

IEEE Computational Intelligence Society

ADCOM Meeting
16 July 2006
Sheraton Wall Centre Hotel
Vancouver, Canada

Present CIS EXCOM Members:

President Vincenzo Piuri
Past-President... Jacek Zurada
Vice President, Finance Piero Bonissone
Vice President, Conferences..... Garrison Greenwood
Vice President, Technical Activities..... Lipo Wang
Vice President, Publications..... Jim Keller
Vice President, Members Activities..... David Fogel

Present Elected ADCOM Members (voting):

Witold Pedrycz
Bernadette Bouchon-Meunier
Bernard Widrow
Gary Fogel
Jerry Mendel
George Lendaris
Robert Marks
Jennie Si
Paul Werbos
Fahmida Chowdhury
Derong Liu
Laszlo Koczy
Jim Bezdek
Enrique Ruspini

Division X Director: Evangelia Micheli-Tzanakou

Parliamentarian: Enrique Ruspini

Editors and Chairs in Attendance:

Editor, Transactions on Evolutionary Comp.....Xin Yao
Editor, Transactions on Neural Networks.....Marios Polycarpou
Editor, Transactions on Fuzzy Systems.....Nik Pal
Editor, CIS Webpage.....Tomasz Cholewo
Editor, CIS E-Letter.....Derong Liu
Editor, Computational Intelligence Magazine.....Gary Yen
TC Neural Networks (Chair).....Ian Cloete

TC Fuzzy Systems (Chair)..... Jerry Mendel
 TC Evolutionary Computation (Chair).....Ali Zalzala
 TC Bioinformatics and Bioengineering (Chair).....Kay C. Wiese
 TC Intelligent Systems Applications (Chair).....David Zhang
 TC Granular Computing..... Witold Pedrycz
 TC Autonomous Mental Development (Chair).....Brian M. Scassellati
 TC Data Mining.....Joydeep Ghosh
 Awards Committee (Chair).....Enrique Ruspini
 Constitution & Bylaws Committee (Chair).Piero Bonissone
 Nominations and Appointments.....Jacek Zurada
 Distinguished Lecturers Program (Chair).....Pablo Estevez
 Educational Activities Committee (Chair).....Slawo Wesolkowski
 Fellows.....Robert Marks
 Multimedia Tutorials.....Jennie Si
 Standards.....Leszek Rutkowski
 Women in CI Committee (Chair).....Bernadette Bouchon-Meunier
 Technology Transfer.....Paul Werbos

Staff:

Jo-Ellen Snyder

Vincenzo Piuri called the meeting to order at 8:47 AM and welcomed everyone. Introductions from the attendees were made.

Motion by D. Fogel to approve agenda as presented in the ADCOM Book. Seconded

In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Motion by Mendel to approve minutes of ADCOM meeting of August 2005. Seconded

In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

President’s Report – Vincenzo Piuri

Piuri reported on the State of the CIS Society, and the general direction of the society activities. He reminded the body of the voting rules, providing clarification on majority rules.

Past President’s Report – Jacek Zurada

Zurada reported on Nominations and Appointments committee activities.

Officers Election: Nominations

Zurada stated the members of the Nominations and Elections Committee are himself, Pablo Estevez, Jim Bezdek, and Joydeep Ghosh. The positions to be filled are President-Elect, VP-Publications, and VP-Member Activities.

Zurada read the election rules.

Motion by Zurada to enter in executive session. Seconded
In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Meeting entered into Executive Session

Motion by Zurada to close nominations for President-Elect. Seconded
In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Motion by Zurada to close nominations for VP-Publications. Seconded
In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Motion by Zurada to close nominations for VP-Member Activities. Seconded
In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Motion by Mendel to accept nominations. Seconded
In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Motion by Bonissone to leave the executive session. Seconded
In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Meeting left Executive Session

Zurada listed the candidates for the Officer positions:

- President-Elect: David Fogel.
- VP-Publications: Jim Keller.
- VP-Member Activities: Slawo Wesolkowski, Witold Pedrycz.

