

ADCOM MINUTES 9/10/88

Location: Empire State College, 330 W. 42 St., NYC, NY

1.0 The meeting was called to order at 10:15 A.M. by Pres. Robbi

1.1 There were 12 attendees:

A. Robbi	President
Carl Barus	Awards
J. M. Benjamin	Secretary
Jeff Bogumil	TAB Tech. & Public Policy
Robert Brook	EMC Representative
E.S. Cassedy	ADCOM
Jack Jatlow	Div VII
J.M.Osepchuk	Div. IV
Gerald Rabow	Publications
Christine Specter	Div. IX
Stephen Unger	Past President
A. Wald	Div. X

2 The Agenda was adopted with the addition under New Business:
8. "Position Paper on Secrecy" - needs adoption.

3 Minutes were approved as read.

4 President's Report - Robbi

- * Membership is rising. (See Item 8 for details)
- * Barus, Brown and Kline were elected to ADCOM for '89.
- * Bad news: June issue of T & S Journal delayed.
- * There will be a U.S. Technology Policy conf. in Feb. '89 ~
- * Ed Farkas resigned as Student Membership Chmn.
- * USAB solicits nominations for Federal positions in the new administration.
- * The TAB/USAB joint technology committees will be disbanded. They will become just USAB in '89

* The Government Accountability Policy (GAP) resolution on the "Whistleblower's Protection Act" which we endorsed earlier, will be supported by USAB (perhaps because of our leadership).

- * In the upcoming IEEE elections we have a chance to vote for a Div VI candidate. We should pay attention to this. D.T.Paris, sponsored by the Education Society is thought to share our views.
- * The IEEE Press is seeking authors and/or editors for new publications on subjects of their choosing. Should we publish a "Best of T & S Digest"? Balabanian volunteered to look it over. He stated and the group agreed that more would be needed, however, to flesh out book.
- * Benjamin reported on a conversation with an aggrieved whistleblower. Benjamin advised him to drop the case because it seemed too weak.
- * S.Sarkar of the Swiss chapter has developed papers for T&S.
 - ~ Announcements were circulated on these items.

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Past President's Report - Unger

Unger was invited to the PACE mtg. in Phoenix to receive his Award. SSIT was represented by Gardner, Rubinstein, Cherney, and Apter. The subject matter of the meeting did not include T&S issues despite a survey they presented which showed Ethics to be of real concern to the members. This survey result was not noted at the meeting. Boisjoly, of O Ring fame was the speaker previous to Unger. Unger picked up where Boisjoly left off. He discussed what we should do to prevent future Challenger type disaster-making decisions.

PACE talked of initiating a Defense Fund for Whistle-blowers. Unger expressed skepticism (muted enthusiasm?).

Unger spoke with Emerson Pugh about the review that the IEEE Board is undertaking regarding their hastily passed revision of the IEEE Ethics Code. He pointed out the poor procedure that had been involved. They discussed 'what happens next'!

He invited several people to join SSIT.

Eric Herz asked him for a response to IEEE member objections to the Linder Award. Discussion followed!

On a different subject - Unger suggested we check the subject matter in the annual index of The Institute for T&S entries of concern to us. Bogumil will check into this. Rabow will write a letter to Spectrum.

ACTION: BOGUMIL and RABOW

6 Treasurer's Report - Robbi for Apter

We have slightly more income than expenses at present with a current cash balance of \$51,500. This happy state of affairs is due in part to the delay in publishing T & S and in part to raising the non-member subscription rate. This increases income from libraries and other 'all transactions' subscribers.

Alex Brown has some ideas for developing Corporate support for T & S next year.

7 Other Society Liaisons - Robbi for Gardner

We are exchanging calls for papers with ASME.

8 Standing Committee Reports

8.1 AWARDS

Barus reported that IEEE officials questioned the Award because of an obscure ruling against posthumous awards. Robbi responded that it is not clear that this rule applies to this class of award. It seemed prudent to let the matter drop if we are not pressed further. There was also objection by the Washington section of IEEE to the award. A detailed explanation was circulated.

MOTION: Bogumil moved to appropriate \$300 in expenses to the Linders to attend the ceremony. Passed unanimously.

MOTION: Barus moved that we change the Award language detailed in 7.1 of Adcom Minutes 2/27/88 to read "promote or protect" instead of simply "...promote the public health...". Motion seconded by Unger and passed unanimously. The Bylaws will be modified to reflect this change.

8.2 PUBLICATIONS

Patents

Rabow reported that the special issue on was behind schedule. Osepchuk, who is the Special Editor for this issue reported on the difficulties in getting the authors to come through. He passed out a letter detailing the activities. He reported it is now 'under control'. Much distress was expressed by many members at the meeting and ways were explored to get back on schedule. The extreme importance of keeping T&S Journal on schedule was expressed by several speakers. Unger reported meeting someone at PACE who said he had dropped out of SSIT because of grossly late Journals. The Sept. and Jan issues are almost ready to go. Since the Sept. issue is more ready, an effort will be made to switch material to get it out before the June issue.

