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Attached is a summary of the SSIT account through Sept. 30, 2008. There are no real surprises or changes. The surplus for ISTAS 2008, which will be larger than originally budgeted for, is not reflected in this summary.

SSIT still faces the same challenges outlined at the June meeting as funding and distribution formulas change. Another point to note is that the equity markets are doing very poorly right now, so expect a drop in reserves from negative income from them.

currency USD
Business Unit=0300 (Social Implications of Tech)

NAME	I N C O M E			E X P E N S E			N E T S U R P L U S (D E F I C I T)			
	ANNUAL BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE		ANNUAL BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE		ANNUAL BUDGET	Y E A R T O D A T E		
		BUDGET	ACTUAL		BUDGET	ACTUAL		BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
INVESTMENT RETURNS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
PERIODICALS	168.0	138.1	130.3	142.9	107.2	98.5	25.1	30.9	31.8	0.9
NEWSLETTERS (CTR 01500)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
NON PERIODICAL SALES	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	1.1	1.2	-1.5	-1.1	-1.2	-0.1
MEETINGS/CONFERENCES	65.5	11.0	3.1	13.0	9.8	0.1	52.4	1.2	3.0	1.8
GRANTS (CTR 01702)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
ADMINISTRATION (CTR 01800)	0.0	0.0	0.0	89.1	66.8	66.8	-89.1	-66.8	-66.8	0.0
COMMITTEE/OTHER	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.4	18.3	12.1	-24.4	-18.3	-12.1	6.2
TOTAL	233.5	149.1	133.4	270.9	203.2	178.7	-37.4	-54.1	-45.3	8.8

Publication Report

IEEE Technology and Society Magazine

Upcoming publication schedule

Includes BoG-approved upcoming Special Issues
+ upcoming special sections

10/17/08

Winter 2008 – “Regular” issue

Spring 2009 – Regular issue – will include special section on “Lethal Robots”

Summer 2009 – Regular issue

Fall 2009 – Special Issue on ISTAS 2008 (guest editors Susan O’Donnell and Bill McIver)

Winter 2009 – Special Issue on Volunteerism and Humanitarian Engineering – Part 1 (Part 1
Guest Editor Kevin Passino)

Spring 2010 – Special Issue on Volunteerism and Humanitarian Engineering – Part 2 (Part 2
Guest Editors Joe Herkert and Christelle Didier)

Summer 2010 – Regular Issue

Fall 2010 – Special Issue on ISTAS 2009

Winter 2010 – Regular Issue

Approved page budget for 2008:

224 + covers originally approved

8 additional pages approved 6/08

Total: 232 + covers

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224 + covers (so far)

Nominations Committee Report

**Fall SSIT Board of Governors Meeting
October 18, 2008**

Election of President and Vice President

Because the fall meeting would not have a quorum, the election of president and vice-president of SSIT for 2009 was conducted by email. Janet Rochester was nominated for president and Gerald Engel for vice-president. Additional nominations were solicited via email. Since none were forthcoming, the society secretary cast affirmative votes for each candidate electing them for 2009.

Board of Governors Elections

The slate of candidates approved at the summer BOG meeting in Frederickton was forwarded to the IEEE for disposition. The schedule ballot/election schedule is as follows:

To Printer:	22 August 2008
Mail Date:	5 September 2008
Election Due Date:	20 October 2008
Announcement of Results:	by 27 October 2008

Membership report

From: Peter Zilahy Ingerman, PhD

Sent: Sunday, October 05, 2008 10:06 AM

Subject: Membership report

As of 2008 August (the latest date for which I have access to statistics), SSIT had 1543 higher-grade members, 92 student members, and 19 affiliate members, for a total Society membership of 1654. The good news is that this represents 46 Student Members who continued their membership as they transferred to higher-grade membership. The bad news is that this represents a 10.8% drop in total Society membership compared with a year ago, with the majority of the persons dropping SSIT membership being higher-grade members (higher-grade membership dropped 11.6%, student membership dropped 1.4% not counting the transfers to higher-grade membership, and affiliate membership dropped 5% ... but that was only one person).

I will not be available by telephone for the BoG meeting, because it conflicts with the Membership Development Chair monthly telecon. However, I shall be making a presentation at that telecon on the subject of getting "non-joiners" to join. The issue that I shall be addressing is that MD Chairs, rather by definition (but I am an exception!), are social creatures, and presume that the social aspects of membership in IEEE and its subordinate organizations are important. As a logical consequence of this orientation, they tend not to attract nor encourage .. nor know how to encourage ... the asocial students who might very well be significant assets to IEEE if they perceived it as a technical, rather than a social, organization. I shall let you know how it turns out!

Finally, I have been asked what we might do to increase membership. Frankly, I think we need a "cause" to get people interested. We produce an award-winning publication, but I think we need something more than that. I have suggested that the use of unencrypted, at-a-distance-readable, RFID chips in the identification used to facilitate USA-Mexico border crossings might be such a cause, particularly since there is a European standard in place that, if it had been adopted, would have addressed the privacy and security concerns that TSA, by having adopted this much weaker device, simply ignored.