Approved October 2, 2026

September 4th, 2026

RAS AdCom Meeting (Virtual)

Agenda: https://agd.ieee.org/mpt/Agenda.aspx?eid=20046
Please refer to the slides attached to the agenda tool for further budget details.

1. **Meeting Called to Order (Wensing)**

2. **Roll Call and Review of Consent Agenda Items (Wensing)**

   In attendance:

   Class of 2026: Gregory Dudek, Barbara Mazzolai, Marcia K. O'Malley, Yu Sun

   Class of 2027: Arash Ajoudani, Eduardo Bayro-Corrochano, Jaydev Desai, Mariagrazia Dotoli, Jee-Hwan Ryu

   Class of 2028: Antonio Bicchi, Lydia Kavraki, Serena Ivaldi, Hyungpil Moon, Zhidong Wang

   Society Officers (voting): Nancy Amato, Kyujin Cho, Aude Billard, Patrick Wensing, Tony Maciejewski, Jan Lau

   Society Officers (non-voting): Karinne Ramirez Amaro, Chad Jenkins, Jing Xiao, Jim Ostrowski, Sabine Hauert, Katja Mombaur, Hong Zhang, Allison Okamura, Hugo Rodrigue, Jen Jen Chung

3. **Approval of Agenda, Including Consent Agenda and Standing Orders (Wensing)**

   Consent agenda including:
   Motion to approve T-FR Best Paper Award
   Motion: Budget Transfer - STWB to CAB for IROS 2026 Competitions
   Motion: Cancel outdated motions regarding AdCom & ExCom Travel Reimbursements

   Approved

4. **Welcome – President's Report (Amato)**
5. **Financial Status of RAS (Xiao)**
   - Emphasized that while costs are going up and services expanding, our reserves continued to grow last year due to $3M investment gains.
6. **RAS Administrative FY27 Budget (Martinez)**
   - Plans to add three additional staff in addition to filling in after departures

- Increase of budget by $679K comes in part from moving other expenses (e.g., meeting space expenses) to the RAS Administrative budget (~$300K) and in part from staff expansions

7. **RAS Competitions FY27 Budget (Jenkins)**
   - Discussed the rebudgeting of conference competitions expenses into this new line item. $408K per year is spent at present, with further expansion bringing the total budget to $615K.
8. **Sustainability & Climate Change Committee FY27 Budget (Billard)**
   - Budget doubling from $60K to $120K to grow the grans program.
9. **Technical Activities Board FY27 Budget (Rodrigue)**
   - Budget increase of $46K due to increase in number of fully-sponsored conferences.
10. **Publication Activities Board FY27 Budget (Zhang)**
    - Budget decrease of ~$250K due to moving RAM revamp costs to pubs operations budget.
11. **Conference Activities Board FY27 Budget (Ramirez)**
    - Slight budget decrease due to reallocating competitions funds to their own line item.
12. **Educational Activities Board FY27 Budget (Jenkins)**
    - Budget decrease of roughly 20% due to reallocating competitions fundts to their own line item.
13. **Financial Activities Board FY27 Budget (Xiao)**
    - Staying flat at $10K budget.
14. **Industrial Activities Board FY27 Budget (Ostrowski)**
    - Slight increase of roughly $10K to support standards working group travel.
15. **Media Services Board FY27 Budget (Hauert)**
    - Additional support of conference promotion by IEEE staff, regional ambassadors, and travel grants for journalists have increased the budget from $250K to $328.5K.
16. **Member Activities Board FY27 Budget (Mombaur)**
    - The member support program budget is down roughly $100K, but offset by new new items.
17. **Science Technology Board FY27 Budget (Okamura)**
    - The addition of a new science analyst role and increase in scope of a technology analyst increases the budget from $250K to $275K.
18. **Round 2: 2027 RAS Board Budgets – Floor Open to Brief Discussion (Xiao)**
    - Discussion focused on reconciling the final motion slides with the internal RAS budget spreadsheets.
19. **RAS Motions (Wensing)**
20. **Motion to Approve FY2027 RAS Budget (Xiao)**
    - Postponed to later in the meeting by unanimous consent
21. **ICRA 2028 Proposal Introduction and SC Evaluation (O'Malley) (In executive session)**
22. **ICRA 2028 – Discussion & Vote (O'Malley) (In executive session)**

- **Motion:** To confirm the SC recommendation to move ICRA 2028 to Rio with the Rio proposing team.
  - **Motion to Amend:** To change the vote from one of confirmation to one of choosing between the two finalists identified by the Steering Committee (Mexico City and Rio De Janeiro)
    - **Motion to Call the Question:** Motion Passed
  - **Outcome of motion amend:** Motion Failed
- **Outcome of original motion:** Motion Passed

Motion to Extend the Meeting: Motion Passed

20. (continued) Motion to Approve FY2027 RAS Budget (Xiao)

- **Motion:** To approve the FY2027 Budget, as presented.
  - MAB $1,764,500.00
  - PAB $132,000.00
  - CAB $543,000.00
  - TAB $451,500.00
  - IAB $410,000.00
  - MSB $328,500.00
  - FAB $10,000.00
  - EAB $485,000.00
  - STB $275,000.00
  - Competitions $615,000.00
  - Sustainability $120,000.00
  - RAS Management $2,079,000.00
  - Ad/ExCom Travel $272,000.00
  - **TOTAL:** **$7,485,500.00**

  Motion Passed

23. New Business (Wensing)
24. Next In-Person AdCom Meeting: 2 October, IROS 2026, Pittsburgh (Wensing)
25. Meeting Adjourned (Wensing)