ACTION: Benjamin was asked to send Welchel a summary of the minutes for inclusion in the next issue.

IEEE asks if we will put filler ads in empty spots. Robbi presented sample filler material that we would like placed in other IEEE Journals in return. It was informally agreed to cooperate.

Rabow requested that each Adcom member make himself responsible for writing one letter to the editor a year. It was suggested to establish a computer Bulletin Board as a more timely way of intercommunicating. Material so generated might be edited into publishable form.

ACTION: Bogumil volunteered to look into setting this up.

Further discussion ensued regarding non-IEEE publication of T&S. Brook reminded us of R & B Enterprises that publishes for EMC.

ACTION: Rabow will contact them again.

Specter reported on her efforts to find a Special Editor for a Special Issue on "Inspection and Verification for Disarmament". She found 2 with suspected quite different biases on the subject. It was decided to ask both to work and to have Welch moderate. The expected wealth of material might make 2 issues.

ACTION: Specter will pursue the possibility of joint editing.

8.3 CONFERENCES Specter asked how we might become involved in planning for the Intl. Space Year. (ISY'92). Bogumil suggested we might publish appropriate papers in T&S.

She also suggested we consider organizing a session on "Social Implications of Remote Sensing for Developing Countries" for ELECTRO '89.

Benjamin reported briefly on the progress of the Los Angeles Conference now scheduled for Oct. '89. Enthusiasm is high, and at least 10 people are at work. He also reported that the 2nd Annual Fellowship Farm Retreat will take place on Oct. 8-9. The organization of a new project on "Muting the Whistleblower" will be organized at this time, if enough energy is present.

8.4 MEMBERSHIP Committee Chmn. Jatlow reported that we have grown by 5.4% in the past year. By comparison, IEEE growth was 8.5%. Dropouts seemed largely caused by tardy publication of T&S Journal.

The membership brochure has been delayed by mechanical considerations. We received \$1,000 from the IEEE Membership Development Committee toward its printing cost.

ACTION: Bogumil/Rabow will resolve the technical publishing problem.

8.5 NOMINATIONS Balabanian has been nominated for President!
 (We are all very, very happy!) The position of Vice President
 is still open.

ACTION: Unger will continue V.P. search.

8.6 CHAPTERS Gardner submitted a written report in lieu of
 attendance. This report is appended.

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 attendance. This report is appended.

8.8, 8.9, 8.11 No reports.

8.10 STUDENTS As reported in 4 above, Farkas has resigned. We
 need to find a replacement.

8.12 FELLOWS Robbi says IEEE is worried about not having
 enough nominations. Who can we suggest?

9 NEXT MEETING DATE December 10, 1988.

10 OLD BUSINESS None

11 LIAISON REPORTS Brook reported on a recent EMC symposium in which a
 Pentagon low level Bureaucrat tried to impose a completely
 indefensible secrecy blackout on some papers. After much
 effort, it was rescinded. This emphasizes that the danger is
 not yet over!

The Standardization Committee of 15 people recently set
 sweeping rules governing important aspects of equipment design
 from the EMC perspective. He raised the problem of "15 people
 ruling on a matter that affect 400 million people."

He reported on the progress of the Military in setting up an
 Ethics Code.

12 NEW BUSINESS The Entity Position Statement by SSIT entitled "U.S.
 Government Secrecy Restrictions on Scientific and Technical
 Information" was revised to make it international in outlook
 instead of just U.S. The original with the indicated changes
 is appended.

MOTION: Moved by Cassidy and seconded by Specter that the changes shown
 in the attached document be approved. Passed unanimously.

13 ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 P.M.



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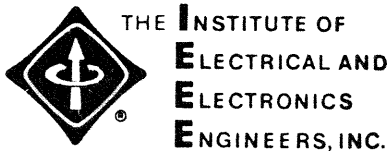
SSIT AdCom Meeting Agenda

Time: Saturday, Sep. 10, 1988; 10:15 AM to 4:00 PM

Location: New York City, Empire State College, 330 W. 42nd St.
(McGraw-Hill Bldg. adj. Port Authority Bus Terminal), Room #3 on
2nd Floor.

