

Minutes of the SSIT Board of Governors Meeting

Held on Sept 10, 2005 at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ.

The meeting was convened by SSIT President Brian O'Connell.

The agenda was accepted.

With corrections, noted here, the minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

Corrections: Barus is the proper spelling on page 3.
Note that Queens College is in Queens.

President's Report

The people at the International Federation of Information Processing (IFIT) told President O'Connell that they liked T&S better than other IEEE magazines. SSIT will be co-sponsoring a conference at the UC at Berkeley with IFIT on May 25, 2006. SSIT will participate in a workshop on artificial intelligence security at this conference. An MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) has been received and needs to be signed. In connection with this conference, the President will require some funding. ICICT

There will be an ASME conference in Orlando, FL (no date?) SSIT will participate.

SSIT is a member of the IEEE Strategic planning committee working on a draft of the Society Review. At this time SSIT has been approved and no major problems have arisen.

Past President's Report

Past President Clint Andrews reported that there is a new Executive Director of the IEEE, a paid position. He is Jeffrey Raynes.

There is to be a reform of the TAB organizational structure, which could affect many of the smaller IEEE societies if a reduction of the periodical formula is changed. This could reduce T&S support by \$30,000, which might reduce the number of T&S pages and could easily lose membership; since T&S is the primary reason that people belong to SSIT. Incidentally, this is counter to the current campaign to increase membership. The current plan is to establish the new formula in 2007.

This should be a call to protest this new policy at not only SSIT, but other small societies as well. (Note to send this comment to John Vig, 2005 TAB Chair and VP of Technical Activities, Celia Desmond 2006 TAB Chair and VP of Technical Activities and Mark Apter, VP of Regional Activities.)

Treasurer's Report

The report (attached) was given by Treasurer Karl Stephan and there were no significant changes since the last report.

President O'Connell asked for \$1500 in two parts: \$1200 for travel and \$300 for the Artificial Intelligence session. This was approved.

Publications report

Editor Joe Herkert reported that the submissions of twenty two papers meant a raise of submissions by fifty percent. The Publications Report is attached. Seven future issues are in the current planning stage; these include ISTAS '04 and '05. Editor Herkert's term as editor of three years will end in December of 2006. If he does not choose to continue, a new editor will be needed.

SSIT Electronic Newsletter is being operated by Karl Perusich. His new email address is perusich@sbcglobal.net.

Personal Note: I believe that the approved BOG meeting minutes should be part of the e-newsletter as part of allowing the SSIT membership to know what is happening at the BOG meetings, if they cannot participate, since SSIT has so few local chapters.

Recognition of the twenty fifth anniversary, acknowledgement or issue of T&S is planned. I mentioned the major early contributions of Jeff Bogumil as a source of some lively commentary. I spoke to him the other day and he suggested some old predictions from the early eighties such as one that stated that if the US did not convert to nuclear power within a few years, the country would retreat into chaos and the Stone Age by 1990 or thereabouts. A search of some humorous predictions in IEEE archives could be fruitful. He is still a funny guy and is still committed to the principles of SSIT and has sent a thoughtful letter to the editor of the NY Times on the subject of evolution vs. creationism. His email address is rjbogumil@gmail.com.

A motion for a new contract for the services of Terri Bookman as Managing Editor was approved for two years with an increase of 3%/year, proposed by Roberta Brody, for eight issues. There would be an additional fee over contract for additional pages at a rate of \$75/page.

The original motion to accept the one year contract at a 2% increase was withdrawn. The BOG and Ms Bookman were satisfied with the revision. A new contract will need to be written for the next meeting. This could be a simple revision of the contract presented to the BOG on Sept. 10, 2005.

Conference Reports

Roberta Brody presented an outline of ISTAS '06 to be held at Queens College in May 2006. (Need the exact date)

The proposed topic is Disaster Preparedness and Recovery

The following list of conferences was submitted by Clint Andrews:

- 2006: Queens College: Disaster Preparedness and Recovery
- 2006: There is an international (non-ISTAS) conference planned with no SSIT financing required, but with SSIT participation
- 2006: A Windpower conference with SSIT participation
- 2007: Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada Co-Sponsor is NRC of Canada
Subject: Canadian R&D policy

Clint is asking for a permanent conference committee with a \$5000 cap on expenditures for new conferences to give some flexibility for planning.

Clint and Brian will participate in an ASME conference in Orlando, FL and participate in a discussion on Sustainability in 2006.

Nominations

Five nominees for the BOG three year membership through 2008 were proposed for the slate as required by the IEEE. This will be circulated by email one month before the election.

By the next BOG meeting, a list for a new president, VP, secretary and treasurer will be needed.

Fellows Committee

Irv Engleson has come up with a confidential list of three names and will ask IEEE in Piscataway to send him a list of the SSIT fellows.

Membership

Bob Brook presented a report on membership, attached including a brief report on the P1583 committee on Voting Machine standards. There were no major changes in SSIT membership.

Student Membership

Emily Anesta will also be chairing the SSIT GOLD committee. GOLD is the IEEE acronym for Graduates of the Last Decade. She requested a list of the student membership and for a new student chair, since she is no longer a student.

Clint Andrews requested a limited travel support for the new student chair.

Distinguished Lecturers

Janet Rochester stated the list is available on the IEEE Distinguished Lecturer web site. A new list will be announced in T&S in the winter issue. She did get an inquiry from an SSIT member interested in participation in the program.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Library Building in Rosenthal Hall of Queens College on Dec. 3, 2005.

At this point in the meeting I had to leave and would appreciate any additions, changes, etc.etc.

Respectfully Submitted,

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(with apologies to Brad Kjell)

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