Six-minute presentations followed by six-minute question and answer sessions were given by the following candidates:

David Fogel
Jim Keller
Witold Pedrycz
Slawo Wesolkowski

Motion by Ruspini to enter into Executive Session. Seconded.
In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Motion by D. Fogel to leave Executive Session. Seconded.
In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

No actions were taken during Executive Session.

VP-Technical Activities Report – Lipo Wang

Wang reported on the TC activities providing an overview on the activities of each TC.

Motion by Piuri to approve the Charter for the Granular Computing TC
In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Motion by Piuri to approve the Charter for the Games TC
In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Motion by Piuri to approve financial support for the Granular Computing TC
In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Motion by Piuri to approve financial support for the Games TC
In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Neural Networks TC Report - Ian Cloete

Reported on activities of the TC including new Task Force creation, various areas of research, potential new programs and updates to the Charter.

Fuzzy Systems TC Report - Jerry Mendel

Reported on activities of the TC including new Task Force creation, the future direction of Fuzzy System technologies and special issues.

Evolutionary Computation TC Report - Ali M. S. Zalzala

Reported on the activities of the TC highlighting the future direction of the TC including the creating new Workgroups and Task Forces.

Bioinformatics and Bioengineering TC Report - Kay C. Wiese

Reported on the activities of the TC and its involvement with T-CBB. Highlighting the significant increase in membership of the TC since 2004.

Intelligent Systems Applications TC Report - David Zhang

Reported on the activities of the TC, upcoming conference activities, new Task Force creation and a special issue for CIM.

Autonomous Mental Development TC Report - Brian Scassellati

Reported on the activities of the TC the significant growth in ICDL, upcoming activities and publications.

Data Mining TC Report - Joydeep Ghosh

Reported on the activities of the TC including plans to raise the profile and participation in the ICDM Conference.

Standards Committee Report - Leszek Rutkowski

Reported on the activities of the TC

VP-Publications Report – Jim Keller

Keller provided an overview of the Publications activities, highlighting issues with IEEE Press, CIM, discussions regarding the short paper category and setting limits with input from the Editorial Boards and the potential new transactions.

The EICs for IEEE TNN, IEEE TFS, IEEE TEC, IEEE CIM, CIS E-letter, CIS Webmaster and the IEEE Press Liaison gave reports on the status of their respective publications as follows:

Transactions on Neural Networks Report – Marios Polycarpou

Reported on the periodical review, update on the upcoming Manuscript Central launch, status of TNN Letters, Associate Editors, impact factor and statistics and plans for the future.

Transactions on Fuzzy Systems Report – Nik Pal

Reported on highlights of TFS, transnational representation, growing submissions, statistics for 2006, and plans for the future.

Transactions on Evolutionary Computation Report – Xin Yao

Reported on basic Statistics for the last 12 months, increased Page Budget, Review Times, Impact Factor, Manuscript Central, Special Issues, and Future Plans

Editor, CI Magazine – Gary Yen

Reported on the status of the Magazine, and plans for future issues.

Editor, CIS E-Letter - Derong Liu

Reported on the status of E-Letter highlighting the criteria for material accepted for distribution.

CIS Web Page – Tomasz Cholewo

Reported on the changes made to the CIS website including the new logo and following the IEEE standard web design, highlighting the addition of the e-copyright form and the Grant Application System.

Liaison to IEEE Press – David Fogel

Reported on the activities of the IEEE Press and the CI book series.

Motion by Bonissone to recess for lunch till 1:30 PM. Seconded.

In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Meeting resumed at 1:38 PM

Officers Elections: Voting

Motion by Bonissone to elect by acclamation David Fogel, President-Elect.

Seconded

In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Motion by Bonissone to elect by acclamation Jim Keller, VP Publications.

Seconded

In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Elections took place with 20 voting members present for the position of VP Members Activities.

Slawo Wesolkowski was elected as VP Members Activities for 2007.

VP-Conferences Report – Garrison Greenwood

Greenwood reported on slate of conferences where CIS is a Sponsor, Technical Co-Sponsor, and presented the Conference Closing report highlighting the Conferences that have entered into penalty.

Motion from Committee (by Greenwood) to approve ICDL 2007 and its budget.

