

IEEE Computational Intelligence Society

ADCOM Meeting
12 December 2010
Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort and Spa
Ft. Myers, FL, USA

Present CIS EXCOM Members:

President Gary Yen
Vice President, Finance Piero Bonissone
Vice President, Conferences.....Gary Fogel
Vice President, Technical Activities..... Hisao Ishibuchi
Vice President, Members Activities.....Slawo Wesolkowski
Vice President, Publications.....Xin Yao
Vice President, Education.....Jennie Si

Present Elected ADCOM Members (voting):

James C. Bezdek
Pau-Choo (Julia) Chung
Oscar Cordon
Pablo A. Estevez
James M. Keller
Laszlo T. Koczy
Robert Kozma
Chin-Teng Lin
Simon M. Lucas
Nikhil R. Pal
Marios M. Polycarpou
Jose C. Principe
Enrique H. Ruspini
Lipo Wang
Jacek M. Zurada

Editors and Chairs in Attendance:

Editor, Transactions on Evolutionary Comp....Garrison Greenwood
Editor, Transactions on Neural Networks.....Derong Liu
Editor, Transactions on Fuzzy Systems.....Nik Pal
Editor, Trans. on Comp. Intelligence & AI in Games..Simon Lucas
Editor, Computational Intelligence Magazine.....Kay Chen Tan
Awards Committee (Chair).....Marios Polycarpou
Distinguished Lecturers Program (Chair).....Robert Kozma
GOLDDamien Coyle
Chapters.....Rami Abielmona
Website Manager.....Jeen-Shing Wang
Manager, CIS E-Letter.....Haibo He
University Curricula Sub-Committee (Chair).....Luis Magdalena
Educational Repository Sub-Cmte.....Deana Delp
Multimedia Tutorials.....Baohua Li

Absent:

Past President.....David Fogel

Staff:

Jo-Ellen Snyder

Guest:

Randi Sumner, Director, Strategy & Governance IEEE Tech. Act.

Gary Yen called the meeting to order at 8:06 AM and welcomed everyone. Roll call was made.

Motion by G. Fogel to approve agenda including consent agenda. Seconded by Bonissone.

In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Motion by G. Fogel to approve minutes of ADCOM meeting of July 2010. Seconded by Bonissone.

In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

President's Report – Gary Yen

Yen reported on the current state of the society and highlighted actions coming from TAB that were reported at the November meetings series.

Yen also presented the following issues to be discussed:

- IEEE Technical Communities, multi-society technical council, technical council and society.
- IEEE Sections Congress.
- IEEE publications; Compendium/Virtual Journal; non-English publications.
- Two-Tiered Society Membership Model & Bundling for the 2013 renewal cycle.
- Revised Society FOIs approved by TAB.
- Publications Activities; TNN name & scope change, E-I-C reappointments, plagiarism.
- Conference Activities; Approved Conferences, blog attack of SSCI, computer generated submissions and plagiarism.
- Technical Activities; new Task Forces, IEEE Public Visibility Project.
- Education Activities; ExCom Notes, You Tube Competition, repository storage issue, Summer School, and University Curricula/
- Members Activities; New Chapter formations, e-Letter, EMaC tool, Social Media Subcommittee
- Constitution and Bylaws; revisions and operations manual
- Nominations; newly elected AdCom members
- Awards Committee; motion for restructuring the committee

Motion by G. Fogel to enter executive session. Seconded by Bonissone.

In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Meeting entered into Executive Session.

Motion by G. Fogel to approve to define the composition of the awards committees for each of the IEEE Computational Intelligence Society awards as amended. Seconded by Ruspini.

In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Motion by G. Fogel to leave the executive session. Seconded by Polycarpou.

In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Meeting left into Executive Session.

Vice President, Publications Report – Yao

Yao expressed gratitude to Nik Pal for six years of dedicated service as E-I-C of the IEEE Transactions on Fuzzy Systems.

Yao reported on the status of the CIS Publications, including the ongoing major issue of negotiating the TNN scope and name change with the IEEE Computer Society. He also gave the highlights of the main publications and related E-I-C appointments and transitions, and the status on the new cosponsored publications and book program.

Transactions on Neural Networks Report – Derong Liu

Reported on the status of T-NN highlighting the schedule of special issues, composition of editorial board and incoming associate editors, significant drop in the impact factor from 2008 to 2009, plans to help raise the impact factor by improving timeliness of review and actively seeking out high quality submissions.

Transactions on Fuzzy Systems Report – Nik Pal

Reported on highlights of TFS, including performance statistics: average time from submission to first decision is about 90 days, the first decision for over 62% of papers submitted is made within 90 days. He also reported on the journal statistics; impact factor compared to competitors, number of submissions, rejection rate, and authors geographic distribution. Pal also thanked the volunteer leaders and staff for their support during his term as E-I-C.

