

IEEE-USA Board of Directors, Operating Committee and Assembly 2010 Meeting Summaries

1) IEEE-USA Board of Directors Meeting Atlanta, Georgia 12 February 2010

The IEEE-USA Board of Directors met on 12 Feb. 2010 in Atlanta, Georgia, where the following actions were taken:

- By consent, approved the minutes of the 20 Nov. 2009 Board of Directors meeting.
- By consent, withdrew the charter of the IEEE-USA Survey Committee.
- Received reports of the President, President-Elect and Past President.
- Received a report by the IEEE-USA Managing Director.
- Received the Treasurer's reports on 2009 financial outcomes, the 2010 budget, the 2011 budget process and the status of the IEEE-USA Fund.
- Engaged in a strategic discussion on the IEEE Board transformation proposal and its implications for IEEE-USA.
- Engaged in a strategic discussion on rejuvenating IEEE U.S. membership
- Approved Cincinnati as the location for the IEEE-USA's 2012 Annual Meeting, to be held in the May-July timeframe.
- Approved an updated IEEE-USA position statement on "Cyber Security Research and Development."
- Approved an updated IEEE-USA position statement on "National Energy Policy Recommendations."
- Approved a background paper on "Building a Stronger and Smarter Energy Infrastructure" as an addendum to the "National Energy Policy Recommendations" position statement.
- Approved a proposed IEEE-USA position statement on "U.S. Economic Competitiveness and Intelligent Transportation Systems Technology."
- Approved a proposed IEEE-USA position statement on "Restructuring ITAR Technology Export/Import Controls"
- Approved a proposed IEEE-USA position statement on "Small Business Innovative Research" with a request that a revised version with background be presented for consideration at the Board's March meeting.
- Approved a proposed IEEE-USA position statement on "Voice-Over-Internet Protocol" with editorial changes.

- Withdrew the charter of the IEEE-USA Professional Development Conference Committee.
- Discussed proposed locations of the 2013-2014 IEEE-USA Annual Meetings and directed the Annual Meeting Planning Committee to solicit the regions for hosting proposals.
- Discussed ways to improve Board intra-meeting communications, resulting in plans for regular informational teleconferences.
- Discussed President Hirt's plans for IEEE-USA to support development of an IEEE Center for Leadership Excellence.
- Received a briefing on IEEE V-Tools and their applications.
- Received an update on the program and plans for the IEEE-USA's 2010 Annual Meeting in Nashville.
- Postponed until March consideration of a assessment tool(s) for evaluating the *IEEE-USA In Action* pilot publication.
- Received written and/or brief oral reports from the Vice Presidents on Career and Member Services, Communications and Public Awareness, Government Relations, and Professional Activities.
- Received oral reports from the Senior and Junior Members-at-Large and the Senior Member-at-Large's IEEE Conferences liaison report.
- Received written and brief oral reports from the Region 1-6 Directors on regional professional activities.
- Received for information an IEEE Board discussion document on open access publishing.
- Received for information a presentation on the IEEE Conferences Exchange (ICX) system.
- Received for information the report of the Women in Engineering Liaison Shana Fliginger.

There was no additional old or new business. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.

**2) IEEE-USA Board of Directors Meeting
Nashville, Tennessee
4 March 2010**

The IEEE-USA Board of Directors met on 4 March 2010 in Nashville, Tennessee, where the following actions were taken:

- By consent, approved the minutes of the 12 Feb. 2010 Board of Directors meeting with typographical corrections.
- Engaged in a strategic discussion on membership revitalization and identified follow-on activities.
- Engaged in a strategic discussion on the future of the IEEE-USA Annual Meeting, confirming the time frame of the 2011 meeting and charging an ad hoc committee to provide recommendations on timing and structure of future meetings.
- Engaged in a strategic discussion on the 2011 IEEE-USA budget and adopted a process for developing a balanced budget proposal.

- Discussed outcomes from the February Board series and next steps related to the IEEE Board Transformation proposal.
- Approved an update adding background to the IEEE-USA Position Statement on Small Business Innovative Research.
- Charged the Government Relations Council to recommend candidates to fill the soon-to-be vacated National Science Foundation Director's position for Board consideration.
- Adopted proposed metrics and benchmarks for assessing the *IEEE-USA In Action* pilot publication.
- Agreed to recommend speakers and authorized a \$15K transfer from the IEEE-USA Fund to support IEEE-USA participation in the 2011 Sections Congress.
- Received a report of 2010 National Engineers Week highlights.

There was no additional old or new business. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m. CT.

