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November Meeting

Military Collaboration in the 21st Century

Speaker:David Huisenga, SAIC

Date:Thursday, November 16, 2000

Location:Sammy & Nicks

2718 Mercury Blvd

Hampton, Virginia

Schedule:6:00 p.m. - Administrative Meeting

6:30 p.m. - Social

7:00 p.m. - Dinner

7:30 p.m. - Speaker

Price:Member - \$15.00

Student - \$7.50

Guest - \$15.00

Directions: Take I-64 to Mercury Blvd. (from the south side, go through the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel), Exit westbound on to Mercury Blvd., and travel approximately 1.5 miles. Sammy and Nick's is on the right.

Meeting Highlights: Webster defines collaboration in the military context as "To cooperate treasonably, as with an enemy occupying one's country." This definition may not stand long. DoD is using the tools of the Internet: chat, IP voice, IP video, shared whiteboard, and shared files and applications to change how military campaigns are planned and executed. Recently, the Joint Battle Center helped the Office of the Secretary of Defense develop a collaboration standard for use by the war fighters. Mr. Huisenga was the lead engineer who developed the test bed and supported the evaluation of a number of commercial and military products. He will explain what these tools were and how they were evaluated.

From the Chair

This is the last meeting of the year. We will install new officers at the January meeting before the Student Paper presentations. We are working on an electronic questionnaire to get input from the membership to determine your interests, likes and dislikes. This information will be used to help plan our future meetings. Please take time to help our new leaders fulfill their new responsibilities. Any questions should be sent to Bruce Powell at powell_d@nns.com.

The following individuals have been nominated to lead our group for the next year. They will be voted on at the November meeting. Any additional nominations will be accepted at the beginning of the meeting and added to the ballot.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

Chair: Greg Gallagher
Vice-Chair: Sam Simmons
Secretary: Timothy Gavin
Treasurer: Bruce Powell

APPOINTMENTS FOR 2001

Newsletter Editor: Sonja Ebron
Webmaster: Bill Clayton
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Please come out to help choose your local section officers for next year.

Sam Simmons

2000 Section Officers

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IEEE News

IEEE has made membership renewal available on the web for the third year. IEEE members can renew now at <http://www.ieee.org/renewal>. As an extra encouragement, those who renew their membership online by December 1st will receive 15% off their next purchase in the IEEE Online Catalog & Store, the definitive source for IEEE products (special terms and conditions apply.) Members who applied or renewed their 2000 membership online were sent an email renewal notice on October 2nd.

WASHINGTON -- October 20, 2000: The Virginia Joint Commission on Science and Technology's UCITA Advisory Committee rejected several amendments offered by IEEE-USA to the Virginia Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act (UCITA) in a series of close votes on Oct. 17 at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA.

IEEE-USA's proposed Virginia UCITA amendments are available on-line at:

<http://www.ieeeusa.org/grassroots/ucita/VirginiaAmendments.pdf>.

IEEE-USA's position statement on UCITA is available on-line at:

<http://www.ieeeusa.org/forum/POSITIONS/ucita.html>.

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