

## Southwest Region

### Message from the President, [Carl M. Rebman, Jr.](#)



Hello Again! I hope your fall semester is going well for everyone. As everyone can attest, time sure does fly and things always seem to remain busy, nothing holds more true than that for SWDSI.

This letter provides you with the latest updates from the SWDSI 2012-2013 team. In this newsletter, you learn about important potential DSI changes that could affect SWDSI, updates from the SWDSI 2013 conference team, updates from the VP of Membership, changes to the

SWDSI website, exciting new services for SWDSI members, opportunities to join the SWDSI governance team, the introduction of a new journal from FBD, as well as upcoming dates for future conferences. As always, if you have any questions, comments, or ideas please don't hesitate to contact myself or the SWDSI 2012-2013 Team.

See you in San Francisco! [Carl](#)

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### Decision Sciences Institute Annual Meeting Update

This coming November 17—20 Decision Sciences Institute will be holding its 43rd Annual Meeting and the SWDSI 2012-2013 team will be there to represent the region as well as discussing upcoming business matters. One major item of relevance to all SWDSI members is an upcoming proposal to a change to the DSI Board of Directors (see full story on page 2). 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. It may play a role in future representation on the DSI Board. New members of the Decision Sciences Institute are invited to attend the **New Attendees Welcome/ Orientation Session on Saturday 17 November 2012, from 6-7pm** at the annual conference in the Yerba Buena Ballroom. Email [Robert.Pavur@unt.edu](mailto:Robert.Pavur@unt.edu) to let him know that you will be attending.

The SWDSI officer meeting will be held on **Sunday 18 November 2012 from 1-2:30pm**. Items that the board will discuss during the officer meeting at DSI will include changes to the SWDSI website, the SWDSI 2013 Annual Meeting, SWDSI membership drive and other new business. If you are in San Francisco please stop by.

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#### Important Dates/Deadlines:

- Date of Author Notification of SWDSI 2013 Conference Acceptance anticipated for 30 November 2012
- Deadline for Final Proceedings Camera-Ready Paper submission—7 January 2013
- SWDSI/FBD 2013 Annual Meeting Online Conference and Hotel Registration anticipated for 1 December 2012
- Last day to obtain SWDSI/FBD Annual Meeting Hotel Discount and Online Registration 26 February 2013
- Deadline for award nominations 15 November 2012
- Deadline for officer nominations 10 December 2012
- Daylight Savings Time Begins 4 November 2012

# Upcoming Change to the DSI Board of Directors—Eliminating all of Regionally-Elected VP Positions

The Board of Directors of DSI held a strategic planning retreat in August 2012. **An important issue at the retreat concerns the composition of the Board, specifically eliminating all of the regionally-elected VP positions.** After considerable deliberations, the DSI Board of Directors voted to recommend to the members a constitutional amendment to reconstitute the Board as follows:

Immediate Past President  
President  
President-Elect  
Secretary  
Treasurer/VP of Finance  
VP for Global Activities

VP for Marketing  
VP for Member Services  
VP for Publications  
VP for Professional Development  
VP for Technology  
VP for the Americas  
VP for Asia-Pacific Region  
VP for Europe  
Executive Director (ex-officio)

**In accordance to DSI constitutional guidelines, this amendment must be presented and voted on by the membership.** If approved by the membership, this amendment will effectively reduce the size of the DSI Board of Directors from 23 to 14.

The DSI Board of Directors believes that

this amendment is important for four reasons.

First, this amendment will make the governance structure of DSI consistent with that of other academic societies (e.g., INFORMS, AIS, AOM, etc.).  
Second, it will create a more efficient, effective, agile, and responsive governance structure.  
Third, it will provide a functional orientation and points of responsibility.  
Fourth, it will enable stronger linkages between the Board and the Home Office, between the Board and members, and between members and the Home Office.

The SWDSI executive council held a conference call meeting in September to address this important elimination of SWDSI representation change and your input and vote on this matter is important! SWDSI plans to request that either the change does not occur or if a reduction is necessary than some of the VP of services (like Marketing) fall under a regional VP duties. Additional information will also be presented at a forum at the Annual Meeting.

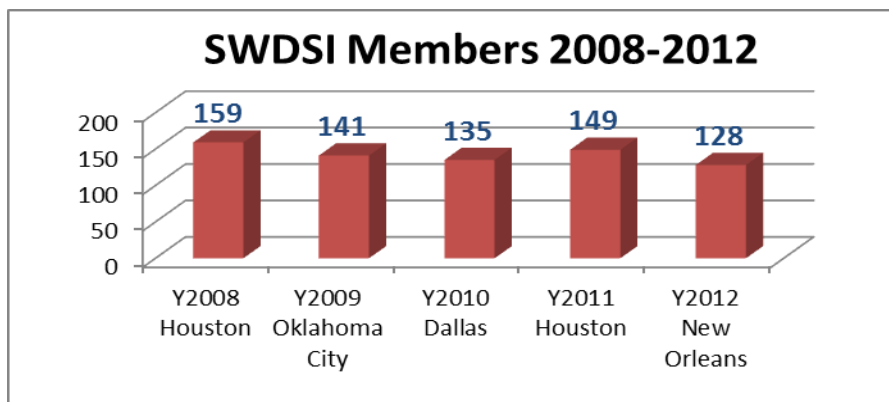
*Since the Regionally-Elected Vice President positions will be eliminated the SWDSI executive council held a conference call meeting in September to address this issue and your input and vote on this matter is important!*