3) IEEE-USA Board of Directors Meeting 25 June 2010 Montreal, Canada

The IEEE-USA Board of Directors met on 25 June 2010 in Montreal, Canada, where the following actions were taken:

- Approved by consent the minutes of the 4 March 2010 Board meeting
- Approved by consent the appointment of Bill Walsh as Regional Representative to the IEEE-USA Operating Committee
- Received reports from the IEEE-USA President, President-Elect and Past President
- Received the report of the IEEE-USA Managing Director
- Received the report of the IEEE-USA treasurer on year to date finances, contributions to the IEEE-USA Fund and the financial impact of Life Member transitions through 2024.
- Engaged in a strategic discussion on enhancing IEEE U.S. membership and member value, including a presentation by MGA Chair Barry Shoop on a strategy for U.S. membership revitalization.
- Reviewed the 2011 budget proposal and preliminary plans for career/member services, communications/public awareness, government relations and professional activities
- Voted not to approve a proposal to increase funding allocations to the Professional Development Fund, the regional allocations for Annual Meeting support, and the WIE Professional Development Seminar.
- Approved an IEEE-USA position statement on "Tax Incentives for Continuing Education"
- Approved an IEEE-USA position statement on "The L-1 Visa For Intra-Company Transfers"
- Approved an IEEE-USA position statement on "Visa Processing"
- Approved an IEEE-USA position statement on "Phased Retirement"
- Agreed to endorse the nomination and support the confirmation of Dr. Subra Suresh as Director of the National Science Foundation

- Approved the proposed charter of the IEEE Careers Committee
- Approved an IEEE-USA position statement on “Permanent Extension of the R&D Tax Credit”
- Postponed until the Sept. Board meeting, consideration of a motion that the IEEE-USA commit to serve as lead society for National Engineers Week in 2014, and requested that the VP, Communications/Public Awareness to explore potential sources of financial support
- Voted not to approve a motion requesting transfer of \$31K in IEEE-USA Funds for support of 2011 public awareness activities
- Received a presentation by Jon Rokne (PSPB) on open access and discussed the proposed IEEE position on the issue and IEEE-USA’s prospective supporting role
- Discussed and provided feedback on the preliminary recommendations of the Business Development and Conferences Ad Hoc Committee presented by Howard Michel
- Deferred discussion of a proposal for an IEEE-USA industry relations activity
- Deferred a discussion on collaborations with other engineering societies
- Received reports of the Vice Presidents for Career & Member Activities, Communications & Public Awareness, Government Relations and Professional Activities
- Received reports on regional activities from the Region 1, 3, 4 and 5 Directors.
- Received reports on IEEE-USA liaisons on Conferences, MGA, National Engineers Week and PERSI
- Received information on the IEEEExtreme Programming Competition
- Received notice of an OpCom email ballot conducted to confirm IEEE-USA’s 2011 Government Fellowships
- Received a report outlining site selection criteria to be for used for future IEEE-USA Annual Meetings
- Noted future meeting dates on Sept. 23 (by teleconference) and Nov. 19 (New Brunswick, NJ)

During the course of the meeting, Vice President for Professional Activities David Pierce tendered his resignation. After consultations, the resignation was accepted by IEEE-USA President Evelyn Hirt at the conclusion of the meeting. Hirt announced that a special meeting of the IEEE-USA Assembly would be called by teleconference to fill the vacancy. By show of hands, the IEEE-USA Assembly members (all being present) consented to waive the 20 day advance notice requirement.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

**4) IEEE-USA Board of Directors Meeting
23 September 2010
Teleconference**

The IEEE-USA Board of Directors met by teleconference at 1:00 p.m. on 23 September 2010, and took the following actions:

- Received the President’s Report.
- Received the Treasurer’s Report on year to date finances and year end outlook.
- Approved changes in the IEEE-USA Government Fellows eligibility criteria to require membership in good standing at the time of Fellowship interview.
- Approved IEEE-USA seeking designation as Lead Society for National Engineers Week 2014.
- Approved a \$10K transfer from the IEEE-USA Fund to support a public awareness advertising campaign on WAMU/NPR.
- Received a progress report on the IEEE-USA Membership Development Initiative.
- Deferred a discussion on a prospective IEEE-USA role in industry relations.
- Received a progress report on IEEE-USA’s new “In Action” publication.
- Received an updated Communications/Public Awareness dashboard.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

**5) IEEE-USA Board of Directors Meeting
19 November 2010
New Brunswick, NJ**

The IEEE-USA Board of Directors met on 19 November 2010 in New Brunswick, New Jersey, where the following actions were taken:

