# IEEE New South Wales Section

Minutes of the 187th Executive Committee Meeting, 6th September 2004
Room D1-01, North Sydney TAFE, St Leonards, NSW.

The Vice Chair (Ian Boyd) opened the meeting at 7:26 pm, noting a last minute change of venue.

## 1 Attendance and Apologies

Present: Ian Boyd, Stephanie Boyd, David Burger, Jim Logothetis, Jim Vasseleu, David Tien, John Robinson, Trevor Bird,

Apologies: Graham Town(trailing), Bruce Poon, Karu Esselle, Eddie Fong, Zak Zakarevicius, Faz Rahman, Olly D'Souza, Walter Lachs.

## 2 Approval of Agenda

This meetings agenda was accepted with the following:

REVISED: This is meeting 187 – not 185 as shown on agenda.
ADD:
11.5 David Tien requests the IEEE NSW Section's "Technical Sponsorship" for a conference called: Capturing Reality: Conference on Spatial Information (CRCSI) to be organised by CSU spatial research group and held in July 2007.

Moved: Trevor bird, 2nd Jim Logo, carried.

## 3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

Minutes of meeting 186 were accepted with changes being:

Section 1: Amandwp was not present.
Section 11.5 is actually the same conference as 11.4.
Section 8.5 "Wrap up" – not Warp up…
Section 5 Treasurer to request 2 airfare quotes for future air travel.
Section 8.4 Delete Andrew Parfitt from committee.
Section 9.2 The correct spelling of Mr Buczcosca name is beyond me.

Moved: Jim Vasseleu, 2nd John Robinson, carried.

**Action 21/2003**: Stephanie Boyd was delegated to propose a mechanism for assisting students to pay IEEE dues. David T to set up a transition account for this purpose, forms to be submitted to the Bank. [**DELETE,** This task reached a level of complexity where no solution was forthcoming.]

**Action 06/2004:** Olly to provide a scope for the Award Recognition proposed for people supporting IEEE activities that promote the cause of innovative engineering and or engineering projects.[**DELETE**, due to lack of drive].

**Action 07/2004:** David Burger to follow up practical time/logistics, possibly to coincide with school holiday lockout from the TAFE venue we use. [This will be reviewed in the 2005 meeting schedule.]

**Action 08/2004:** David Tien to follow up with Andrew Parfitt regarding Section Chair cost re-imbursement of R10 meeting costs in Adelaide.

## 4 Correspondence

Simon Boland has resigned his post as Chair of GOLD given his other commitments, he is unable to provide the energy and time to carry this through.

Steven Duvall has also tendered his resignation and appears the committee for C&S/SSC is effectively disbanded. It was agreed to send Steven a letter of thanks for his excellent efforts on the Society Chapter, moved: Trevor Bird, 2nd: Jim Vasseleu, carried.

We have received two nominations for the 2005 committee, John Robinson to advise Jim Vasseleu on any society memberships these gentleman have:

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The University of Sydney EE Foundation Conversiatione for 29th October.

Moved: Trevor Bird, 2nd John Robinson, carried.

## 5 Treasurer's Report

The audit of the past 3 years is underway by Cantor Financial Services.

Cheque account $41,563.33, CMT account $100,000. It was proposed we move $20K from the C/A to the CMT account and gather a little more interest. Moved Jim Logothetis, 2nd John Robinson, carried – noting some resistance by the treasurer.

Acceptance of Treasurer's report: Moved: Trevor Bird 2nd: John Robinson, Carried.

## 6 CIRCUIT Report

Next issue is the November 2004 issue. Please pass on material to Eddie.

The submission deadline will be **OCTOBER 11** (our next meeting). This will an e-mail issue with distribution assistance offered from Ian and Stephanie Boyd.

## 7 Chair's Forum

Deferred to next meeting.

## 8 Committee Election & Reports

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| 8.1 Fellow Search | Walter Lachs; no report. |
| 8.2 Membership Devel't | Bruce Poon: R*efer to Appendix 1 update*. Bruce extends apologies for the remainder of the year, but tables updates. ***BRUCE – please add CSU Student Branch ID and query.*** |
| 8.3 Professional Activities | Jim Logothetis and Ian Boyd. The 2005 lecture program is effectively complete, and a detailed copy will be included in November CIRCUIT. Engineers Australia note that lecture attendances have dropped.<br><br>It was discussed about IEEE NSW dispatching a monthly 'News and Events" e-mail to all NSW members. This needs further discussion. |
| 8.4 Educational Activities | Karu Esselle/ Ian Boyd/ Graham Gwilliam assisting. Prof Akinori Nishihara requested the IEEE NSW Section provide a financial report on the $2,000 sponsorship provided back in 2002 before any new project can be considered. |
| 8.5 Student Activities | Stephanie Boyd: UNSW market day was successful and attended by Bruce, Graeme, Stephanie and Ian Boyd. A vote of thanks was moved by Jim Vasseleu, 2nd Trevor, carried. Stephanie mentioned that IEEE Student memberships will all be on-line from Sept 2005 – but the issue of credit card access may be a problem for Aussie Students. |
| 8.6 Awards and Recognition | Jim Vasseleu: No report. |
| 8.7 Nominations | Trevor Bird: Add the 2 nominees to the November CIRCUIT. |
| 8.8 Historian | Zak Zakarevicius, Jim Vasseleu and Trevor Bird: David is researching Biography data and seeking historic photos. |

