

IEEE Information Theory Society



Memorandum July 2, 2008

To: Board of Governors, IEEE Information Theory Society

From: Membership and Chapters Committee

Re: 2008 Chapter of the Year Award

Recall that Article X of the Bylaws of the IEEE Information Theory Society states the following.

Chapter of the Year Award: The purpose of the Chapter of the Year Award is to recognize annually a chapter that has provided their membership with the best overall set of programs and activities. Any chapter is eligible. The activities reported to IEEE will be directly considered for the award. In addition, Chapter Officers are encouraged to submit a summary of the chapter's exemplary service to its members in the areas of technical and society activities. A prize of \$2,000 is awarded to support local chapter activities. Additionally, the winning chapter is encouraged to publish an article in the IEEE Information Theory Newsletter. The basis for judging is the success in the categories of technical and society activities, and presentation of the chapter in the web home pages of the IT Society.

A subcommittee consisting of Frank Kschischang (chair), Hans-Andrea Loeliger, Li Ping, and Gregory Wornell was formed to consider this year's recipient. After reviewing the annual chapter activities as reported to the IEEE, the committee is pleased to recommend that the 2008 Chapter of the Year Award be given to the

Kitchener/Waterloo Chapter.

The K-W Chapter has had a very strong record of Chapter activities in the form of technical lectures over the past several years, and indeed was a strong candidate for last year's award.

Respectfully submitted,

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