IEEE Robotics and Automation Society

AdCom Meeting Minutes

Seoul, Korea

Saturday, May 26, 2001

List of attendees

Summary of motions

1. Introductions and Approval of the Agenda

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Hsia at 1:00pm. All 27 of the voting members of the society were present, constituting a quorum.

A motion to accept the agenda and approve the minutes of the Oct. 30, 2000 AdCom meeting without any changes was then passed by the AdCom.

2. Report on Status of Society

President Steve Hsia and Tony Bejczy provided a short summary on business conducted electronically prior to the meeting. The President's Report is here.

3. Division X Director's Report

Division X Director Toshio Fukuda gave a short report.

4. VP for Member Activities Report

VP Kazuhiro Kosuge gave the following report.

A motion was made by the Member Activities Committee that the Robotics and Automation Society offer $25.00 to a local society chapter for each Senior Member who is nominated by the chapter and elevated before the end of 2001.

The motion was discussed and passed.

5. VP for Finance Report

VP Dave Orin presented this report.

6. VP for Technical Affairs Report

VP Bruno Sciliano presented this report.
7. VP Publications

VP Dick Volz presented this report on publications. In addition, this report on the sensors journal was submitted by Vladimir Lumelsky.

The Publications Board put forth a motion that RAS co-sponsor the Mobile Computing Journal as a technical co-sponsor.

The motion passed.

8. Transactions Report

EIC Peter Luh presented this report.

9. RAS Magazine Report

EIC Kimon Valavanis presented this report.

10. VP Conferences Report

TJ Tarn presided over the presentation of the numerous reports on conferences on behalf of VP Norm Caplan. The Conference Board put forth three motions, all of which passed and are listed below.

The following ICRA conference reports were presented:

- ICRA2001 wrap up was presented by the General Chair, Kwon and the Program Chair, Lee.
- ICRA2002 (Washington, DC) was presented by Bill Hamel, with the date set at May 11-15.

Shigeki Sugano reported on technical co-sponsored conferences, recommending that support be divided for all.

The Conference Advisory Board put forth a motion to accept the proposed technical co-sponsored conferences and workshops.

The motion was discussed and passed.

11. Society Items

VP Conferences Norm Caplan reviewed the IARP Workshop.

George Lee made a proposal for a Distinguished Service Award.

The Awards committee put forth a motion to approve the IEEE Robotics and Automation Distinguished Service Award of $1,000 plus a plaque and certificate starting in 2002 with initially $5,000 maximum expenditure for 2 years, then $3,000 maximum per year thereafter.

The motion was discussed. A motion was made to amend the award to $500 and a maximum of
$1000/year; the amendment did not pass.
The motion as originally stated passed.

VP Publications Dick Volz presented the proposed IEEE guidelines for conflicts of interest (see the back of the presentation).

*The Publications Board put forth a motion that EIC's, Conference General Chairs and Program Chairs, and Society officers make annual disclosure of potential conflicts of interest. The AdCom will then determine whether anyone needs to recuse themselves from an activity.*

The motion was discussed and passed.

Art Sanderson presented a summary of the awards made this year.


President-Elect Paolo Dario introduced Aydan Erkmen who gave a presentation on the demonstration project. MISSING

13. Education Committee

Marge Skubic, North American co-chair of the EdCom, presented a report on the Education Committee activities


VP Kosuge, Chair of the International Affairs Committee, presented this report.

15. Secretary Report

The Secretary, Robin Murphy, made a report on online business.

22. New Business

The dates of the next AdCom were announced: IROS2001, Nov. 2-3.

President-elect Paolo Dario gave a presentation on the intermediate report on the Long Range Planning Committee.

Art Sanderson MISSING

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 to convene next on Nov. 3, 2001 in Hawaii.