary for term (2019-2022).
- **Venugopal Gopalakrishna- Remani** for being elected as Program Chair-Elect (2019-2020).

## Here is the new SWDSI 2019-2020 Team



**President (2019-2020)**  
**Khaled Alshare**  
Qatar University



**President-Elect (2019-2020)**  
**Matt Lindsey**  
Stephen F. Austin State University



**Program Chair (2019-2020)**  
**Dan Peak**  
University of North Texas



**Past-President (2019-2020)**  
**Mark E. McMurtrey**  
University of Central Arkansas



**Program Chair-Elect (2019-2020)**  
**Venugopal Gopalakrishna- Remani**  
University of Texas at Tyler



**Council Member (2019-2022)**  
**Mary Fischer**  
The University of Texas at Tyler



**Council Member (2017-2020)**  
**Robert Cutshall**  
Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi



**Council Member (2018-2021)**  
**Nicholas Evangelopoulos**  
University of North Texas



**Council Member (2019-2022)**  
**Kittipong (Ken) Boonme**  
Texas Woman's University



**Council Member (2018-2021)**  
**Denise Philpot**  
University of North Texas



**VP - Student Liaison (2018-2021)**  
**Gayle Prybutok**  
University of North Texas



**VP Finance (2018-2021)**  
**Lynne Cagle Cox**  
University of North Texas



**VP For Participation (2017-2020)**  
**Gina Harden**  
Stephen F. Austin State University



**Secretary (2019-2022)**  
**Balaji Janamanchi**  
Texas A&M International University



**Council Member (2016-2019)**  
**Xianghui (Richard) Peng**  
Penn State Behrend



**Council Member (2017-2020)**  
**Ferdi Eruysal**  
Texas A&M University – Central Texas



**Council Member (2018-2021)**  
**Will Senn**  
Emporia State University



**Council Member (2017-2020)**  
**Michael Ellis**  
University of Central Arkansas



**Regional Archivist (unlimited term)**  
**Peggy Lane**  
University of Louisiana at Monroe



**Webmaster (2017-2020)**  
**Carl Rebman, Jr.**  
University of San Diego

## Report from VP-For Participation

As many of you know, SWDSI has a Campus Representative Program. While there are currently 16 SWDSI campus representatives, the SWDSI VP-for participation welcomes additional volunteers for this program. The campus representatives are a grass roots effort to help identify and attract new members. Their primary responsibility is being a liaison between SWDSI organization and their faculty and graduate students. The campus representatives could help us in disseminating information about the call for papers and conference submission procedure. Please consider volunteering. Contact Gina Harden (VP for Participation) for additional information at [hardengm@sfasu.edu](mailto:hardengm@sfasu.edu).

If you did not attend the SWDSI conference this year, you can still maintain current membership by paying a \$10 membership fee. Please contact Lynne Cagle Cox (VP Finance) at [LynneCagle.Cox@unt.edu](mailto:LynneCagle.Cox@unt.edu) to send your \$10 check to maintain current membership. During membership renewal with DSI, whether during the year or at the annual meeting, please check your primary regional affiliation. ***It is imperative that our members check the SWDSI box when they pay their DSI dues*** as the DSI Home Office collects and disseminates data specific to regional interest and affiliation to all regions following the Annual Meeting and end of the membership year. As a reminder, SWDSI officers are required to maintain current membership in both DSI and SWDSI.

## Report 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 have listed the membership of each committee so you can contact them with nominations.

### **Nomination Selection Committee**

**Chair:** Mark E. McMurtrey, University of Central Arkansas  
Mohan Rao, *Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi*  
Denise Philpot, *University of North Texas*

### **Distinguished Service Award Selection Committee**

**Chair:** Binshan Lin, *Louisiana State University Shreveport*  
Robert Pavur, *University of North Texas*  
John Seydel, *Arkansas State University*  
Michael Ellis, *University of Central Arkansas*  
Kittipong (Ken) Boonme, *Texas Woman's University*

### **Outstanding Educator Award Selection Committee**

**Chair:** Kai Koong, *Tuskegee University*  
Paul Cronan, *University of Arkansas*  
Peggy Lane, *University of Louisiana Monroe*  
Will Senn, *Emporia State University*  
Robert Cutshall, *Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi*

### **Strategic Planning Committee**

**Chair:** Robert Pavur, *University of North Texas*  
Paul Cronan, *University of Arkansas*  
Binshan Lin, *Louisiana State University Shreveport*  
Carl Rebman Jr., *University of San Diego*



## SWDSI 2020 Annual Conference

The conference will take place at the Hyatt Regency in San Antonio, Texas **from March 11– 14, 2020**. The call for papers can be found at [www.swdsi.org](http://www.swdsi.org).



**San Antonio** is a beautiful and exciting destination. This is what the tourism guide says about **San Antonio**: At its core, our city is dynamic. Our roots run deep, our heritage is rich and our confluence of cultures is celebrated. Our population and cultural influences are diverse – Mexican, Tejano, German, Irish, Czechoslovakian, Arabic and more – and our appreciation of that diversity makes our city shine. Come discover what's old and explore what's new in our diverse communities, offerings and celebrations – book your next trip today and come see what we mean. Source: <https://www.visitsanantonio.com/san-antonios-culture/>.

All papers submitted will be peer-refereed and accepted papers will be published in the SWDSI Conference Proceedings. All papers will be considered for the Instructional Innovation Award and the Distinguished Paper Award. Papers submitted by students will be considered for monetary awards. The outstanding papers will also be recommended to a number of journal editors for fast track reviews and possible publication. Abstracts should not exceed three pages and papers should not exceed twenty pages. Authors should submit papers/abstracts via the conference website: <http://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=swdsi2020>. Papers will not be accepted by email. If you encounter difficulties or have any questions, please contact the program chair at [Daniel.Peak@unt.edu](mailto:Daniel.Peak@unt.edu)

Other conference information can also be found at [www.swdsi.org](http://www.swdsi.org)

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**See you in San Antonio!!!**