CANDIDATE SLATE FOR 2020 DSI OFFICER ELECTION
Names offered in alphabetical order

President-Elect
Joy Field, Boston College
Gyula Vastag, Corvinus University

Vice President of Finance
Christina McCar
t, Roanoke College

Vice President European Division
Bart MacCarthy, Nottingham University

Vice President Conferences
Victor Prybutok, University of North Texas

Vice President Member Services
Mohan Rao, Texas A&M University
Marco Sartor, University of Udine

Vice President Professional Development
Q. B. Chung, Villanova University
Tingting Yan, Wayne State University

DSI Election
On January 29, the election will open and DSI members will be asked to cast their votes for the offices of President-Elect and Vice President of Finance, European Division, Conferences, Member Services and Professional Development. We encourage everyone to become familiar with the candidates before the election. Be sure your DSI membership is up to date, as only those current DSI members as of 12 noon CT January 24 will be entitled to vote in this election. Once the election is opened, no ballots can be added to the recipient list. If you have any questions, please contact the home office.

The candidates for the position of President-Elect, Joy Field and Gyula Vastag, have provided their vision statements, included below. Candidates for the other officer positions have provided their list of activities/services as related to DSI.
PRESIDENT-ELECT

Joy Field, Boston College

Vision Statement

I am grateful for the opportunity to run for President-Elect of Decision Sciences Institute, an organization that has been such an important part of my professional life. I first attended a DSI conference during my doctoral studies at the University of Minnesota. The other students and faculty I met at the doctoral consortium are some of the most enduring professional relationships I have had over the years. Much of my growth as a scholar and teacher has been due to my network of DSI colleagues and the sessions I have attended and presented in at both DSI and NEDSI conferences. Previously serving in leadership positions at both the Institute and regional levels has also helped me to better understand the needs of the organization and its members. My vision is to enhance the qualities that make DSI an academic home of choice and position DSI to meet the membership needs of the future.

The implementation of the 2018-2023 DSI Strategic Plan is well underway and already yielding positive results. The plan provides a clear roadmap for DSI going forward and, if elected, I will support initiatives aligned with the stated goals across all three thrust areas of DSI members, programs, and capabilities and resources. In the remainder of my statement, I would like to highlight some areas in which I hope to make a particular contribution to the growth and success of DSI.

Value-added services

New value-added services, such as the Conference Buddy program, provide touchpoints to engage with and retain DSI’s newest members, while the ever increasing quality of the annual conference provides exceptional value to the membership as a whole. I have seen the impact of increased home office support for the regional conferences that have made the conference chairs’ jobs easier and lowered their costs. I will work to further identify and expand services that continue to increase the value of a DSI membership.

DSI conferences

The 50th anniversary conference recently held in New Orleans was a testament to the past, present, and future of DSI and an exemplar of DSI’s best qualities. A particular strength of this and every DSI conference is a dual focus on research and teaching. DSI conferences uniquely support academics in their joint roles as scholars and teachers. In addition, while primarily an academic organization, DSI is increasingly engaging with practitioners through site tours and as conference speakers and attendees. It is important for the DSI and conference leadership teams to continue to reinforce the current strengths of the DSI conferences and broaden their appeal to new participants.

DSI journals

DSI is fortunate to have two journals, Decisions Sciences Journal and Decision Sciences Journal of Innovative Education, that provide high-quality publication outlets in both academic disciplines and pedagogy and are critical to operationalizing the DSI mission to “disseminate and use knowledge to improve managerial decision making involving systems and people.” It is essential that DSI strongly support the efforts of the DSJ and DSJIE editors to help deliver on the DSI mission through its journals. Thank you to Cheri Speier-Pero, Mark Ferguson, and Matt Drake for their excellent stewardship of these journals.
Under the capable leadership of the editors, the quality and impact of DSJ, DSI’s flagship journal, has continued its upward trajectory. I look forward to working with Mark Ferguson and Xenophon Koufteros, incoming DSJ co-editor, to further enhance the reputation of the journal and move toward the goals of having DSJ included in lists such as UT Dallas and Financial Times, as well as increasing the number of institutions that include DSJ on their own short-lists of top journals.

**DSI regions**

As a long-time board member and former president of NEDSI, I have seen the important role that the regions play in outreach and branding of the organization. We are one DSI and, with the new regional charters, the organization is moving forward together for the benefit of all stakeholders. Fostering even closer relationships and synergies with the regions will be an ongoing priority.

