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All Members of the IEEE Sweden Section

Date and time
Thursday, 22nd of April 2004

Telemeeting: telephone no. and code

Meeting place
Lecture Room E1, Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) Stockholm

Participants
10 Members

Guests
5 Guests

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1. Administrative Points

Point
The Section Chairman Hans-Peter "Hansi" Nee welcomed the assembled members and their guests.

Decision

1.1 Election of a chairperson and a secretary for the meeting

Point
The Section Chairman Hans-Peter Nee respectively the Section Secretary Rune Persson were proposed. No other suggestions took place

Decision
Hansi was elected to Chairman and Rune was elected to Secretary for the meeting unanimously.

1.2 Approval of the agenda

Point
Some participants paid attention to erroneous indicated year notations in the distributed agenda. The AGM is to elect Board members, an auditor and an election committee for year 2004 and not for 2003. The assembly wanted to add a completing point for general information and discussion.

Decision
The assembly decided to modify the agenda and add an extra point according to the above.

1.3 Election of members to check the minutes and perform counting of votes

Point
Rolf Jansson and Mikael Bergqvist were suggested to check the minutes as well as perform counting of votes at the AGM.

Decision
The AGM elected Rolf and Mikael.

1.4 Approval of summons for the AGM

Point

The Section Secretary and Webmaster Rune Persson told that summons to the AGM had been published on the Section Web site Sunday April 4th, Snail-mail letters for members without a valid email had been given to the post-office April 8th and a general email invitation had been sent out Good Friday April 9th.

Decision

The assembly approved the summons for the AGM.

1.5 Presentation of the Annual Report for 2003

Point

The Annual Report had been distributed together with the summons. It is also published on the Section's Website. The Section Chairman Hansi drew its fundamental features. During 2003 8 technical conferences and 48 meetings, including the AGM, were held.

As the IEEE HQ has claimed as to update our old bylaws from the sixties so that they are in accordance with the actual IEEE regulations, the Section Board has initiated a process for revising them.

A Solid State Chapter with Lars "J" Svensson as Chairman has been formed. A CPMT Student Branch has been started.

Margaretha has been strongly involved in international IEEE activities especially as R8 Membership Development Chair, a member of the IEEE Women in engineering Committee and as Chapter co-ordinator for PCS, EMS and SIT chapters. Hansi, Margaretha and Rune attended the R8 Meeting in Zagreb in October.

Rune reported that we ultimo 2003 had 1.912 active members. In 2002 the number was 2.055, which means that we have lost a little more than 5%. The membership turnover is high not only in the Sweden Section but in the IEEE on the whole. We must exert ourselves to keep the members. Also the IEEE central staff is very observant of this problem.

Decision

After a short discussion the AGM accepted the Annual Report and put it aside.

1.6 Approval of the Profit and Loss Account as well as Balance Sheet for year 2003

Point

The Section treasurer Rolf Jansson presented the Annual financial report by means of overhead. As there has been a strong decrease in the USD rate our rebate (allowance) from IEEE, Piscatway has decreased from SEK 94 to 71 thousands. Our biggest items of expenditure have been sponsoring conferences and meetings and by different way of assisting Chapters and Branches. The annual deficit was SEK 8.578.

Our financial foundation is very good. Our assets amount to SEK 131.193.

Decision

After a short discussion the profit and Loss Account respectively the Balance Sheet for 2003 were approved and the AGM decided to put it aside.

1.7 Presentation of the Auditor's Inspection Report**Point**

Jim Öström who is VD at Värmek, has audited the accounts and the Sections activities. His conclusion is that "My audit has not given rise to any remarks or objections." English and Swedish copies of Jim Öström's Inspection Report were put out at the meeting room. Rolf read the Inspection report.

Decision

The assembly complied the Auditor's Inspection Report.

1.8 Approval of Freedom from Responsibility for the Section Board 2003**Point**

The acting chairman declared the debate open. Nobody come with any comments. The acting chairman asked if the assembly could give the Section Board for 2003 approval of freedom.

Decision

The assembly approved freedom from responsibility unanimously.

1.9 Election of members to the Section Board for 2004**Point**

The election committee, consisting of Kenneth Blake, had sent word he was prevented from coming. His proposal had been sent to the chairman Hans-Peter Nee, who read it out. Kenneth's proposal was:

Chairman Ragnar Kåhre

Vice Chairman Mikael Gullberg

Secretary Margaretha Eriksson

Treasurer Rolf Jansson

Past Chairman Hans-Peter "Hansi" Nee

Membership & Chapter Development Officer and Webmaster Rune Persson

Industrial Relations Officer Lars "J" Svensson

Student Activities Adjunct Officer Robert Yung-Kang Chin

As it's very important to keep the members when they leave their studies at the university / institute life for the professional life, we have high need for a GOLD (Graduate Of the Last Decade) officer. Hans asked for suggestion of candidates. However nobody gave oneself up. The position became vacant for the time being.

The Chairman declared the debate open. No other proposals were expressed.

Decision

The assembly sanctioned the proposed Section Board for 2004 unanimously.

1.10 Election of Section Auditor for 2004**Point**

Jim Öström who is VD at Värmek, has accepted to continue as auditor for year 2004. Kenneth Blake proposed a re-election. No other suggestion came up.