## 9 Affinity Group Reports

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| 9.1 GOLD Affinity Group | Simon Boland has tendered his resignation as chair, and we will be looking for someone to take over the role. |

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| 9.2 Life Member Affinity | Jim Vasseleu, Bruce advises – invites to 7 Lifers will need to accommodate up to 14 attendees at our AGM Dinner. |

## 10 Chapter Reports

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| 10.1 Computer Society | Stephanie Boyd (Chair), Ian Boyd, Stefan Mozar, Phil Crawford. Report held over to next month. |
| 10.2 MTT/AntP | Graham Town (Chair), Karu (Secretary). DL Tuesday 21st September, Marsfield Lecture Theatre, CSIRO ICT Centre, Corner of Vimiera Road and Pembroke Road, Marsfield Professor Tibor Berceli, Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Hungary. OPTICAL FEED FOR MICROWAVE ANTENNAS. |
| 10.3 Comm/Sig | Olly d'Souza (Chair), David Burger (Secretary). An update to the WebPages has been made with a lecture and a meeting proposed for the remainder of the year. |
| 10.4 PES | Graeme Gwilliam (Chair), no report. |
| 10.5 PEL/IA/IE | Faz Rahman (Chair): Faz is organizing a seminar on 23rd September 2004. It is on the 'Design of medium power inverters' |
| 10.6 C&S/SSC | Steven Duvall(Chair), Andre van Schaik (Secretary). Steven has also tendered his resignation from the Chapter and has canvassed interest from the remaining committee. Unfortunately it looks like the committee will need to be re-constituted and we will need to canvas interest. |

## 11 Conferences

11.1 **Asian Control Conference July 2004**: NSW Section requests a full financial report on the event, Mike Evans (SA) to report.

11.2 **IEEE International Symposium on Spread Spectrum Techniques and Applications Aug 2004:** (NSW & Vic) NSW Section requests a full financial report on the event, Dr Graham Woodward (NSW) to report.

11.3 **TenCon 2005**, (Victoria) no update/no requests.

11.4 **ICITA 2005,** Conference has technical co-sponsorship with UTS. No update Scheduled for 4th July 2005

11.5 **Capturing Reality: Conference on Spatial Information (CRCSI),** CSU by David Tien – technical co-sponsorship only. Scheduled for July 2007.

11.6 **mBusiness Conference 2005**. Scheduled for 27/28 June 2005. No update.

## 12 Other Business

The **AGM venue** is confirmed as **The Epping Club**, 45-47 Rawson Street, Epping, NSW 2121 Phone (02) 9876 4357 Fax (02) 9876 1153

## 13 Closure

The meeting closed at 21:08 hours. The next meeting will be 11 October 2004 at North Sydney TAFE Room AG20.

| APPENDIX 1 – IEEE NSW Section, Member Statistics | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | 31/12/2003 | 31/01/2004 | Feb - Mar '04 | 30/04/2004 | 31/05/2004 | 30/06/2004 | 30/07/2004 | 30/08/2004 |
| **Member Types** | | **Number** | **Number** | **Number** | **Number** | **Number** | **Number** | **Number** | **Number** |
| Active Members | | 2701 | 2717 | N/A | 2150 | 2200 | 2227 | 2347 | 2372 |
| Active Members | excluding affiliate | 2498 | 2513 | N/A | 1999 | 2044 | 2064 | 2179 | 2205 |
| Active Life members | LA/LF/LM/LS | 39 | 45 | N/A | 40 | 41 | 41 | 41 | 43 |
| Active Senior members | | 141 | 141 | N/A | 134 | 135 | 135 | 133 | 135 |
| Active Student members | | 532 | 532 | N/A | 312 | 336 | 345 | 445 | 401 |
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| **Student Branch's** | **Branch No.** | **Number** | **Number** | **Number** | **Number** | **Number** | **Number** | **Number** | **Number** |
| University of NSW | 2598721/ 2533563 | 229 | 231 | N/A | 151 | 167 | 170 | 180 | 161 |
| University of Technology Sydney | 2504821 | 52 | 55 | N/A | 48 | 48 | 48 | 48 | 48 |
| Sydney University | 40008997 | 36 | 35 | N/A | 46 | 46 | 46 | 46 | 46 |
| Western Sydney University of Nepean | 2538101 | 13 | 13 | N/A | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 |
| University of Wollongong | 2590073 | 23 | 25 | N/A | 27 | 32 | 33 | 36 | 33 |
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| **Chapters** | | **Number** | **Number** | **Number** | **Number** | **Number** | **Number** | **Number** | **Number** |
| Antennas & Propagation / Microwave Theory & Techniques | | 88 | 89 | N/A | 78 | 78 | 79 | 79 | 79 |
| Circuit and Systems / Solid State Circuits | | 86 | 86 | N/A | 76 | 76 | 76 | 78 | 78 |
| Communication / Signal Processing | | 518 | 509 | N/A | 515 | 541 | 549 | 555 | 558 |
| Computer | | 804 | 814 | N/A | 893 | 912 | 928 | 953 | 957 |
| Industrial Electronics / Power Electronics / Industrial Applications | | 94 | 93 | N/A | 93 | 96 | 96 | 96 | 97 |
| Power Engineering | | 115 | 120 | N/A | 117 | 121 | 122 | 124 | 125 |
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| **Others** | **Month** | | | | | | | | |
| Senior Membership enquiry | Mar-04 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
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| Issued by Bruce Poon | Correct as at 30 Aug 04 | | | | | | | | |