Finally, I would like to thank the DSI leadership team and, in particular, recent Presidents and Executive Director Vivian Landrum, who have put in so much time and effort to draft and implement the DSI Strategic Plan and pave the way for future leaders to grow and strengthen the organization.

**Biography**

Joy Field is an Associate Professor of Operations Management in the Carroll School of Management at Boston College. Her recent research focuses on designing and managing service processes for improved efficiency and effectiveness, with an emphasis on the role of the customer co-producer. She has published her work in a number of leading academic journals, including *Decision Sciences*, *Journal of Operations Management*, *Production and Operations Management*, *Manufacturing & Service Operations Management*, *Strategic Management Journal*, and *Academy of Management Journal*, and is the author of the book, “Designing Service Processes to Unlock Value,” now in its 2nd edition. Dr. Field serves on a number of editorial boards and is an associate editor for *Decision Sciences* and five other journals. She has been actively engaged with both Decision Sciences Institute and Northeast Decision Sciences Institute for many years.

**Decision Sciences Institute Service**

Publications Committee, 2019-current
Financial Matters Committee, 2018-current
Associate Editor, *Decision Sciences Journal*, 2007-current
Regional Best Paper Presentation Award Coordinator, 2018 and 2019 DSI Annual Meetings
Publishing in DSJ Workshop Coordinator, 2018 and 2019 DSI Annual Meetings
Dennis E. Grawoig Distinguished Service Award Recipient, 2018
Regional Best Paper Presentation Award Committee Chair, 2017-2018
VP-Finance/Treasurer, Board of Directors, 2016-2018
Financial and Investment Advisory Committee Chair, 2016-2018
Track Chair, 2011, 2012, and 2016 DSI Annual Meetings
Executive Program Chair and Proceedings Coordinator, 2014 DSI Annual Meeting
Regionally Elected Vice President, 2012-2013
Regional Activities Committee, 2012-2014
Local Arrangements Co-Chair, 2011 DSI Annual Meeting
Professional and Faculty Development Program Chair, 2007 DSI Annual Meeting

**Northeast Decision Sciences Institute Service**

Distinguished Service Award, 2019
PRESIDENT-ELECT
Gyula Vastag– Corvinus University

Vision Statement
At my very first DSI conference in 1989, I could not have imagined that 30 years and many turns and twists later, I would be a nominee for the President-Elect position in the society that has served as my professional home throughout my career. (I still owe a great deal to the former DSI leaders – D. Clay Whybark, Vincent A. Mabert, and F. Robert Jacobs – who persuaded me to attend that 1989 meeting). I am also very humbled and honored by this nomination that could give me more opportunities to contribute to the organization where I started my professional career and that I have served in many different capacities.

My active involvement with the DSI Board started in 2008 with the preparations for establishing the European Decision Sciences Institute (EDSI). I was a Founding Member of EDSI, on the Organizing Committee, prepared much of the documentation needed for this new DSI chapter and was instrumental in making EDSI a thriving division. Between 2009 and 2016, I served on the DSI Board. My work on EDSI and being on the DSI Board gave me the opportunity to appreciate the DSI culture, to work with and get to know the DSI leadership like: Presidents Norma J. Harrison, Ram Narasimhan, G. Keong Leong, Krishna S. Dhir, E. Powell Robinson, Maling Ebrahimpour, Marc Schniederjans, Morgan Swink, Funda Sahin, Jeet Gupta, M. Johnny Rungtusanatham, and long-time Executive Director Carol Latta as well as many-many other DSI members. As a Board member, in order to increase membership reach, I was the proponent of DSI's tiered membership fee structure based on the country's GDP per capita. Over the years, I also managed to secure sponsorships to support DSI.

Now in 2020, after 50 years of accumulated wisdom and DSI success, I believe that DSI’s strategic goals for membership, programs, capabilities and resources are well-formulated and sound. Further development of DSI, I think, is not so much about coming up with radically new ideas, rather it is about refining and executing the many good ideas we had over the years to reach DSI’s goals. DSI is us! Only we, DSI members, can lead the organization to fulfil its vision to “be recognized globally as a scholarly professional association that creates, develops, fosters and disseminates knowledge to improve
managerial decisions.” To do this it is clear that we have to go global to recruit new members, to increase our professional network, and to have a global footprint.

