Present CIS EXCOM Members

President: Pablo Estevez
President-Elect: Nikhil Pal (Remote)
Vice President, Finance: Enrique Ruspini (Remote)
Vice President, Technical Activities: Hussein Abbas (Remote)
Vice President, Conferences: Bernadette Bouchon-Meunier
Vice President, Education: Simon Lucas
Vice President, Publications: James Keller
Vice President, Members Activities: Julia Chung

Present Elected ADCOM Members (voting):
Cesare Alippi
James Bezdek
Piero Bonissone (Remote)
Carlos Coello Coello
David Fogel (Remote)
Gary Fogel
Barbara Hammer
Hisao Ishibuchi
Derong Liu
Sanaz Mostaghim
Alice Smith (Remote)
Kay Chen Tan
Ronald Yager
Gary Yen
Jacek Zurada

Editors and Chairs in Attendance:

Editor, Trans. on Neural Networks and Learning Systems: Haibo He
Editor, Transactions on Fuzzy Systems: Jonathan Garibaldi
Editor, Transactions on Evolutionary Computation: Kay Chen Tan
Editor, Transactions on Emerging Topics in CI: Yew-Soon Ong
Editor, Computational Intelligence Magazine: Hisao Ishibuchi
Editor, Trans. on Games: Graham Kendall
Editor, Trans on Cognitive & Developmental Systems: Yaochu Jin
Estevez called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.

Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes

Motion: Motion by Zurada to approve the Agenda. Seconded Mostaghim
In Favor: All  Opposed: None  Abstained: None

Motion: Motion by Hammer to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded Mostaghim
In Favor: All  Opposed: None  Abstained: None
Motion: Motion by Zurada: to approve the minutes from the July 2017 meeting as corrected. Seconded by Mostaghim
In Favor: All  Opposed: None  Abstained: None

President’s Report – Pablo Estevez - Follow slides
- Strategic planning
- INNS MOU
- Website Re-design

President-Elect’s Report – Nikhil Pal - Follow slides
- Strategic Planning activities

VP Finance Report - Enrique Ruspini – Follow Slides
- Overview of Fin Ops
- First Pass Budget for 2018
- Page Budgets for CIS Periodicals
- Requests for Initiative funding

VP Publications Report – James Keller – Follow Slides
- Re-appointment of E-I-Cs

Motion: Motion to reappoint Hisao Ishibuchi as Editor-in-Chief of the Computational Intelligence Magazine for the two-year term, 2018-2019
In Favor: All  Opposed: None  Abstained: None

Motion: Motion To Reappoint Haibo He as the Editor-in-Chief of the IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems for the two-year term, 2018-2019
In Favor: All  Opposed: None  Abstained: None

Motion: Motion To Reappoint Yaochu Jin as the Editor-in-Chief of the IEEE Transactions on Cognitive and Developmental Systems for the two-year term, 2018-2019
In Favor: All  Opposed: None  Abstained: None

- PRAC Review
- Individual E-I-C Updates

VP Conferences Report & Motions - Bernadette Bouchon-Meunier- follow slides
- Financially Sponsored Conferences
Motion: Motion to approve the general chairs Amir Hussain, Marios M. Polycarpou and Xin Yao, location in Glasgow, Scotland, UK, date on July 19-24, 2020, submission deadline on January 15, 2020 and budget of the 2020 World Congress on Computational Intelligence (IEEE WCCI 2020)

In Favor: All  Opposed: None  Abstained: None

Motion: To approve the general chairs Tingwen Huang and Marios Polycarpou, location in Doha, Qatar, date on December 6-9, 2019, submission deadline on July 1, 2019 and budget of the 2019 Symposium Series on Computational Intelligence (IEEE SSCI 2019)

In Favor: 18  Opposed: None  Abstained: 2 (G. Fogel, R. Yager)

Motion: To approve the general chair Donald Wunsch, location in Saint Louis, USA, date on May 30 – June 2, 2018, submission deadline on November 24, 2017 and budget of the 2018 Conference on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (IEEE CIBCB 2018)

In Favor: All  Opposed: None  Abstained: None

Motion: Motion to approve the general chairs Francesco Bonchi, Foster Provost, location in Turin, Italy, date on December 1-3, 2018, submission deadline on May 7, 2018 and budget of the 2018 IEEE International Conference on Data Science and Advanced Analytics (IEEE DSAA 2018)

In Favor: All  Opposed: None  Abstained: None

-Technically co-sponsored conferences
-Past, Present and Future Conferences
-Subcommittee structures
-Issues – conference proposal submission

Nominations Committee: – Xin Yao

Nominations from the floor: VP Finance-Elect

Motion: by Zurada to close nominations for VP Finance. Seconded by Lucas – passed

In Favor: All  Opposed: None  Abstained: None

Motion: by Estevez to enter executive session. Seconded by Mostaghim.

In Favor: All  Opposed: None  Abstained: None

Meeting entered into Executive Session.

Motion: by Bonissone to approve Enrique Ruspini by acclamation. Seconded by Pal
In Favor: All   Opposed: None   Abstained: None

Motion: by Lucas to leave the executive session. Seconded by Alippi.
In Favor – All   Opposed – None   Abstained – None

Meeting left Executive Session.

The elected Vice President-Elect – Finances 2018 - 2019 is Enrique Ruspini

Nominations from the floor: VP Conferences

Motion: by Bonissone to close nominations for VP Conferences. Seconded by Alippi
In Favor: All   Opposed: None   Abstained: None

Motion: by Estevez to enter executive session. Seconded by G. Fogel.
In Favor: All   Opposed: None   Abstained: None

Meeting entered into Executive Session.

