

Risk Theory Society
Ithaca, NY May 2, 2015
Minutes

President Paul Thistle called the meeting to order at approximately 5:12 pm.

The President thanked Sharon Tennyson for her work in organizing the meeting. She received a rousing round of applause from the members.

Approval of the Minutes

The President called for the approval of the minutes of the 2014 meeting. Lars Powell moved that the minutes be approved; Stephen Shore seconded. The minutes were approved by a show of hands.

Treasurer's Report

Gene Lai gave the Treasurer's Report. The account balance was \$6,156.70 as of April 28, 2015. RTS paid \$238.63 on April 8, 2014 for North American travel.

Program, Attendance and Membership

Alex Muermann reported that there were 69 papers submitted, with 140 distinct authors. The program committee consisted of Lars Powell (Past President), Paul Thistle (President), and Alex Muermann (Secretary). Ten papers with a total of 21 authors were accepted.

A total of 58 people attended the meeting, including 10 new members accepted into the Society and 48 current members. The new members of the Society are Eduardo Azevedo, Jeffrey V. Butler, Hua Chen, Christoph Heinzl, Martin Kocher, Greg Niehaus, Maria Polyakova, Ajay Subramanian, Tao Sun, and Jinjing Wang. The new members were applauded by those assembled.

Having missed two consecutive meetings Richard Derrig, Michael Eriksen, Mario Ghossoub, Anastasia Kartasheva, Greg Nini, Richard Phillips, S. Hun Seog, Luz Sotomayor, and Nan Zhu were expelled from the Society.

Arthur Snow, having been a member of the Society for 20 years, was recognized as Life Member. He was applauded for his accomplishment and honored with a limerick by Neil Doherty (see below).

As of the 2015 meeting, there are 30 life members and 69 regular members. The table below summarizes recent membership, meeting attendance and submissions:

Year	Members	Attendance	Submissions
2005	67	33	32
2006	66	39	49
2007	70	51	60
2008	75	42	43
2009	71	41	54
2010	73	43	42
2011	83	54	57
2012	90	52	54
2013	92	68	44
2014	98	58	42
2015	99	58	69

Future Meetings.

The President reminded the members that the 2016 meeting will be at St. John's University in New York, NY. The meeting is scheduled for April 1- 3, 2016.

President Thistle then opened the floor for discussion of the site of the 2017 meeting. Stephen Shore offered to host the meeting at Georgia State University. Jim Garven offered to host the meeting at Baylor University. Joan Schmit offered the University of Wisconsin-Madison as a host for the meeting. After a discussion of the merits of each site, the members voted to have the 2017 meeting at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Election of Secretary

President Thistle then asked for nominees for the position of Secretary. Joan Schmit nominated Greg Niehaus for the position. Keith Crocker moved to close the nomination; Richard Butler seconded. Greg Niehaus was nominated by a show of hands. President Thistle thanked Greg for being willing to stand for the office and congratulated him on his election.

The President thanked past President Lars Powell for his service to the society. He received a rousing round of applause from the members.

New Business

David Cummins reminded the members about the ARIA session that will be held at the ASSA meeting next January.

Keith Crocker moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 5:32 pm. Jim Garven seconded and the members voted with their feet.

Limerick by Neil Doherty in honor of Art Snow:

A VERSE SELECTION

When thinking of adverse selection
There's little escapes my detection
But the best that I know
Are the papers by Snow
I remember them now with affection.

Be careful in how you would go
No scorn on his papers bestow
I remember one shocker
Who came up a Crocker
Beware how you tread on the Snow

His vita's so hard to impeach
His wit is right out of my reach
But one thing I know
Of Arturo Snow
This fellow from Georgia was a peach

Of course I am having a poke
And my poke is no more than a joke
When pretense is shed
And everything's said
Our Art is regular bloke

But one thing still plays on my fears
And brings my poor heart close to tears
Why put in the knife
And sentence for life
He deserves only twenty five years?