From the three major thrust areas of DSI’s Strategic Plan 2018-2023, membership is the foundation that supports programs and capabilities. Our members are the ones who can make our journals more prestigious, our conferences and professional development programs more successful, and contribute the most to enhancing the DSI brand globally. The ultimate goal of creating a globally integrated but locally active international professional society has never been closer. It may sound paradoxical that we may be closer to achieving this goal now – in, perhaps, the most fractured world of the last 50 years – than we were at any time in our history. The professional networks and linkages already produced by DSI through its journals, conferences, colleges, divisions and regions may provide much needed global connections, infusion of talents and opportunities for cooperation when we need them the most.

In my view, there is lots of potential in fully exploiting the benefits of the tiered membership system in order to expand DSI’s global reach, to recruit members who could serve as contributors, reviewers, editors, conference organizers, and who could provide links to industry and academia. Despite many past efforts there are still many large regions where DSI is not visible or not visible to the extent we would like. One such region is South America/Latin America. DSI should vigorously pursue setting up more international regions to address future growth opportunities. Consequently, membership drives and increasing DSI’s global footprint are top priorities for me. Lack of membership growth limits all other strategic goals. However, these goals cannot be achieved without providing better service starting with our conferences. We can start with small things, for example, offering “full service” conferences (with all or most meals included) which increase the chances that attendees stay together and communicate more. Inviting speakers from other fields, both industry and academic, may help broaden our professional development as well.

In closing, let me emphasize that I am running for this office because I am committed to making DSI better and better known all over the world. Our success depends on working together. I do not carry the stone of wisdom in my pocket; I will rely on your advice and collective wisdom to have DSI fulfill its vision. Thank you very much for your consideration, your support is very much appreciated.

Biography
Gyula Vastag is Professor and Vice-Rector for Research at his alma mater, Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary. Between 1989 and 2006, he taught in the United States on the faculties of the Kelley School of Business (Indiana University), The Kenan-Flagler Business School (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), and The Eli Broad Graduate School of Management (Michigan State University). He co-authored five research books (by Elsevier, Pearson and the National Association of Purchasing Management) and several textbooks in Hungarian. He wrote eight business cases and contributed chapters to 20 books. His papers (30+ refereed journal publications) were published in a variety of professional and peer-reviewed academic journals (including five papers in the Financial Times list of Top Journals) in the United States.
and in Europe. Gyula received several research awards: *New Central Europe Distinguished Senior Researcher Scholarship* (2014), *Best Applications Paper Award by Alpha Iota Delta* (2012), and *Award for Research Excellence from Corvinus University* (2009). He was the Founding Editor of the *Pannon Management Review*, is the Associate Editor of the *Decision Sciences* and serves on the editorial boards of several journals. He has worked on projects with a number of organizations both in academia and practice. He has served as external promotion reviewer for US and European universities, was jury member for award committees (most recently the *European Public Sector Award* – 2019) and has been on various national and international scholarship and award committees. Gyula is Founding Member and past Associate Director of the *Global Manufacturing Research Group*. He served on the Executive and Auditing Committees of the *International Society for Inventory Research* (1998-2014). Between 2017 and 2019, he was a member of the *European Operations Management Association*’s Board. Gyula was Program Chair of numerous conferences, including the 4th Annual Conference of the European Decision Sciences Institute (2013), 2015 Conference of the International Public Management Network (IPMN), and the 25th Conference of the European Operations Management Association (2018).

**Decision Sciences Institute Service**
2019: DSI Dennis E. Grawoig Distinguished Service Award  
2019: Senior Editor, *Decision Sciences* Special Issue on "Information and Operational Decision Sciences: The Interplay of Information Technology and Operational Decision Sciences"  
2017: Track Chair, 47th Annual Meeting of the Decision Sciences Institute  
2016: Senior Editor, *Decision Sciences* Special Issue on “Supply Chain Decisions in Governmental Organizations”  
2016: International Scientific Committee, DSI First World Congress and 2016 Asia Pacific DSI Conference (“Managing Big Data and Decision Making in A New Global Economy”), Beijing, China  
2013: Track Chair, 44th Annual Meeting of the Decision Sciences Institute

**European Decision Sciences Institute Service**
2009-2016: Member of the DSI Board  
2014-2015: Member of the Executive Board  
2014-2016: Vice-President for Global Activities  
2011-2014: Member Services Committee  
2012-2013: Development Committee for Excellence in Decision Sciences  
2009-2014: Regional Activities Committee  
2009: EDSI Founding Member  
2008-2009: Member of the EDSI Organizing Committee  
2012: EDSI 2012 Best Application Paper Award; the paper was later published in the *Decision Sciences*  
2010-2019: Member of the Scientific Committee, Program Committee or Organizing Committee of all annual EDSI Conferences – Barcelona, Spain (2010), Wiesbaden, Germany (2011), Istanbul, Turkey (2012), Budapest, Hungary (2013), Kolding, Denmark (2014), Taormina, Italy (2015), Helsinki, Finland (2016), Granada, Spain (2017), Udine, Italy (2018), and Nottingham, UK (2019).
OTHER BOARD POSITIONS TO BE VOTED ON

VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE

Christina McCart, Roanoke College

DSI Member Activity
- Member of Financial and Investment Advisory Committee, 2016 – 2018
- Member of DSI and Regions Bilateral Presence Ad Hoc Committee, 2018
- Panelist for New Faculty Consortium, 2008

Decision Sciences Institute, Southeast Region of DSI
- VP – Finance, February 2016 – present
- Track Chair, 2015
- Track Chair, 2014
- Secretary, February 2010 – February 2012
- Placement Coordinator, 2000
- Local Arrangements Coordinator, 1998
- Session Chair/Discussant/Reviewer – more years than not

VICE PRESIDENT EUROPEAN DIVISION

Bart McCarthy, Nottingham University

DSI Member Activity
- 2020 - Track chair Manufacturing Management, DSI 51, San Francisco
- 2011-2015 - Member, Strategic Planning for International Affairs Committee
- 2009 - present - Member, Session Chair, Panel Organizer, Presenter

Decision Sciences Institute, European Division of DSI
- 2019 - Conference Chair, 10th Annual European Decision Sciences Conference, Nottingham, UK
- 2010 - present - Member of the Executive Committee, European Region (EDSI)
- 2012 - 2013 - Immediate Past President, European Region (EDSI)
- 2011 - 2012 - President, European Region (EDSI)
- 2010 - 2011 - President-Elect European Region (EDSI)

VICE PRESIDENT CONFERENCES
Victor Prybutok, University of North Texas

DSI Member Activity
- Decision Sciences Institute, 2019 DSI Lifetime Distinguished Educator Award Committee
- Recipient of DSI Lifetime Distinguished Educator Award, 2018
- Decision Sciences Institute, Doctoral Student Affairs Committee 2011-2012
- Presenter and Panelist - DSI Doctoral Student Consortium for Pre-Proposal Defense Stage Students, Seattle, WA, Nov 19-22, 2016
- Judge for the Decision Sciences Institute 2012 Elwood Buffa Dissertation Award
- Session Chair of 2 Sessions (Innovative Education and Marketing and Cross-Functional Interfaces) at the DSI Annual Meeting, November 19-22, 2011
- Session Chair in Innovative Education Track, DSI Annual Meeting, November 2010
- Reviewer for Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Decision Sciences Institute, 2009
- Session Chair in Innovative Education Track, DSI Annual Meeting, November 2009
- Reviewer for Decision Sciences Institute – National meeting, CIS Track, 2006
- Chair of Session, “Innovative Approaches to Creating an Effective Learning Environment” at the 21st Annual Meeting of the Decision Sciences Institute, November 1990

Decision Sciences Institute, Southwest Region of DSI
- Nomination Committee 2017-2019
- Officer, Vice President –Student Liaison 2013-2018
- Chair of Conference Best Student Paper Committee 2013-2018
- Chair of Student Track for conferences 2013-2018
- Chair of Doctoral Student Consortium 2013-2018
- Outstanding Educator Award Selection Committee Member 2016-2017
- Track Chair with Hong Qin of Quantitative Methods, Quality, and Analytics 2013
- Reviewer - Southwest, 2011.
- Session Chair of 2 Sessions at Southwest Region Annual Meeting, Mar 9-12, 2011
- Reviewer for SWDSI, Quality Issues Track, 1996
- Session Chair - Tutorial: Illustrated Examples and Tutorial on Applications of Neural Network Models, SWDSI, March 1996
- Session Chair in Quality Issues Track, SWDSI, March 1996
- Reviewer for SWDSI, Quality Issues Track, 1995

VICE PRESIDENT MEMBER SERVICES

Mohan Rao, Texas A&M University

DSI Member Activity
- Member, DSI and Regions Bilateral Presence Ad Hoc Committee, 2018-2019
- Member, DSI Programs and Meetings Committee, 2007-09
- Session Chair: Several times since 1994 at DSI and SWDSI conferences
- Paper Reviewer: Several papers since 1994 for SEDSI, MWDSI, APDSI and SWDSI.
- Paper Presenter: Several papers since 1994 for SEDSI, MWDSI, APDSI, ISDSI and SWDSI

