

**IEEE Information Theory Society Board of Governors Meeting
Baltimore, MD, USA, March 14, 2007**

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Attendees: João Barros, Daniel Costello, Robert Calderbank, Anthony Ephremides, Elza Erkip, Andrea Goldsmith, Tor Helleseth, Ryuji Kohno, J. Nicholas Laneman, Steven W. McLaughlin, Muriel Médard, Prakash Narayan, David L. Neuhoff, Vincent Poor, Bixio Rimoldi, Anant Sahai, Sergio D. Servetto

The meeting was called to order at 18:14 by Society President Bixio Rimoldi, who welcomed the members of the Board.

1. The agenda was approved and distributed. Board members were also encouraged to look at the agenda and other materials online at the new Society development server.
2. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the previous meeting (Allerton House, Monticello, IL, USA, September 27, 2006).
3. The Board unanimously approved the following amendment to the previous Minutes (Punta del Este, Uruguay, March 14, 2006): "The Board was reminded that the IT society has been moved to Division X." should read "The Board was reminded that the IT society has been moved to Division IX."
4. The President thanked previous past presidents for their dedication and leadership, as well as their support in the recent transition.

The President presented his report and miscellaneous announcements.

The President reported on the state of the Society, including the IT Transactions, conferences and workshops, status of various initiatives, and membership.

The President reported on the status of the quinquennial IEEE Review of the IT Society.

The Board discussed the five-page limit to correspondence items in the IT Transactions. The President reported some uneasiness from the officers about this decision and whether or not it should be reconsidered, given that the growth of the Transactions has stopped and that the policy leaves room for interpretation: At this point it is up to an associate editor to decide what to do with a correspondence item of high quality that exceeds the five-page limit. Anthony Ephremides commented that the Transactions should have a single category for all papers. The consensus was that a decision has been made and that some time (e.g. a year) should pass before reconsidering this issue.

The Board discussed the new initiatives under consideration for 2007. Muriel Médard will co-ordinate an outreach effort of the IT Society directed towards undergraduates and possibly high-school students.

5. Daniel J. Costello presented the Conference Coordinator's report on the current status of symposia and workshops. The individual reports for each event are available online.

The Board unanimously approved the technical co-sponsorship and inclusion in IEE-Explore for NETCOD 2008.

David Neuhoff reported on a Memorandum of Understanding regarding technical co-sponsorship and IEEEExplore inclusion.

6. Steven W. McLaughlin explained the process of appointing the Editor in Chief.

The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Ezio Biglieri as Editor in Chief of the IT Transactions.

7. Ryuji Kohno presented a proposal to link and publish abstract of ISITA's papers in IEEEExplore.

The conference committee will evaluate this proposal and produce a recommendation.

8. David Neuhoff reported on the ongoing revision of the IT Society's bylaws.

The Board unanimously approved the proposed changes to the Constitution.

The Board unanimously approved the proposed amendments to the Bylaws.

9. Vincent Poor presented the Editor and Chief's report and proposed four new associate editor appointments.

The Board approved the following appointments for Associate Editor (AE) of the IEEE Transactions:

- Adam Krzyzak for Pattern Recognition, Statistical Learning and Inference;
- Urbashi Mitra for AE At-Large;
- Helmut Bölcskei for Detection and Estimation;
- Hirosuke Yamamoto for Shannon Theory.

The page budget has been met approximately. A hierarchical table of content has been introduced. The IT Transactions passed the five-year review by the IEEE easily.

10. Andrea Goldsmith presented the Student Committee report.

The events organized by the Student Committee have had very strong attendance records.

Sergio D. Servetto was appointed as the new co-ordinator for this initiative.

11. Anant Sahai presented the Treasurer's report.

The Society's finances were reviewed and found to be healthy.

The financial activities of the Society conferences and workshops were reported in the Treasurer's report online.

The Board discussed several options for using the available surplus funds.

12. J. Nicholas Laneman presented the Online Editor's report.

There was a motion to approve an ad-hoc committee on online content and services. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

13. There was no new business.
14. The next Board meeting will be held at ISIT in Nice.
15. The meeting was adjourned at 23:33.