

President's Report

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IEEE TAB Highlights

- Changed Indirect Infrastructure charge algorithm, removing dependence on reserves
 - The change benefits us and some large societies
 - 25% divided equally among societies
 - 75% based on packaged product revenue of S/C
 - For RAS in 2007 this is estimated at \$245.5k
- Increased society individual initiative level without IEEE review from \$50k to \$100k
- Feb., 2006 minutes URL:
 - http://www.ieee.org/portal/site/mainsite/menuitem.0b1573a6a3fe4b66fb2275875bac26c8/index.jsp?&pName=html_only&path=tab/meetings/board&file=2006feb_tab_minutes.xml&xsl=generic.xsl
 - Or, search on TAB minutes in IEEE web site

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- TAB Governance
 - S/C presidents rejected hierarchical organization
 - A committee formed (at request of Computer Society) to determine requirements to leave TAB and become Major Organizational Unit
 - Meeting schedule change to be tried in fall
 - Most committee meetings to be held a month before TAB meeting series

By-Law Changes Approved

- Summary
 - We now have a standing committee entitled the Steering Committee for Technical Programs that is responsible for technical issues in our conferences and reports through the VP Conferences.
 - We now have a standing committee entitled the Electronics Products and Services Board that is responsible for our web and other electronic services.

ExCom Actions

- Adopted meeting policy for meetings held in conjunction with ICRA and IROS (attached).
- Approved proposal and funding for Conference Editorial Board for 2006 (to be presented for the longer term later in meeting).
- Approved revisions to *Inaba Technical Award for Innovation Leading to Production and Invention and Entrepreneurship Award* and MOU with IFR for funding for 2006-07 (attached).

Miscellaneous Activity

- Society Review report sent to IEEE.
 - Many thanks to all who contributed, especially Roz.
- Worked with Steve Hsia, Toshio Fukuda and Sukhan Lee to resolve conflicts in innovation and entrepreneurship awards.
 - Motion to accept changes to be presented later.
- Continued work on resolving Transactions on Mechatronics.

Requests to Boards & Committees

- Conference Board and Student Activities Committee asked to jointly suggest plan for student support for ICRA.
- Membership Activities Board asked to consider creating plan for ICRA helping members from underdeveloped countries to attend ICRA.
- C&B asked to consider requiring separate award nomination and selection committees (we operated that way this year).

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- Member Activities Board asked to suggest policy on RAS support of robotics and automation contests.
- RAS FinCom asked to evaluate probable financial impact of projected new distribution algorithm of conference portion of IEL income.

Meeting Procedures

- Discussion on motions
 - When indicating desire to speak, indicate pro or con
 - Effort to alternate pro and con views
 - No person speaks a second time until after all others in queue have spoken
 - No person may speak on the same issue more than twice
 - When there is no one speaking in opposition to previous speaker, debate ends and we vote
 - Chair may limit time per speaker and/or total debate time

Meeting Procedures

- If there are no objections, I will designate a person to chair the debate on any main motions that I might make during this meeting so that there will be no conflict of interest between the Chair making the motion and moderating the debate.

Motion

The AdCom hereby approves the attached MOU between the Robotics and Automation Society and the International Foundation of Robotics Research to jointly support a School of Robotics Science.