

Annual Meeting of the Analog Signal Processing Technical Committee  
of the IEEE Circuits and Systems Society (ASPTC)

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Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Alyssa Apsel

Pak Kwong Chan

Anthony (Tony) Chan Carusone

Joseph Sylvester Chang

Degang Chen

Jose M. de la Rosa

Ralph Etienne-Cummings

Randall Geiger

Roman Genov

Julio Georgiou

Viktor Gruiev

Anas Hamoui

Paul Hasler

Markus Helfenstein

Tor Sverre Lande

Felix Lustenberger

Shahriar Mirabbasi

Gaetano Palumbo

Shanthi Pavan

Salvatore Pennisi

Gabriel A. Rincón-Mora

Gordon Roberts

Hanspeter Schmid

Gabor Temes

Chris Toumazou

Albert Wang

Dag Wisland

George Jie Yuan

Hanspeter commenced the meeting at 12:10

- 1) Solicitation of comments on report (none received)
- 2) New Members confirmed:
  - 2 new members , Dag Weisland and Chan P. Kwang

- George Yuan confirmed as a member from last year when he was unable to attend the meeting
  - Committee votes unanimously to accept members on “exceptional vote” when they cannot attend the meeting due to Visa issue
  - It is noted that from here on these 3 new members may vote
- 3) Removal of old members: old members are removed after 2 years not on RCM or 3 years without attending meetings. 4 members are removed.
- 4) Nomination of new secretary: Victor Gruev nominated and elected without opposition
- 5) Work groups: Focus on ISCAS quality work group
- Special sessions – BOG wants 3 special sessions for next year
  - J. Chang: More industry involvement would be good. Have each session include some industry participation.
  - G. Roberts: What are the goals of special sessions?
  - A. Apsel: Broader participation, broader reach of topics.
  - R. Geiger: Also to focus on new areas. In regard to Data converters, he suggests Ahmed Hamed and another name.
  - Anas Hamoui volunteers to approach them.
  - H. Schmid: Education Track is being added
  - J. Chang: NIH program managers could come and talk about funding/research issues.
  - H. Schmid: Should we also include European/Asian funding bodies? Also, what is special about “special sessions”? They should be outside of regular sessions and look at innovative directions as opposed to core areas like data converters.
  - R. Geiger: Sponsors should be included internationally. Could be used to create competition among program directors internationally.
  - G. Roberts: What about panel discussions?
- 6) ISCAS Quality Improvement
- Hanspeter: RCM cannot comment on final paper status, this can be a problem if for instance one reviewer indicates that something has been published before but other reviewers do not pick up on this.
  - J. Chang: Problem: Publication in ISCAS pre-empts journal publication, degrading quality of conference submissions. Overlap of conference and Journal paper cannot be more than 40%. Perhaps we should go to shorter papers?
  - R. Geiger: This was a mistake made within the leadership.
  - A. Apsel: Short paper format prevents publication of advanced theoretical concepts, already
  - J. Chang: Want “highest” quality papers rather than short papers.
  - H. Schmid: Should we try to change this policy? Can we take this upstairs?
  - R. Geiger: Need to suggest a new approach.
  - Pavan H. : Policy seems okay to me.
  - G. Rincon-Mora: Agrees with Pavan
  - A. Apsel: The problem is that perception of overlap is subjective, may be text or simply “contribution” and that a single reviewer’s decision based on this can kill a paper.

- R. Geiger: Overlap percent is not an objective standard. It should be okay to disseminate in multiple forms anyway.
- G. Roberts: What is ISCAS quality? Why do people come here? ISCAS serves an important role and has excellent attendance.
- H. Schmid: In terms of paper quality, would a document of author guidelines help?
- D. Chen: Joint submission is possible in control systems journals of both a conference and journal paper. Would this help?
- T. Chan-Carusone: Problem is that conference papers are now archival, so the best answer is to shorten conference papers.
- R. Geiger: Problem came not from the fact that conference papers are archival, but from the desire to cut the cost of journal subscriptions by providing less material.

7) Conclusions

- H. Schmid: 2 things seem to bother people, publication policy and lack of guidelines for papers (for authors, reviewers, an RCM).
- H. Schmid: Other business? None. Thanks for participation
- hand out sheets for special issue nominations
- solicit distinguished lecturer nominations
- meeting concluded at 13:20

Minutes prepared by Alyssa Apsel