Transactions on Evolutionary Computation Report – Garrison Greenwood

Reported on the statistics of the journal, highlighting; special issues, impact factor and journal rankings, page budget performance, submission and timeliness statistics.

Transactions on Computational Intelligence and AI in Games Report – Simon Lucas

Reported status of the journal; publication queue; timeliness; submission stats and current acceptance rate; special issues and future plans for the journal.

Editor, CI Magazine – KC Tan

Reported on the status of the Magazine highlighting the the issues produced for 2010, timeliness, timeliness of reviews, submissions received and future plans.

Written reports were provided for T-AMD, IEEE Press, T-CBB, T-NB, T-Affective Computing, and T-Smart Grid

Motion by Polycarpou to amend schedule to VP Conferences, VP Technical Activities, followed by VP Finance. Seconded by G. Fogel.

In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

VP-Conferences Report – Gary Fogel

G. Fogel reported on composition of the committee, the Conference Closing report highlighting the Conferences that are not yet closed that are incurring penalty, and conferences that are in the process of closing.

G. Fogel also provided an overview of issues addressed within ConfCom and reviewed the conference calendar highlighting the approved technically cosponsored conferences as well as previously approved financially sponsored conferences.

Motion by G. Fogel from the Conference Committee to approve the general chair, dates, venue and budget for SSCI 2013.

In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Motion by G. Fogel from the Conference Committee to approve the general chair, dates, venue and budget for FUZZ-2013.

In Favor – 20 Opposed – None Abstained – One (Pal)

Motion by G. Fogel from the Conference Committee to approve the general chair, dates and venue for CEC 2013.

In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Motion by G. Fogel from the Conference Committee to approve the general chair and venue for CEC 2015.

In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Motion by G. Fogel from the Conference Committee to approve the general chair, dates and venue for CISDA 2012.

In Favor – 20 Opposed – None Abstained – One (Wesolkowski)

Motion by G. Fogel from the Conference Committee to approve the general chair, dates, venue and budget for CIBCB 2012.

In Favor – 20 Opposed – None Abstained – One (G. Fogel)

Motion by G. Fogel from the Conference Committee to approve the general chair, dates, venue and budget for ICDL 2011 and EPIROB with proceedings only for ICDL.

In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Motion by G. Fogel from the Conference Committee to approve providing \$1000 from IEEE CIS to INNS to maintain the same financial support for any IJCNN held in odd years while the MOU is in place between IEEE CIS and INNS.

In Favor – 20 Opposed – None Abstained – One (Ruspini)

VP-Technical Activities Report – Hisao Ishibuchi

Ishibuchi reported on the activities of the Technical Committees highlighting the TCs in respect to their category; Technology-Oriented, Application-Oriented and Incubator. He also discussed the TC meetings held at CIS conferences during 2010, as well as meetings planned for 2011. The composition of each TC and TF discussed along with changes, challenges and updates to membership.

The statistics regarding conference submissions were presented highlighting submission fluctuations year to year, high acceptance rates for the flagship conferences and the steady growth for SSCI since its debut in 2007.

Ishibuchi also reported on the activities of each TC highlighting their geographical balance; Task Force activities, conference related activities and involvement with special issues for the CIS journals. He also reported on the activities of the Standards committee including committee geographic distribution, new Task Forces, CIM special issue and competitions.

VP Finance Report – Piero Bonissone

Bonissone reported on the final budget performance for 2009; surplus and reserves. He provided the current status on the 2010 budget (actual vs. budget), conference reverse accrual is still unclear. He also presented the final 2011 as approved and confirmed the initiative spending of about \$135K from CIS reserves.

Motion by Fogel to move the SPC report before lunch. Seconded by Bonissone .

In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Strategic Planning Committee Report – Enrique Ruspini

Ruspini reported on the activities of the committee and presented the CIS Mission and Vision statements. He highlighted the initial activities for the committee and provided a brief overview of the plan for 2011 and forward.

Break for Lunch 12noon – 1:05pm

Vice President, Education Report – Si

Si reported on the activities of the subcommittees, and recognized Moufid Harb for his dedication and service to the Summer Schools program. She highlighted the composition of the Education Committee and its good geographic distribution, and provided updates on the activities of the following subcommittees: Summer Schools, Graduate Student Research Grants, Game-Based Competition, Pre-College Education, and Continuing Education.

Multimedia Tutorials Report – Baohua Li

Reported on the status of the recordings collected and planned for 2010, along with the challenges in shipping the equipment to each conference and the need for volunteers to assist in the recording process. She also discussed the plans for recordings during the conferences for 2011 and improvements to the process as the program grows.

