

2012 IEEE Nuclear and Plasma Sciences Society (NPSS)
Nuclear and Medical Imaging Sciences Council (NMISC) Annual General Meeting

Voting Members:

Robert Miyaoka (past-chair) x
Dimitris Visvikis (vice-chair) x
Suleman Surti x

(term ending 2012):

Paul Lecoq x
Jinyi Qi x
Stefaan Tavernier x
Vesna Sossi x

(term ending 2013):

Adam M. Alessio x
Freek J. Beekman x
Andrew J. Reader x
Jennifer Huber x
Jinhun Joung (absent)

(term ending 2014)

Michael King (absent)
Paul Marsden x
Uwe Pietrzyk X
Larry Zeng x
Glenn Wells x

Non-voting:

Newly Elected:

Abhijit J. Chaudhari x
Georges El Fakhri x
Andrew L. Goertzen x
George Loudos (absent)
Taiga Yamaya x

Invited:

Irene Buvat (Chair of awards committee) x
Tom Lewellen (AdCom) x
Alberto Del Guerra (AdCom, MIC 2011 Chair) x
Ron Jaszczak (Newly Elected AdCom) x
Georges El Fakhri (MIC 2014 Chair, Newly Elected) x
Tony Laviertes (RISC Chair) x
Jae Sung Lee x
Ralf Engels x

Absent:

Joel Karp (Senior Editor TNS)

Ray Muzic (Chair of the Communications (Web))

Business (meeting started 12:45 pm)

1. Introduction and Roll Call
2. Agenda unanimously accepted
3. Approval of minutes Oct 28, 2011 (unanimously accepted)
4. Chair's Report to NMISC
 - a. Reviewed organizational structure of NPSS (RISC and NMISC) – Org Chart presented by Suleman Surti
 - b. Plagiarism check for all Conference records in the next year or two (20% of all IEEE conferences in 2013)
 - i. Program CrossCheck to be used by IEEE staff
 - ii. Highest level of plagiarism handled by IEEE staffSuleman discussed new program from IEEE, may be in place 2013
 - c. IEEE Xplore Database problems
 - i. Missing ~18000 articles from 70 titles including 1974 issues of TNS
 - ii. Committed to locating an uploading by the end of 2012
 - d. IEEE "New Style" Journal (IEEE Access) to have first articles published in 2013
"It will emphasize interdisciplinary and application-oriented articles, accept manuscripts from any of IEEE's fields of interest, be open access and fully electronic, have a rapid review process, and may have moderated reader comments on articles."
 - e. IEEE Publications transitioning to a faster turnaround cycle by the end of Nov 2012
3 weeks for fully edited articles, 2 weeks for moderate editing
 - f. Cost for TCS conference likely going up for those initiated after Jan 01, 2014
\$1000 + \$15 per Conference Proceedings manuscript
 - g. Request for contribution of a technical article from each TC for quarterly NPSS Newsletter (about 1 per year)
 - h. Five member sub-committee completed review of NMISC C&BL (R. Miyaoka, A. Del Guerra, G. El Fakhri, D. Visvikis, L. Zeng)
 - i. Standard changes
 1. Suleman reviewed these changes.
 - a. Added, "Transaction of Medical Imaging" to list of journals. Andrew Reader suggested adding abbreviation "(TMI)" to statement.
 - b. Additions to list of relevant scientific areas. There was some discussion of why "MRA" was removed and order of modalities. Jinyi Q suggested listed CT higher in the list to reflect relative importance. Ron J suggested that fields of interest may need to be placed in context with NPSS side.
 - c. Fixed typo for TMI
 - d. Changed language for end of chair

- e. Changed nominations to be consistent with Need to have 1.5 candidates for each position

Vote for Standard Changes to Bylaws: Favor: 14, Against: 0, Abstain: 0

- ii. JOC/SAC changes

- RISC voted earlier in the week and voted against changes
- No need/value to vote in NMISC on this
- Jenny H made point that NMISC needs to do better job communicating expectations/requests for site selection process
- Ralf Engels will be continuing as JOC chair, there will be a new vice-chair from alternating committee (Since Ralf is from RISC-side, new vice-chair will be from NMISC-side. After 2 years in role, chair will become past-chair, vice-chair will take over.)
- Goal: Have a person in role of vice-chair by Jan 1 (vice-chair does not need to be NMISC member).