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| 1. Welcome and Introductions | Robbi[(201) 596-3503]* |
| 2. Adoption of Agenda | Benjamin |
| 3. Approval of Minutes of Prev. Mtg. | Benjamin |
| 4. President's Report | Robbi |
| 5. Past President's Report | Unger |
| 6. Treasurer's Report | Apter |
| 7. Other Society Liaison | Gardner |
| 8. Standing Committee Reports | |
| 1 Awards | Barus |
| 2 Publications (T & S) | Rabow |
| 3 Conferences | Rubenstein, Benjamin |
| 4 Membership | Jatlow |
| 5 Nominations/Elections | Unger |
| 6 Chapters | Gardner |
| 7 PACE | Gardner |
| 8 Publicity and Public Relations | Izaak |
| 9 Technology and Public Policy | Bogumil |
| 10 Students | Farkas |
| 11 Constitution and Bylaws | Lawrence |
| 12 Fellows | Mukhedkar, Balabanian |
| 9. Next Meeting Date | |
| 10. Old Business | |
| 11. Liaison Reports | |
| 12. New Business | |
| 13. Adjournment | |

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REPORT TO SSIT ADCOM Sept. 10, 1988

1- Membership-

The following summary shows the comparison in membership between July 31 1987 and July 31- 1988.

The IEEE membership increased from 282610 to 306760.	8.5% growth.
The SSIT membership increased from 2301 to 2426.	5.4% growth.
Elections to SSIT increased from 276 to 296.	9.3% growth.
Membership in arrears decreased from 646 to 547.	8.5%
Inactive membership increased form 4966 to 5620.	9%
the inactive members consisted of IEEEES Society	1392
Society only	4128

In May 1986 we sent letters to inactive members soliciting their becoming active. The results weren't promising.

We have had a positive membership growth the last several months. ~~XXXX XX XXXXXX~~ This is indeed a very encouraging status.

2- Brochure-

The completion of the Brochure is being held up by a problem with the logo on the front page. According to bill Hunter, the designs on the right and left circles of the logo come out muddy when reproduced and must be changed. A possible solution would be an outline of the continents in the circles. He needs our decision. The brochures would be available in about a month after the decision. He would like a letter from our president authorizing the change, and also instructing him who to ship copies to. We must let him know the total to be made.

3-\$1000. From EMS-

On June 6, 1988 the Engineering Management Society treasurer was authorized to transfer \$1000. to SSIT.

Jack L Jatlow

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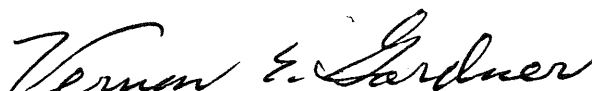
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Subject: Report of the SSIT Chapters Committee

1. As the 1987-1988 Chairman of the Region 2 Bylaws Committee I have made a commitment to attend the Fall Region 2 Committee meeting in Pittsburgh on Sept. 9 and 10. I regret, therefore, that I shall not be attending the Sept. 10 meeting of the SSIT AdCom although I am submitting this written report. Hopefully, contacts with the Chairmen ~~and~~ other officers of the Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Cleveland and Cincinnati Sections at this meeting will lead to the eventual establishment of additional Chapters of SSIT. So far, contacts with the Philadelphia Chapter have been encouraging.
2. As for activities of the SSIT Chapters since the May 21, 1988 meeting of the SSIT AdCom, the only Chapters item which has come to my attention is:
Meeting of the Northern Virginia/Baltimore/Washington Chapter on June 22, 1988. "Defense Science Board Software Task Force Report" by Dr. John N. Warfield, Professor and Director of the Institute for Advanced Study in Integration Sciences at the George Mason University. Dr. Warfield is a member of the NV/B/W Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Subject: Professional Activities Council for
Engineers (PACE); report of PACE Chairman,
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2. This report is being prepared prior to my attending the National PACE Conference which is scheduled for the Labor Day week end in Phoenix, AZ. The theme of the Conference:
IEEE/USAB Responds to the Changing Environment.
Interactive sessions (i.e, including panel and group discussions):
Employment Strategies.
Specialty Certification.
PACE/member interface.
Tutorials:
Financial matters.
USAB Member Survey.
Results including action items will be reported at a later date.
3. A meeting of the PACE Divisional Ad Hoc Task Force was held in ~~Washington, D.C.~~ Crystal City, VA, on Sun., June 5, 1988. The meeting was attended by the following:
Robert P. Noberini, Chairman.
Charles Rubenstein
William Whipkey
James F. Strother
Vernon E. Gardner
Ann Hartfiel (IEEE Staff).
4. Another meeting of the PACE Divisional Ad Hoc Task Force

(cont.)

for the evening of Sept. 2 immediately preceding the National PACE Conference in Phoenix. The agenda agreed to at the June 5 meeting was as follows:

Overview

USAB Slide Show.

PACE Leaders' Handbook.

Student Professional Awareness Conferences.

Careers Workshops

Precollege Education.

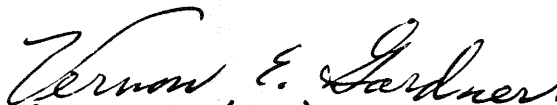
Open Discussion.

USAB Member Opinion Survey: How to Use
the Results.

Again, results including action items will be reported at a later date.

5. The final meeting scheduled in CY 1988 for the PACE Divisional Ad Hoc Task Force is Sat., Dec. 3, probably in Washington, D.C.

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