

Electronics Division General Business Meeting

Date: Monday, October 13, 2014

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Location: David L. Lawrence Convention, Rm. 305, Pittsburgh, PA

Attendees:

Steven Tidrow (outgoing Chair), Timothy Haugan (incoming Chair), Haiyan Wang (incoming Chair-Elect), Geoff Brennecka (incoming Vice-Chair), Rick Ubiec (incoming Secretary-Elect), Winnie Wong-Ng (Trustee), Ed Gorzkowski, JM Lebaun, JC M’Peko, Mathilde Forget, Yue Liu, Quanxi Jia, Aiping Chen, Danilo Suvorov, Kevin Talley, Ruyan Guo, NB Singh, Diego S.F. Viana, Anuar José Mincádre, Soutik Beial, Kazumi Kato, José Antonio Eistas, Ivair A. Santos, Luiz Cotica, Guillaume Mria Santos, Igor Barbosa Catellani, Hathaikayn Manuspiya, Sucanei Garcia, Lawrence Zook, Sharmila Mikhopadhyay, Kevin Huang, Lam Tii, Vojislav Mitic, and P. Berlin

Steven Tidrow called the meeting to order at 12:15pm and welcomed everyone to the Electronics Division meeting with the highest attendance in memory!

Announcement of Awards: Geoff Brennecka

Edward C. Henry Award – JC M’Peko and coauthors from UC Boulder

Lewis C. Hoffman Award – Kevin Talley from Boise State University

Outgoing Chair Opening Remarks: Steven Tidrow

Leadership

Steve showed the fellows from 2013 and 2014 and ran through the outgoing (and prior) officers. All of the slides described here will be distributed separately.

Membership

Membership numbers for the division had been in decline for the past 10 years with a moderate increase in 2013 when it became automatic for EMA attendees to be considered members of both ED and BSD. Thanks to the efforts of Steven Tidrow and Amar Bhalla and the interest of our new international members, division membership in 2014 reached 893, the highest level in a decade with the addition of new MA chapters in Brazil, Columbia, and Thailand, all of whom are ED members. Steve described the new MA chapters and the geographic breakdown of membership in the division. Age demographics are also improving because of our recent membership drive. In 2012-13, 12% of division members were in their first 10 yrs in profession, but for 2013-14, 30% of our division members are in the first 10 years in the profession, indicating a significant increase in the number of younger members.

Steven recognized the ~12 attendees from Brazil and introduced the new MA chapters from Brazil, Columbia, and Thailand; many thanks to Amar Bhalla.

EMA and Finances

Steven reviewed the numbers (attendance, abstracts, and support dollars from division funds) from EMA'13 and '14.

Because of the timing of EMA, the planning all occurs in the year prior to the actual meeting. This exacerbates the problem of financial roll-over limitations from the Society, and we typically end up using money associated with the year of the EMA meeting as well as the prior year to cover the meeting costs. Steve reviewed prior and current finances and discussed the change in accounting approved by the executive committee the day before to shift EMA outlays to the calendar year prior to the actual meeting. Because budgeting for the year is in the hands of the division Chair, this also separates the finances from the overall planning, removing the potential for an apparent conflict of interest (in the previous approach, the planning was headed by the Chair-Elect who, by the time the costs associated with the meeting were allocated had become Chair). Shifting budgetary requests to cover the coming year rather than the current year is cleaner from an accounting standpoint and allows for greater confidence in planning, but will make it look on paper as if 2014 was a really expensive year.

\$6500 from division funds allocated for support of EMA'15: \$1000 for student awards, \$2750 to student comp registrations, \$2750 to YP comp registrations

The Hoffman fund balance is right where it belongs at \$20k.

Trustee Introduction of Incoming Chair: Winnie Wong-Ng

Winnie thanked Steve for his service, introduced Tim

Incoming Chair Opening Remarks: Timothy Haugan

Tim discussed plans for the coming year, including continuing MA-related recruiting efforts, the need to get more industry involvement, and an interest in strengthening MS&T programming (particularly for SLC in 2016). Again, the slides themselves will be distributed separately.

Committee heads

Scholarship: Rick Ubic

Nomination of Fellows: Winnie Wong-Ng and Amar Bhalla

Global Ambassador (still being worked out by Society BOD, so not really in existence yet): Steven Tidrow and Amar Bhalla

Rules/SOP: Rick Ubic (Sec. note: as currently written, this belongs to the outgoing chair)

Finances

We might have to add a bit to the Hoffmann fund in 2015 depending on how the market trends, but everything else is in good shape. Continuation of recruiting efforts will require investment.

Other initiatives

Tim briefly introduced the CGIF, GGRN, and YPN as Society-wide activities in which we as a division should be more engaged.

EMA and division leadership

Tim listed and discussed the symposia for EMA'15, then showed the organizers of EMA'16 and again showed new division officers

Request for Nominating Committee: Timothy Haugan

(Sec. note: the meeting ran long, so I had to leave before it was finished to be inducted into the ACerS BOD; everything after this point was kindly passed along by Ed Gorzkowski).

Jose Antonio Eiras (Sao Carlos, Brazil) and Narsingh Singh (UMBC) along with Steven Tidrow form the nominating committee.

Other Business: Timothy Haugan

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm; international visitors were hosted for lunch by Steven Tidrow and Winnie Wong-Ng