

AESS PRESIDENT'S REPORT SPRING 2003

1. The November IEEE Series of meetings was held in Chicago, IL. I reported to the IEEE-USA on our activities to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Flight. I also had a meeting with the IEEE Periodicals Chair, Peter Lorenz, to make him aware of the significant improvement of the quality of our Systems Magazine.
2. I gave a talk to the Los Angeles Coastal Section on Congressional Fellowships on November 19.
3. I was appointed a member of the IEEE Strategic Planning and Review Committee and attended the first meeting January 17. The Committee plans to focus on three areas; implementing the Seidman report, member and volunteer incentives, and IEEE governance. One of the member issues is the question of giving an IEEE member an automatic membership in a Society. This question is related to the potential loss of Society members due to electronic access to IEEE Intellectual Property.
4. I participated in a Conference Publications Committee telecom on February 3. A proposal was made to pay conferences for print copies at invoice plus 10%. This was approved.
5. The February IEEE Series was held in Dallas, TX. Much of the time was taken up in actions implementing the recommendations of the Seidman report. There were, also, a number of discussions related to electronic publishing. There were no major changes but I expect to hear new recommendations in the June meeting series.
6. I helped plan and Chaired a session in the Engineering R&D Symposium co-sponsored by the IEEE-USA. This symposium was held to increase awareness of the need for increasing funding for R&D. On the second day of the symposium, attendees met with Congressional and agency representatives.
7. I met with Jim Leonard and Paul Gartz relative to their initiative in cooperation between IEEE/AESS and the Boeing Corporation. Jim and Paul have been doing great work.
8. I co-presented a session on how to meet with your Representative or Senator at the IEEE-USA Workshop.
9. I participated in the IEEE-USA Congressional Visits day. I presented a session on legislation priorities.