- i. Review of election of new members (term Jan 2013-2015)

- j. Election for adcom representative, Ron Jaszczak elected

- k. Irene Buvat will continue as Chair of Awards

- l. Ray Muzic will be Chair of Communications Subcommittee

- m. Georges Kontaxakis would like to step down as Secretary and Chair of Nominations Sub-committee on Dec 31, 2012.

5. Report by Chair of NMISC/RISC Joint Oversight Sub-committee provided by Ralf Engels

Ralf Engels summarized his role. Took over role in Jan 2012 from Tom Lewellen. Reviewed committee members.

Main Tasks of Committee:

- Selection of NSS/MIC Conference Sites
- Work on Contracts for conferences
- Select General Chair for conference
- Review progress of preparation of conferences
- Provide support to committee

Reviewed Current basic site selection procedure

Reviewed Selection Process for 2013 Seoul (General Chair: Hee-Joung Kim)

Reviewed Selection Process for 2014 Seattle (General Chair: Tony Lavietes)

Reviewed Selection Process for 2015 San Diego (General Chair: Vesna Sossi)

Reviewed Selection Process for 2016 Strasbourg (Proposed general chair: Maxim Titov)

Ralf requested input for 2017 meeting. Process will begin January 2013. Send recommendations to r.engels@ieee.org.

6. 2011 NSS/MIC/RTSD Review by Alberto Del Guerra

- a. Registration Total 2259, Paid 2025

- b. Reviewed Student Awards, Sponsors, Exhibitors, Distribution of attendance and presentations, budget
- 7. 2012 MIC Status by Vesna Sossi
 - a. Registration total: 2123
 - b. Reviewed numbers of registrants and abstracts
 - c. Vesna made suggestion to be able to add 4th or additional reviewer in the case of discrepant reviews
- 8. 2013 Report by Jae Sung Lee
 - a. Abstract Submission Date May 2013
 - b. Reviewed status of current planning
- 9. 2014 Report by Georges El Fakhri
 - a. Abstract Submission May 11, 2014
 - b. Georges requested input via email on Plenary Speakers, on whether parallel sessions should be discussed, or other suggestions
- 10. Report on 2012 IEEE NMISC awards by Irene Buvat
 - a. Nominations for awards due by July 15th, Award committee had 5 persons. Committee had 1.5 months to rank candidates.
 - b. Bruce Hasegawa Award had 3 nominations, no tie: Winner: Chi Liu
 - c. Ed Hoffman Award had 4 nominations, no tie: Winner: Simon Cherry
 - d. Suggestions: Need to advertise more to get more nominations
 - e. If there are any suggestions for award process, contact Irene. (for example: criteria for selection committee, way to keep worthy nominations in queue from year to year).
- 11. Report on NPSS AdCom committee (presented by Suleman on behalf of Alberto)
 - a. TNS has fewer submission (PMB is often selected over TNS)
- 12. Other Business:
 - a. Suggestions on 2017 site should be sent to Ralf
 - b. Should acceptance rate of abstracts at the NSS/MIC meeting be lower?
 - i. Paul LeCoq made comment that there needs to be a consistent policy on acceptance that comes from RISC and NMISC
 - ii. Larry Zheng commented that Program Chair should have final quality control
 - iii. Suleman asked for volunteers for RISC/NMISC committee to discuss acceptance rate (Larry Zheng, Dimitris Visivikis, Freek Beekman, Paul Marsden, Adam Alessio)
 - c. Splitting TNS into two journals
 - i. Unable to get TNS indexed in MEDLINE after 3 reviews
 - ii. Can attempt to split TNS into 2 journals with medical and imaging papers published in TNS part B
 - iii. In the past, this split proposal to TAB was rejected due to EMBS objections
 - Informal Vote:
 - 6 Agreeable to idea of splitting
 - 0 Disagreeable to idea of splitting
 - 6 Need more information to make comment

13. Meeting Adjourned (2:42 pm)