Decision

The assembly sanctioned Jim Öström as auditor for 2004 unanimously.

1.11 Election of Members to the Nominations and Elections Committee for year 2004**Point**

The Section Board has requested Kenneth Blake to continue, and he has inclined. The chairman stressed that it's desirable with two persons and asked the assembly if there was a candidate. However nobody uttered a wish.

Decision

The assembly sanctioned Kenneth Blake to compose the Nominations and Election Committee for year 2004.

1.12 Discussion of questions submitted by the Section Board and the Auditor to the AGM**Point**

Rune informed that the Section Board is working on creating three new chapters viz, Computational Intelligence, Robotics and Automation respectively Nuclear and Plasma Sciences. A few members have asked for a Lasers & Electro-Optics Chapter.

Decision

The assembly was positive to these efforts.

1.13 Discussion of questions which individual members have sent to the Section Board**Point**

No such questions had come in.

Decision

1.14 General information from the Section Board and points and activities to be focused on**Point**

Margaretha Eriksson has been very active in international IEEE activities. Her positions are enumerated in the Annual Report. She finds her engagement very fruitful. Region 8 is very far-reaching, comprising the whole Europe, including Greenland, the whole Africa, the Middle East as well as the whole Russia, including Siberia. The motions, practices and customs are often quite different in the different countries. The motions must be taken one-by-one. Margaretha asked for ideas how to vitalize the activities and co-operation and for ideas of new activities.

The stagnation and decrease in the number of members has been an anxiety for the IEEE both for us in Sweden and in higher grade internationally. The international recession has been given the main responsibility. Rune pointed out that the membership interchange is conspicuously high. We must do more in order to keep our members staying. It can be very expensive to arrange interesting and competitive meetings and conferences, which in itself has a high attraction power. Hansi emphasized that we must be more effective in working with partners and demanding for sponsoring. One proposal was that we must aim at having more regularly planned meetings.

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Hansi pointed out that our main focus is to support our Chapters in connection with their meetings and conferences. Interdisciplinary arrangements between different chapters will be encouraged as such ones bring people together and rear a fruitful and competence giving exchange.

Ragnar informed that it is the intention of the Section Board to continue the Senior evaluation program, which started at KTH, Stockholm in January. The first stop is Göteborg. Afterwards we have Lund and Linköping in the schedule.

Ragnar told the assembly that the Sweden Section has been given the honour to arrange the 83rd IEEE Region 8 Committee Meeting fall 2004 in Stockholm. We count upon about 100 delegates. This arrangement will claim lots of efforts from the Section Board.

Juan Hernandez pointed out that we have a tremendous strong competitive basement in our members. We can enhance our professional activities, meetings and networking, by utilizing especially our Fellow and Senior members.

Decision

The assembly propounded the elected Section Board to pay attention to the above suggestions.

1.15 Approval of new Section Bylaws (Step 1)

Point

The IEEE HQ in Piscataway has imposed us to update our old Section Bylaws, dated March 26th, 1968, so that they are in agreement with IEEE's actual valid regulations. The Section Board has received a template from IEEE HQ and adjusted this one to Swedish circumstances. We have oged among others upon Patent- och Registreringsverket's (PRV) recommendations for non-profit associations and Skanska's rules. The new Bylaws are to be approved in two consecutive membership meetings. This is the first one.

The Section Board's Bylaws Proposal, the old yet valid Bylaws, PRV's recommenadtins and Skanska's rules were given to the attendance.

Especially Mikael Bergqvist had comments to the proposal. The IEEE Sweden Section was founded in Göteborg and has its registered office there. The treasurer Rolf pointed out that it's complicated and expensive to change the official residence and that it is essential to keep our status as a non-profit association. The terms of office for the Officers was discussed. Some members wanted a longer term. The Board turned down a proposal to arrange a special AGM for electing officers because of economical and organizational reasons. Some members had observed that the enumeration in article III was wrong.

Decision

The proposed Section Bylaws were modified according to the votes of the membership assembly. The approved new Section Bylaws are enclosed. In proportion to the original proposal from the Section Board removed words are stroked over and additions are underlined.

2. Technical Point

Point

Associate Research Professor Thomas Kaiserfeld, Department of Industrial Economics and Organization, Division of History and Technology of Science, KTH gave a lecture:

Three theses regarding inventions.

He promised to give us the opportunity to put his PowerPoint pictures in our Website, when he is ready with the research work. The three points are:

Invention > Innovation > Implementation

In order to score a success it is an advantage to work with a combination of new and well-known things. Invention is built on Discovers. The thesis came up by Kronborg et al in Gießen in Germany. It consists of a two dimensional quadrant where the parameters are: Individual qualities, Resource access, Time trend respectively Social environment.

Decision

3. Time, venue and refreshments with snacks

Point

The AGM Chairman Hansi thanked the assembled members and participants for their engagement. The discussions around section activities, bylaws and invention theses continued in connection with the refreshments.

Decision

In witness thereof

Hans-Peter "Hansi" Nee

Rune Persson

Chairman

Secretary

In witness thereof

Mikael Bergqvist

Rolf Jansson

Members to check the Minutes