

ADCOM MINUTES 5/21/88

Location: Empire State College; 330 W. 42 St., N.Y.C.

1. Welcome and Introduction

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 AM by President Robbi

The following 8 members were in attendance:

A. Robbi	President
M Benjamin	Secretary
R. Brook	ADCOM/EMC Soc.
C. Barus	Awards Chmn.
E.S.Cassedy	SSIT Member
C. Specter	Div.IX Rep.
S.H.Unger	Past Pres.
D. Mukhedkar	Fellows Comm. Chmn (Late arrival)

2. Adoption of Agenda

The Agenda was adopted as presented except Awards moved to first item 8.

3. Approval of Previous Mtg. Minutes

The minutes were approved with the following corrections:

6.0 ACTION:UNGER deleted

6.5 Kline, Chmn., Unger, and Rossoff

7.1 Next to last sentence: "....nominations to the Adcom...."

7.2 "ACTION:RABOW,ROBBI" Move to end of 7.2

10 Dates for NYC ADCom.....

4. President Robbi gave a detailed report of the recent TAB meeting Highlights:

TAB Periodicals Committee is concerned about the number of Magazines in the transaction package subscribed to by libraries. As the list grows, the packages become more expensive. A survey was made to determine whether societies would like to eliminate magazines from the package. 2/3 were for preserving the status quo. We were also for no change. A TAB Periodicals Committee meeting will be held in June at which Jeff Bogumil will represent us.

It was reported that IEEE had invested Society short term funds in risky investments. This had produced a higher return for awhile but, the higher risk had resulted in negative returns recently. Robbi opted for our funds to be invested at the T Bill rate. He asked for and received approval (actually commendation) for his action.

The Publications Board was heavily criticized for lateness and costs by several Societies. In the ensuing discussion they seemed no longer interested in publishing 'Magazines' (vs 'Trans-actions'). IEEE seems no longer concerned that publishing of magazines and newsletters be done through them.

At the Societies Presidents Mtg. a question was raised regarding the ethics of book endorsements by the colleagues of the authors.

Kline promised to report at our Sept. Mtg. on the actions of the ad hoc Committee that is examining support of the ethical engineer.

The meeting was told that our pleasant meeting room has been obtained through a contact by Shirley Unger with Clark Everling of Empire State College. The secretary was instructed to write him a letter of appreciation, and Robbi will arrange for him to receive the T & S Magazine as a gesture of appreciation.

ACTION: ROBBI, BENJAMIN

5. Past President's Report

At the last Adcom Mtg. we authorized the writing of a position letter in support of the Government Accountability Program (GAP), on legislation in support of 'whistleblowing'. Unger has also called the appropriate Congressmen to indicate support of this legislation.

Unger reported on his attendance at a conference at the Univ. of Waterloo on undergraduate courses in Ethics. He passed on the heartening information that the Univ. of Toronto requires a course in Ethics.

6. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Apter, Robbi reported that contrary to the gloomy official prediction of a \$13,000 deficit for 1987. we seem to have finished with a surplus of approximately \$1,600, including interest, on our small reserve. This, despite our not having raised our dues. Attached is page 3 of the Treasurer's Report detailing publishing costs (as well as they can be determined.)

7. Other Society Liaison

No report

8. Standing Committee Reports:

8.1 Awards

Ref. to 7.1 of last Mtg. Minutes (2/27/88), the by-law change re Awards: Barus proposed adding to the phrase "....action to promote the public health" to now read "....action to promote or protect the public health...". The motion proposed by Barus and seconded by Unger was passed unanimously. Unger will see that this bylaw change will be included in the mailing for election of new officers.

ACTION: UNGER, ROBBI

Brook circulated a written proposal for several procedures to increase the likelihood of publicity for the Ben Linder Award ceremony in Seattle. Chmn. accepted the suggestions with thanks.

The award will be made on 10/5 in Seattle at the NORTHCON meeting which runs from 10/4 to 10/6. Linder's parents will be there. Several IEEE officials will also be invited. Kauffman, who made the last certificate, will again be contacted. Further detailed planning is underway.

8.2 Conferences

Benjamin previously reported that John Jackson has asked that some other group do the Carnahan Conference this year and suggested that there might be enough people in L.A. to mount the effort. This has indeed been the case. An enthusiastic group has emerged including 'alumni' of the past Carnahan conferences and present members of the L.A.SSIT Chapter. They have found a sponsoring University, overnight facilities, a hall, funds for invited speakers, and a theme. Present plans call for 2 days in April '89. Efforts will be made to attract approximately 100 people. It is hoped that by July the public Call can be made.

Benjamin polled the group to see if they wanted to have a 'Retreat' at Fellowship Farm in October. The consensus was positive; so the Retreat will be planned.

Unger will start thinking about ELECTRO '89 in NYC. Cassedy will consider organizing a session on Energy.

Christine Spector volunteered to spearhead SSIT involvement in Int'l. Space Year Conferences (1992).

8.3 Fellows

Mukhedkar reported that David Hoffman, whom we sponsored last year had been nominated but not approved. He has done exceptional work in the establishment of Standards in the public interest for Underwriter's Lab. He is an Attorney and well as an Engineer. We once again gave him our backing and suggested he be recommended as "extraordinarily qualified".

On a related subject, Mukhedkar informally inquired if we could sponsor a new book he is involved in editing on the subject of Grounding for Safety. Brook suggested that EMC would be exactly the right group to be of help. We also indicated we would be interested in seeing the material as it became available. He will make a written request including material.

8.4 Membership

Unger reported in Jatlow's absence that the total active April membership in '88 was 2301 vs 2241 in '87. '88 Student membership was 282 vs 246 in '87.

Robbi circulated the latest version of a SSIT Membership Brochure that several people have been working on. It was judged to be quite promising. It was emphasized that careful attention must be paid to the membership blank, as the details contain many pitfalls!

8.5 Nominations/Elections

Unger reported that the following names have been obtained to stand election:

Alex Brown
 Peter Lubell
 Arthur Rossoff
 Ron Kline
 Carl Barus

It is clear that work will be found for the two who are not elected. We need everybody!

8.6 Chapters

In Gardner's absence Robbi reported that there are 9 functioning Chapters. Strangely, this has never included Metropolitan N.Y., but it looks like a NYC Chapter is about to be born. The most active chapters are Boston, Washington and Zurich. The L.A. Chapter has now also come to life with the Carnahan Conference project.

8.7 PACE

We have proposed to PACE that we print an extra 1,000 copies of our T & S Journal Special Issue on Patents for distribution to specially interested people. We have asked for \$2,000 for this. No answer yet.

8.8 Publications (T & S)

On questioning, Benjamin reported that there are probably several publishable papers from the last Carnahan Conference. Jackson was originally going to have them all published but this doesn't seem to be happening. Welchel also has copies of all the papers.

Unger suggested a special issue on Inspection and Verification for Disarmament. Specter will checkout some possible candidates for Special Editor. Unger will serve as receiver of names and ideas.

ACTION: SPECTER, UNGER

Robbi, Rabow, and Bogumil continue to push for further cost reduction in the T & S Magazine publication. Our editorial requirements are much less than for the typical "magazine".

8.9 Publicity and Public Relations

Technology and Public Policy

Students

Constitution and Bylaws

No reports on the above items.

9. Next Meeting Date

10. Old Business

None

11. Liaison Reports

Specter reported that Geoscience Remote Sensing
ADCom is enthusiastic about cooperating with SSIT. They are
particularly interested in the possibility of newsletter
interaction.

12. New Business

None

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.