Motion: by Ruspini to approve Bernadette Bouchon-Meunier by acclamation. Seconded by Pal
In Favor: All   Opposed: None   Abstained: None

Motion: by Lucas to leave the executive session. Seconded by Yen.
In Favor – All   Opposed – None   Abstained – None

Meeting left Executive Session.

The elected Vice President – Conferences 2018 - 2019 is Bernadette Bouchon-Meunier

Nominations from the floor: VP Technical Activities

Motion: by G. Fogel to close nominations for VP Technical Activities. Seconded by Mostaghim
In Favor: All   Opposed: None   Abstained: None

Motion: by Zurada to enter executive session. Seconded by Lucas.
In Favor: All   Opposed: None   Abstained: None

Meeting entered into Executive Session.

Motion: by Ruspini to destroy the ballots. Seconded by Bonissone.
In Favor – All   Opposed – None   Abstained – None
Meeting left Executive Session.

The elected Vice President – Technical Activities 2018 - 2019 is: Hussein Abbass

**VP Education Report: Simon Lucas**
- SWOT Analysis
- Ops Manual
- Committee Composition
- Videos
- BORRP Award
- Future Activities & Competitions

**Awards Committee: Jose Principe – Follow Slides**
- Reviewed history and classification of CIS awards
- Composition of the committee – new subcommittee to solicit nominations

Meeting entered into Executive Session.

**Motion:** by G. Fogel to enter executive session. Seconded by Lucas.
In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Provided overview of the awards process and the composition of the committee.

**Motion:** Motion Bestow the 2018 IEEE CIS Neural Networks Pioneer Award to: Lee Giles
Citation: For pioneering role in the application of neural networks for information extraction in large data repositories
In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

**Motion:** Motion to bestow the 2018 IEEE CIS Fuzzy Systems Pioneer Award to Bernadette Bouchon-Meunier
Citation: For influential contributions to fuzzy learning and reasoning.
In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

**Motion:** Motion to bestow the 2018 IEEE CIS Fuzzy Systems Pioneer Award to Rudolf Kruse
Citation: For fundamental contributions to fuzzy learning, theory and applications
In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None
Motion: Motion to bestow the 2018 IEEE CIS Evolutionary Computation Pioneer Award to Kalyanmoy Deb. Citation: For pioneering contribution, development, and leadership in evolutionary multi-criterion optimization
In Favor – All  Opposed – None  Abstained – None

Motion: Motion to bestow the 2018 CIS Outstanding Early Career Award to Ke Tang Citation: For contributions to the development, analysis and application of novel evolutionary computation approach for large-scale optimization
In Favor – All  Opposed – None  Abstained – None

Motion: Motion to bestow the 2018 IEEE CIS Outstanding Chapter Award to the IEEE CIS Hyderabad Chapter Citation: For outstanding contributions to membership development by organizing events involving innovative ideas, keeping in view aspirations and needs of its members
In Favor – All  Opposed – None  Abstained – None

Motion: Motion to bestow the 2018 IEEE CIS Outstanding Ph.D. Dissertation award to Dr. Zhi-Hui Zhan for his dissertation entitled Research into Machine Learning Aided Particle Swarm Optimization and Its Engineering Application
In Favor – All  Opposed – None  Abstained – None

Motion: Motion to bestow the 2018 IEEE TNNLS Outstanding Paper Award to Qinglai Wei, Derong Liu, and Xiong Yang, for the paper entitled "Infinite Horizon Self-Learning Optimal Control of Nonaffine Discrete-Time Nonlinear Systems," IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems, vol. 26, no. 4, pp. 866-879, Apr. 2015.
In Favor – All  Opposed – None  Abstained – None

Motion: Motion to bestow the 2018 IEEE TFS Outstanding Paper Award to Shaocheng Tong, Shuai Sui, and Yongming Li for the paper entitled “Fuzzy adaptive output feedback control of MIMO nonlinear systems with partial tracking errors constrained”, IEEE Transactions on Fuzzy Systems, vol.23, no.4, pp.729-742, 2015
In Favor – All  Opposed – None  Abstained – None

In Favor – All  Opposed – None  Abstained – None

Motion: Motion to bestow the 2018 IEEE TAMD Outstanding Paper Award to Wei-Long Zheng, and Bao-Liang Lu, for the paper entitled ”Investigating Critical Frequency Bands and

In Favor – 20  Opposed – None  Abstained – 1

Motion: Motion to bestow the 2018 IEEE CIM Outstanding Paper Award to G. Ditzler, M. Roveri, C. Alippi, and R. Polikar, for the paper entitled "Learning in Nonstationary Environments: A survey", IEEE Computational Intelligence Magazine, vol. 10, no. 4, pp. 12-25, Nov. 2015

In Favor – All  Opposed – None  Abstained – None

Motion: by G. Fogel to leave the executive session. Seconded by Lucas.

In Favor – All  Opposed – None  Abstained – None

Meeting left Executive Session.

VP Members Activities Report - Julia Chung - Follow Slides
- Committee Composition
- brief reports by subcommittee chairs

VP Technical Activities Report - Hussein Abbass – Follow Slides
- Report on Technical Committees
- Communications
- Future plans

Strategic Planning Committee – Nikhil Pal/Pablo Estevez
- Goals

The meeting adjourned at 5:25pm.