Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors (BOG)
Of the
IEEE Society on Social Implications of Technology (SSIT) (SIT-30)
at
Arizona State University
Tempe, AZ

18 October 2008

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. President Rochester welcomed the attendees, and guest Jamey Wetmore.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The meetings of the June meeting were approved.

4. President's Report (J. Rochester)

The president had no formal report; items were to be covered in other business. President Rochester has asked Karl Perusich and Bradley Kjell to continue in their positions as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. An electronic vote will be taken to approve these appointments.

5. Past President's Report (K. Perusich)

See Treasurer's and Nominations Committee reports.

6. Director's Report (Irv Engelson)

 The Division VI Presidents will be selecting nominees for Director-Elect at the upcoming TAB meeting.

7. Treasurer's Report (K. Perusich)

See attached reports

8. Publication Report (R. Whelchel)

See attached report

9. Conference Committee Report (G. Hoffnagle)

The Conference Committee held a telephone conference call on 17 October to discuss conference matters.

ISTAS 08 – The surplus is expected to be close to $12,000. The experiment of requiring full papers for inclusion in the conference proceedings was regarded as a success in bringing in high quality papers.

ISTAS 09 – This will be a joint conference with the IEEE Technical Committee on Sustainable Systems and Technology and will be held in Tempe AZ from 18-20 May. The theme will be "Social Implications of Sustainable Development". Attendees will pay one fee and then attend sessions of either group. Planning is in progress for 230 attendees and five concurrent presentation tracks, with joint keynote speakers and

meals. Clint Andrews is the Program Chair. Authors will be required to provide full papers for review in order for their papers to be included in the conference proceedings.

ISTAS 2010 – The conference will be in Australia, centered on the University of Wollongong. Dates are being discussed, as is the theme. An organizing committee has been formed with Dr. Katina Michael as the chair.

ISTAS 2011 – This conference is planned for a North America location. We need a volunteer to start planning and a location.

10. Committee Reports

Nominations (K. Perusich) See attached report. The candidates for election to the Board of Governors are James Isaak, Emily Anesta, Rahul Tongia, and Robert Schaefer.

Membership (P. Ingerman) See attached report. We should encourage and provide support to members to become Senior Members of IEEE.

Student Membership No report. Anna Gawkowska is interested in taking on the position.

Distinguished Lecturers (J. Herkert) Karl Perusich gave a presentation at Andrews University on "Engineering in 2020".

Virtual Community (C. Andrews) No report

Chapters (E. Anesta) The Boston Chapter has been holding well-attended meetings.

GOLD (E. Anesta) SSIT has cooperated with the Boston-GOLD Humanitarian Workshop being held on 18 October. Copies of T&S Magazine were provided.

Awards (G. Engel) The motion to name the Distinguished Service Award the "Brian O'Connell SSIT Distinguished Service Award" was discussed. An electronic vote will be taken.

Ethics (S. Unger) No report. Joe Herkert reported that he is a member of the IEEE Ethics and Member Conduct Committee. Michael Loui, a former Board member is the IEEE liaison to the NAE Ethics Committee.

Fellows (K. Foster) No report. No-one was nominated for IEEE Fellow from SSIT this year.

11. Old Business

Constitution and Bylaws. Jerry Engel will be working on updating the Constitution and Bylaws in preparation for review at our next meeting.

12. New Business

Computer Society Award. Gene Hoffnagle moved that SSIT become a member of the administration committee for a new award, the IEEE John Vincent Atanasoff Information Technology Innovation Medal No money will be required but we will be eligible to have a representative on the Award committee. An electronic vote will be taken.

O'Connell Fund Donation. Jerry Engel moved that SSIT donate $500 to the Central Connecticut State University Brian O'Connell Fund. An electronic vote will be taken.

The group thanked Sarah Pfatteicher for her service to SSIT; her term on the Board ends on December 31 2008.

Next meeting. January 31 was chosen as the date, with the meeting to be in the Washington, DC, area.

Attendees: Janet Rochester, Jerry Engel, Joe Herkert, Gene Hoffnagle, and Sarah Pfatteicher. Karl Perusich and Susan O'Donnell joined the group by phone.