Decision Sciences Institute, Southwest Region of DSI
- Past President, SWDSI, 2018-2019
- President, SWDSI, 2017-2018
- President-Elect, SWDSI, 2016-2017
- Program Chair, SWDSI Conference, 2015-2016
- Vice President - Finance, SWDSI, 2003-06
- Proceedings Editor, 2018 SWDSI (Albuquerque) Conference Proceedings
- Proceedings Editor, 2017 SWDSI I (Little Rock) Conference Proceedings
- Proceedings Editor, 2016 SWDSI (Oklahoma City) Conference Proceedings
- Proceedings Editor, 2015 SWDSI (Houston) Conference Proceedings
- Proceedings Editor, 2014 SWDSI (Dallas) Conference Proceedings
- Proceedings Editor, 2013 SWDSI I (Albuquerque) Conference Proceedings
- Proceedings Editor, 2012 SWDSI (New Orleans) Conference Proceedings
- Proceedings Editor, 2011 SWDSI (Houston) Conference Proceedings
- Proceedings Editor, 2009 & 2006 SWDSI (Oklahoma City) Conference Proceedings
- Track Chair, Research Pedagogy Track, SWDSI, Dallas, 2014
- Track Chair, Research Pedagogy Track, SWDSI, Albuquerque, 2013
- Track Chair, Management Information Systems Track, SWDSI, Dallas, 2005
- Track Chair, DSS, Intelligent Sys & KM Track, SWDSI, Orlando, 2004
- Track Chair, DSS, Intelligent Sys & KM Track, SWDSI, Houston, 2003
- Track Chair, DSS, Intelligent Sys & KM Track, SWDSI, St. Louis, 2002
- Track Chair, MIS/DSS Track, SWDSI, New Orleans, 2001
- Campus representative for SWDSI since 1995

**VICE PRESIDENT MEMBER SERVICES**

*Marco Sartor, University of Udine*

**DSI Member Activity**

Decision Sciences Institute, European Division of DSI
- Past President the European DSI (EDSI) (2019-2020)
- President of the European DSI (EDSI) (2018-2019)
- President Elect of the European DSI (EDSI) (2017-2018)
- Conference Chair of the European DSI (EDSI) Conference in Udine and Venice (Italy) (2018)
- European DSI (EDSI) board member (2016 – present)
- Chair of the Doctoral Consortium of the European DSI (EDSI) Annual Conference in Taormina (Italy) (2015)

**Vice President of Professional Development**

*Q.B. Chung, Villanova University*

**DSI Member Activity**

- Nominee, DSI VP Professional Development, 2016
- Nominee, DSI VP Professional Development, 2014
- Chair, DSI Programs & Meetings Committee, 2007-2008
- Coordinator, DSI Mini-Conference on Successful Grantsmanship, 2008
- Co-coordinator, DSI Mini-Conference on Successful Grantsmanship, 2007, 2009
- DSI Information Technology Committee, 2010-2012
- DSI Programs & Meetings Committee, 2001-2009
- Program Committee, International DSI, 2013
- Chair, E-Commerce Track, Asia-Pacific DSI Conference, 2015
- Chair, E-Commerce Track, International DSI Conference, 2009
- Co-Chair, E-Commerce Track, International DSI Conference, 2013
- New Faculty Consortium, 1993
- Doctoral Student Consortium, 1991
- Presenter, Discussant, Session Chair, Referee, DSI Annual Meetings, 1991-Present
- Presenter, Session Chair, Referee, International DSI Annual Meetings, on going
- Referee, *Decision Sciences*, Irregularly

Decision Sciences Institute, Northeast Region of DSI
- Board of Directors, Northeast DSI, 2014-Present
- Chair, E-Commerce Track, Northeast DSI Conference, 2011
- Co-Chair, E-Commerce Track, Northeast DSI Conference, 2014
- Presenter, Session Chair, Referee, Northeast DSI Annual Meetings, on going

**VICE PRESIDENT OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

*Tingting Yan, Wayne State University*

**DSI Member Activity**
- 2009-2019 DSI conference presenter
- 2016-2019 Carol J. Latta Early Career Award committee member
- 2012 and 2014 DSI conference reviewers
- 2014 DSI conference innovation panelist
- 2016 DSI conference supply chain innovation panelist
- 2019 Post Proposal DSI PhD Consortium panelist
- 2014 DSI conference session chair
- 2012-2019 Decision Sciences Journal reviewer