University Curricula Report – Luis Magdalena

Reported on the activities of the committee including the following; list of courses was compiled and published at <http://teaching.softcomputing.es> Currently there are 100 entries and a Call for Contributions was issued in the last ExCom Note email communication to the membership.

Educational Repository Report - Deana Delp

Reported on the challenges with developing the IEEE Learning Management System within IEEE to temporarily house the CIS Educational Repository, an external web developer and server specifications have been developed to fulfill the needs to support the repository. The new server space will accommodate for the education repository as well as the University curricula and other CIS features for the website as well. To support all that is offered under education activities a flyer was developed to highlight the items available on our site.

Vice President, Membership Report – Wesolkowski

Wesolkowski reported on the status of CIS membership which is now consistently at 6,200+ members. CIS is consistently in the top 25% of IEEE societies in terms of percent growth, and CIS is approaching the 7000 mark in terms of its membership. He also provided status reports from the following subcommittees: Webinars, Students Activities, and Travel Grants.

GOLD Sub-Committee – Damien Coyle

Reported on the activities of the committee and discussed the results of the member survey that was developed by the GOLD subcommittee. He elaborated on the initial results reported at the July AdCom and discussed plan for additional survey information and questions.

In addition to the survey report Coyle reported on the activities of the GOLD subcommittee: GOLD event held at WCCI in Barcelona, CI Competitions, improvements to the web presence, and future plan for activities in 2011.

Regional Lecturer Program Proposal – Pablo Estevez

Estevez presented the proposal to establish the Regional Lecturers Program.

**Motion by Ruspini to to return to comittee. Seconded by Bonissone .
In Favor – 14 Opposed – None Abstained – 2 (Kozma, Koczy)**

Chapters Sub-Committee – Rami Abielmona

Reported on the activities of the committee and discussed the process of forming a new chapter, new chapters formed, potential new chapters, and chapters in danger of being dissolved. He also presented a demonstration of how the EMaC tool will work and its capabilities of holding more information than just chapter events.

Distinguished Lecturers Committee – Robert Kozma

Reported on the activities of the committee including a summary of major activities completed by the committee in 2010. Kozma reported on the selection criteria for the DLP.

**Motion by Ruspini to enter executive session. Seconded by Bonissone.
In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None**

Meeting entered into Executive Session.

**Motion by Wesolkowski to approve the slate of Distinguished Lecturers for the term 2011 -2013. Seconded by Bonissone.
In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None**

**Motion by G. Fogel to leave the executive session. Seconded by Bonissone.
In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None**

Meeting left into Executive Session.

**Motion by Wesolkowski to enter executive session. Seconded by Kozma.
In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None**

Meeting entered into Executive Session.

**Motion by Bezdek to remove Bob Marks from Distinguished program immediately. Seconded by Bonissone.
In Favor – 14 Opposed – One (Kozma) Abstained – 4 (Wang, Estevez, Zurada, Polycarpou)**

Motion by Wesolkowski to leave the executive session. Seconded by Bonissone.

In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Meeting left into Executive Session.

Motion by Ruspini to to AdCom that the DLP Committee review ways of removing a DL from the program prior to the conclusion of their term. Seconded by Wesolkowski.

In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Senior Member Sub-Committee – Pablo Estevez

Reported on the activities of the sub-committee providing the statistics of the newly elevated members, the development of the SMANS web-based system to help CIS members apply for elevation to the status of Senior Member. A brief demonstration was given for the SMANS website.

History Sub-Committee – Jim Bezdek

Reported on the activities of the committee, confirming the base file for 1977 – 1991 has been established. Bezdek provided an update on the anecdotal recollections received to date and those that are expected for the future. The plans for 2011 were presented and include website development, photo/video library, history sessions at conferences and collecting history for 1992 – 1997.

CIS e-Letter – Haibo He

Reported on the status of e-letter highlighting the new e-letter system with enhanced features, challenges and plans for the future to transition to the new e-letter manager for 2011.

CIS Website – Jeen-Shing Wang

Reported on the workload statistics, the newly designed front page, and the future work; Grant Application System, migration, and transition to the new web manager.

Fellows Committee Report – Piero Bonissone

Bonissone reported on the compositions of the committee and presented the CIS Fellow for the year 2011.

New Business – Gary Yen

The next meeting will be June 5, 2011 in New Orleans, Louisiana USA at the Ritz-Carlton in conjunction with CEC. The second meeting for 2011 will be December 11, 2011 in Cancun Mexico.

Motion by G. Fogel to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Pal.

In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Meeting adjourned 3:41 PM.