- Approved by consent the minutes of their 23 Sept. 2010 meeting.
- Approved by consent Resolution expressing appreciation for Robert D. Adams’s IEEE service and sympathy to his family.
- Approved by *consent* an updated 2007 IEEE-USA position statement on “Closing the Offshore Patent Infringement Loophole”
- Approved by consent an updated 2007 IEEE-USA position statement on “University Intellectual Property Guidelines”
- Approved by consent an updated 2007 IEEE-USA position statement on “Computer Industry Patents”
- Approved by consent an updated 2007 IEEE-USA position statement on “National Aviation Safety Program”
- Approved by consent an updated 2007 IEEE-USA position statement on “Ensuring a Strong High-Tech Workforce Through Education and Employment-Based Immigration”
- Approved by consent a proposal to rename the IEEE-USA Teacher-Engineer Partnership Award as the Educator-Engineer Partnership Award

- Approved by consent an updated 2007 IEEE-USA position statement on “Department of Defense Science and Technology”
- Received reports from the IEEE-USA President, President-Elect and Past President
- Received the report of the IEEE-USA Managing Director
- Received reports from the IEEE Treasurer on IEEE-USA finances, year end forecast, the IEEE-USA Fund status, and budget horizon issues
- Approved the 2011 IEEE-USA budget
- Approved the recipients of 2010 IEEE-USA Awards and Recognitions, to be presented at the IEEE-USA Awards Ceremony in March 2010
- Selected Marc Apter and Nita Patel as candidates for IEEE-USA 2012 President-Elect
- Selected Dennis Ray and Thomas Tierney as candidates for IEEE-USA 2012-2013 Member-at-Large
- Selected Leonard Bond and Erin Hogbin as 2011-2012 members of the IEEE-USA N&A Committee, and selected Candy Robinson as the 2011 Alternate
- Postponed until the next Board meeting consideration of a charter establishing an IEEE-USA External Awards and Advancements Search Committee
- Authorized the President to sign an MOU committing IEEE-USA as a sponsor of the proposed Founder Society Carbon Management Technology Conference
- Approved a proposed IEEE-USA position statement on “Engineering in Primary and Secondary (K-12) Education
- Approved a proposed “Energy Efficiency” addendum to the 2009 IEEE-USA Position Statement on “National Energy Policy Recommendations
- Voted against a proposed IEEE-USA policy on regional reporting of precollege education activities
- Approved with modifications the proposed selection criteria for the 2013-2014 Annual Meeting sites
- Approved a proposed IEEE-USA position statement on “Network Traffic Management”
- Received a final report from the President’s Ad Hoc Committee on STEM Literacy
- Discussed IEEE-USA President Hirt’s planned response to a proposed IEEE-USA policy on amicus curiae briefs
- Discussed IEEE-USA’s R1-R6 Membership Revitalization Initiatives
- Received a report by Gary Blank highlighting an Employment Network pilot program in the Rock River Section
- Deferred discussion of proposed IEEE Board transformation implications for IEEE-USA.
- Discussed IEEE-USA’s role in industry relations
- Voted down a motion to decouple the IEEE-USA Board from the IEEE June Board series
- Received a progress report on the IEEE-USA In Action publication
- Received the Vice President of Career & Member Services’ annual report, updated dashboard and highlights of the U.S. Science and Engineering Festival
- Received the Vice President of Communications & Public Awareness’ annual report and updated dashboard
- Received the Vice President of Government Relations’ annual report and updated dashboard
- Received the Vice President of Professional Activities’ annual report, updated dashboard, and summary of plans for IEEE-USA participation in the 2011 Sections Congress

- Received reports from the IEEE-USA Members-at-Large, including Senior MAL's final report on behalf of the President's Ad Hoc Marketing Committee
- Received regional activities reports from the Directors of IEEE Regions 3, 4 and 5
- Received reports from IEEE-USA's liaisons to IEEE Conferences Committee, Member and Geographic Activities, and Women in Engineering
- Received a final report on the IEEE Women in Engineering's March 2010 Symposium on Managing Your Career in Challenging Times
- Received a final report from the President's Ad Hoc Committee on STEM Literacy
- Announced the results of the 2010 IEEE-USA Assembly meeting
- Recognized the service of the Board members and outgoing President Evelyn Hirt
- Reviewed dates of future meetings, and gave notice of a special Board planning retreat on 29 Jan. 2011 in Washington, DC

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.