In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Greenwood also provided an overview of the Conference Committee Standard Operating Procedure document that is currently being written and discussed within the CONF.COM. The following conference budgets are reported as under review:

- Fuzz-IEEE 2009

- CEC 2009

VP Members Activities Report – David Fogel

Fogel gave an overview of Membership activities for 2006 highlighting key points regarding the membership statistics. His report included Chapter formations, additional activities and actions taken to increase membership.

Motion by D. Fogel to donate the Members Activities MAC computer to a school. Seconded

In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Awards Committee Chair Report – Enrique Ruspini

Ruspini reported that the process for selecting the awards was behind about one month and that the result from the Awards Committee discussions would be sent to the AdCom via email for vote.

Motion by Ruspini to enter into Executive Session. Seconded.

In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Motion by Zurada to leave Executive Session. Seconded.

In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Actions taken during the Executive Session are as follows:

Motion from Committee (by Ruspini) to approve the Awards Committee recommendations for the 2007 Awards as below:

In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Pioneer and Meritorious Service Awards:

- Neural Networks Pioneer Award: Michael Jordan
- Meritorious Service Award: David Fogel

Chapter Award

- Mexico

Distinguished Lecturers Committee – Pablo Estevez

Reported on committee membership, 2006 activities including the development of a database to record activities and other valuable statistics for the DLP. The plan

to raise the visibility of the DL program specifically in Asia was presented. A request was made to increase the DL budget to help promote the DLP activities.

Education Committee – Slawo Wesolkowski

Reported on the Grant Application System , the travel grants for the 2006 conferences, the Walter J. Karpus summer research grant proposals and the tutorial grant to offered for the first time to GOLD and Student Members at WCCI 2006.

Fellowship Committee – Robert Marks

Reported that 19 nominations for Fellows candidates have been received.

Multimedia Tutorials Committee – Jennie Si

Reported on formal release of the IEEE CIS web-based Tutorial Center. Tutorials are available in three formats PowerPoint, Audio Enhanced and Expert Now. Plans for future modules and lectures were discussed.

Women in Computational Intelligence Committee – Bernadette Bouchon-Meunier

Reported on activities, membership, meetings held, articles in CI Magazine and plans to attract members through receptions at major conferences, networking opportunities and the development of a new website for WIE.

VP Finance Report – Piero Bonissone

Bonissone presented the Financial Statements for 2005 actuals. He gave an overview of the 2006 finances performance against the budget, a 2006 Year-End forecast, and presented the 2007 Budget and Control Parameters and Key Expenses. New initiatives for educational activities were presented.

Motion by Bonissone to pass 2007 budget as presented. Seconded
In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None

Constitution and Bylaws – Vincenzo Piuri

Piuri presented the draft of the revised Constitution and Bylaws highlighting the changes required by the IEEE. Ruspini recommended maintaining two separate documents and keep the wording simple to foster understanding.

Tour of China – Vincenzo Piuri

Piuri provided details on the CIS Tour of China, acknowledging the great interest in CIS at many levels.

Motion by Piuri to recognize Gary Yen for unique contributions and leadership in organizing this event. Seconded. Passed by acclamation.

Old Business

To increase the Executive Support in the IEEE as CIS Executive Administrator to 100%.

New Business

Piuri announced the next planned ADCOM will be December 10, 2006 in San Diego, CA.

Motion by Piuri to recognize EXCOM members Okay Kaynak, who left VP-Conferences position, and Gary Yen, who left VP-Technical Activities position at the end of 2005. Seconded. Passed by acclamation.

Motion by Marks to recognize Jacek Zurada for two years of compassionate, visionary, pro-growth and pro-active service to CIS (2004-2005). Seconded. Passed by acclamation.

Motion by Piuri to recognize all representatives in ADCOM who served for the last time: Takanori Shibata, Jose Principe, Gerld Engle, Paul Shumate, Henrietta Galiano and Bogdan Willamowski. Seconded. Passed by acclamation.

**Motion by Bonissone to adjourn the meeting. Seconded
In Favor – All Opposed – None Abstained – None**

Meeting adjourned 4:30 PM.

