



# President's Report

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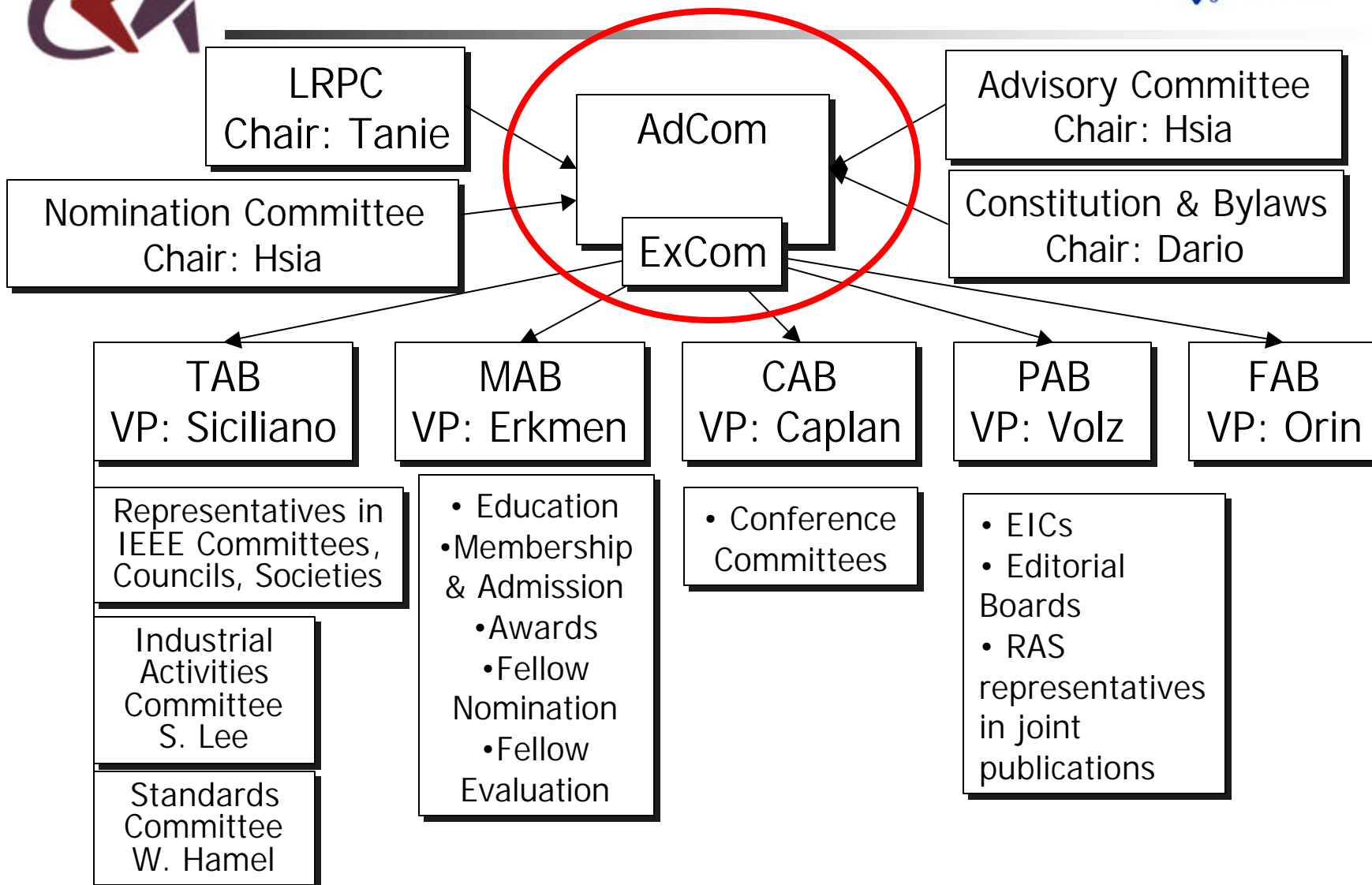


## 1. General:

- Organization and reporting
- Involvement of AdCom Members in all Boards and Committees
- Constitution and Bylaws Committee (will take into account the indications given by the AdCom Special Meeting at ICRA2002)



# RAS Organization





# AdCom Members



## VOTING:

- 3 Presidents (Past, Current and Elect)
- 18 Elected Members
- Treasurer (VP for Finance, according to RAS custom)
- Secretary

## NON VOTING:

- All TC Chairs, SC Chairs, AdHoc Committees Chairs



# Constitution & Bylaws Committee Meeting

Lausanne, October 3, 2002

08:00 – 10:00

Meeting Room: AA:B032



# Composition



- Paolo Dario, Chair
- George Bekey
- Steve Hsia
- Ron Arkin
- Alicia Casals

## *Non-voting members*

- Tony Maciejewski
- Eugenio Guglielmelli
- All interested AdCom members are welcome



## 2. Technical Activities:

- Strategic resource for RAS activities
- Increasing involvement of TCs
- New Technology Directions Committee
- Industrial activities



## 3. Publications:

- RAS TRA and Magazine ranked 1st and 3rd robotics journals
- New Transactions: TASE and TR
- Integration of all joint publications activities (T-MECH, MEMS J., Nanotechnology Transactions, Transactions on Nano Biosciences (T-NBS), etc.) under the same umbrella





## 4. Conferences:

- Successful and financially solid (ICRA and IROS, but also other conferences)
- Increasing international coverage and participation
- Addressing new “hot” topics (Nano, Biomedical, Humanoids, Mechatronics, Rescue, etc.)
- MoU with EMBS



## 5. Membership:

- Number of members stable/slightly growing
- Globalization: a strategy for such areas as South America, Eastern Europe, China, etc.
- New initiatives for students (RAS-IFRR School on Robotics)
- New initiatives for industry



## 6. Finance:

- Reasonably good shape (given the current international financial situation and major impact of IEEE on our reserves)
- Good control of expenditures
- Worst phase for IEEE probably passed (visible improvements on control of expenditures)
- New investments committed (new Transactions, electronic digital library) and planned



## 7. Long Range Planning Committee:

- Industrial activities identified as a key factor for Society growth
- Specific actions planned for addressing industry (in conjunction with the Industrial Activities Committee), including the creation of a VP for Industry



## RAS Ad-hoc Committee for the start-up Technical Field Award



- Steve Hsia, Chair
- George Bekey
- Norman Caplan
- Bruno Siciliano
- Kazuo Tanie

*To be replaced by the IEEE TFA  
Committee, as soon as it will be  
established*