## Report from VP Member Services

### News from the SWDSI 2013 VP of Member Services, Dr. Robert Pavur, University of North Texas

Over the past 5 years, membership at the SWDSI conference has held steady with an average about 140. The chart below displays membership from 2008 to 2012. However, over this same period of time there have been over 400 unique members who paid their annual dues for SWDSI for one or more years. **Many past members are not aware that they can maintain current membership by paying a \$10 SWDSI membership fee. The process to pay this fee is now easier for those who did not attend the SWDSI conference during the year.** A link has been created on the [www.SWDSI.org](http://www.SWDSI.org) website that allows for the \$10 dues to be paid using a credit card or a PayPal account. If you allowed your membership to lapse, please visit this website so we can keep you active in our SWDSI membership database and continue to keep you apprised of SWDSI services. Also don't forget to check your contact information to make certain it is up to date.

Robert



# SWDSI 2013 Annual Meeting Update

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## News from the SWDSI 2013 Program Chair, Dr. June Wei, University of West Florida

To date we have received more than 160 submissions to SWDSI 2013 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Thanks so much for the hard work from all track chairs and board members! This year, we increased the track number from 18 to 22 by adding 4 new tracks from last year. The tracks that reached the top six numbers on submissions are "Decision Making/DSS/ES/KM," "Economics, Health Care and Quality Business Management," "E-Finance/Finance," "Management and Organization Behavior," "Management Information System," and "Quantitative Methods, Quality, and Analytics." Moreover, papers were submitted globally with more than 300 authors from 17 countries. Thank you very much for all your help and support in helping to make the SWDSI 2013 conference a success! I look forward to an exciting conference in Albuquerque next year. **June**



## SWDSI Officer and Award Nominations

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It is now time to start preparing the SWDSI 2013-2014 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 Student Liaison**

**Secretary**

**Council Members—3 Council Member Terms are Expiring**

*Serving as an officer can be very rewarding and you can help make a difference in the organization.*

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 Roderick Posey at [Roderick.Posey@usm.edu](mailto:Roderick.Posey@usm.edu) by **10 December 2012**. Other non-elected positions that is expiring is that of **Webmaster and Regional Archivist**, anyone interested should contact Carl Rebman at [carlr@sandiego.edu](mailto:carlr@sandiego.edu).

Also don't forget there is still some time to send nominations for the Outstanding Educator Award (send to [Khalid Alshare](#)) and for the Distinguished Service Award (send to [Lynn Heinrichs](#)). The extended deadline is 12 NOV 2012.

## Upcoming SWDSI Website Changes

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In order to provide more value to your SWDSI membership, some additions and changes will be coming to the SWDSI website. At the present moment, all current SWDSI members have the ability to view and download all conference proceedings dating back to the year 2002. In addition, current members can view copies of the minutes for all SWDSI business meetings and officer meeting minutes (back to the year 2002) as well as copies of reports from the Program Chair, Treasurer, and other committees.

There are plans to expand these offerings. Some of the following planned additions include the following:  
A job placement section for employers and applicants.

A discussion board for members to post research and other types of requests.

A section for pedagogy resources for information systems, decision sciences, and other courses.

While other organizations offer similar services, the intent of the SWDSI Web Portal is to offer resources that are specific to the region. **However, the success of these offerings will come through the assistance of SWDSI members to help contribute to the content for these pages.** We are also interested in redesigning the main page of the SWDSI website. If you are interested in helping in any of these areas, please contact [Carl Rebman](#) and [John Seydel](#).



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*Happy Fall to Everyone!*

## New FBD Journal

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According to FBD Journal Editor, Mary Fischer, the FBD Journal www page is in the final development. It should be up with all the valuable information before we meet in March. The Journal will be open to submission for publication consideration by anyone attending the SWDSI 2013 meeting. So folks should keep the Journal in mind as a possible publication outlet. The acceptance rate is planned to be in the 20 to 30 percent range. Until more information is made publically available SWDSI members can contact Mary directly at [mfischer@uttyler.edu](mailto:mfischer@uttyler.edu).

## Upcoming SWDSI/DSI Meetings

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- DSI 43rd Annual Meeting, **San Francisco, CA** 17-20 November 2012
- SWDSI 44th Annual Meeting, **Albuquerque NM** 12-16 March 2013
- DSI 44th Annual Meeting, **Baltimore, MD** 16-19 November 2013
- SWDSI 45th Annual Meeting, **Dallas, TX** March 2014

## Contribute to the **NEXT** SWDSI Newsletter

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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. **Carl**