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OUTLINE

- Technical Communities (Motion)
- Lesson learned after Open Forum @ ICRA’07 & Plenary Mtg @ IROS’07
- A “CASE Study”
Technical Communities

- @ last AdCom after Dick Volz’s presentation @ LRPC Mtg

- **Technical Communities**
  - Larger entities than Technical Committees with greater responsibility/authority
    - Conferences/Workshops/Tutorials, Publications
  - Issues
    - Is this a worth considering at all? If so, then
    - What should be specifics of membership?
    - What should be the rights and responsibilities?
    - What are the financial implications? In view of substantial decreases in income, can the society afford it?
    - What additional administrative load would result and do we have the capacity to handle it, especially our financial team?
Working group to come up with concrete plan

**LRPC Sub-Committee**
- Antonio Bicchi (Chair)
  - Ken Goldberg
  - Bill Hamel
  - John Hollerbach
  - Kazuhiro Kosuge
  - Gunter Niemeyer
  - Roland Siegwart
  - Ian Walker

Document discussed after presentation @ Plenary Meeting
- Still under revision
What Is a TComm

IEEE RAS Technical Community

- The Society continuous growth and diversification indicates that a reorganization of our structure might help to serve our members better, by introducing a further technical level between RAS and the Technical Committees (TCs)

- A Technical Community (TComm) is a formal subcommittee of the Technical Activities Board (TAB). A TComm should be the focal point of industry and academia for activities and discussion within a technical area

- A Technical Community is to be regarded as a "heavy weight" organization with policies and procedures required by IEEE, RAS and TAB

- A TComm must work within the context of RAS and serve its members as well as those of the community
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- A TComm is typically comprised of a number of members that is an order of magnitude less than the Society itself, and an order of magnitude larger than the average TC.

- A TComm has the possibility of sponsoring or co-sponsoring conferences within its technical scope, informing RAS Conference Activities Board.

- A TComm is entitled to award its members for distinguished scientific, technological, or service accomplishments, in coordination with RAS Awards Committee.

- A TComm has a financial entitlement and autonomy in investing in its activities, but periodically reports to RAS Financial Activities Board for budget forming and approval.
Motion

Modify Bylaws to establish in principle IEEE RAS TComm’s as formal subcommittees of TAB

- Proposers: LRPC & TAB
- Amount requested and budget
  - $1K/year per TComm (minimum)
  - TComm’s will have some financial autonomy, submit annual budgets, and retain some percentage of meeting surpluses, subject to Society budgetary constraints