

Opening:

- Maria opened the meeting noting that we are starting a new chapter with new bylaws, new committees and with the new strategic plans for the sub-committees all approved.

N&A Committee

- Jim Day indicated that there 10 new members joined in 2014
- He is maintaining attendance lists and
- has an updated list of emeritus
- he asked all chairs of subcommittees to send him any updates membership so he could maintain the chart of committees
- 26 candidates have been nominated for the next round of voting; of this 13 will be chosen in the next elections. CVs have been circulated.

Conferences:

- Shannon said he is trying to track papers/attendees by society affiliations to measure who is coming to the RSP supported conferences
- He is trying to increase the competition for hosting – target is 3 per year. This has been reached for 2018.
- He is considering a proposal to formalize the arrangement for the US/non-US conferences for the RadarConf series
- Noted that there are some inconsistencies between use of RadarCon and RadarConf in the IEEE Conference Information System and with some technical co-sponsors
- He is engaging other societies to be co-sponsors; e.g., GRSS, SP, IT

2015 Washington

- Joe Guerci suggested that there should be greater use of social media in the conferences
- Mark Davis – finance chair for 2015 in DC - said that the conference is good financial shape in all areas, but tutorials.
- DC had 21 exhibitors; the budget had called for at least 12. 525+ attendees at of Tuesday night.
- There was an issue of policing attendees at tutorials – it seems several tutorials had gate crashers;
- Mike Picciolo noted that this also indicated that there is demand for tutorials.

2015 Johannesburg

- Mike Inggs indicated that they were expecting a good local turnout, but asked us all to promote the conference.
- There will be a one-day joint session with GRSS on applications of SAR in the African context
- Due to cost reasons, the conference is not mid-week
- Emphasized that despite the reputation, Johannesburg is a safe city and attendees should have no worries on that score.
- Selected papers from the conference will be invited to submit to a special issue of the IET transactions.
- 8 tutorials have been confirmed

- There will be a summer school in conjunction with the conference

2016 Philadelphia

- Joe Teti indicated that the conference will be held at the Loews Hotel, a unique venue
- The plenary session and related talks have been confirmed
- Lockheed Martin is the major sponsor
- The memorandum of agreement has been signed
- The CFP was distributed at the banquet (aside – I don't remember seeing this)
- In addition to the AES magazine, the CFP will be sent to AP/MTT, IT, SP, GRS, EMC
- Maria suggested using an email blast to distribute the CFP widely

2016 China

- Long Teng regrets

2017 Seattle

- Bank account up and running; loan received.
- Have registered both radarconf17.com and radarcon17.com (which will link to radarconf17.com)

2017 UK

- IET conference
- New location – Belfast
- Locally: Queen's University Belfast, local industry
- Planning for 9 tutorials

2018 Proposals: 3 proposals were presented: Berlin (Hermann Rohling), Boston (Jeff Herd), Oklahoma City (Nathan Goodman). Details of the proposals have been circulated and comment period begins soon after conference ends. After the comment period ends, voting will begin.

Awards:

- Bill Melvin announced that the website has been updated
- The Nathanson and Warren White awards were chosen. There were 3 nominations for the Nathanson, 2 for the Warren White
- the strategic plan is done
- Bill announced a new award: the Robert Hill Best Dissertation Award with nominations due on by Sept. 1.

Waveform Diversity

- Dan Thomas indicated that there been several papers on waveform diversity accepted to the conference
- Plans for a waveform diversity workshop are still being considered
- The special issue on WDD in the AES magazine will come out in Spring 2016
- He is leading a push to get the proceedings of the WDD workshops on Xplore – 2007, 2009 are online; 2004, 2006, 2012 are missing.

Civilian Radar:

- Mary Yeary says that the committee is planning a special session in RadarConf 2016
- They are encouraging topical papers, tutorials (planning to recruit 1-2 speakers)
- Trying to diversify the committee
- Mark Davis suggested automotive radar as one avenue to explore
- Heiner Kuschel indicated plans to have a special issue in the AES mag on passive and multistatic radar with civilian applications

Education

- Mike Picciolo reported on plans for trying to coordinate with RadarConf2016 for the planned summer school; depending on numbers possible.
- Strategic plan has 11 areas with sub-committees assigned to each
- The education committee will coordinate ongoing activities with the AES (Joe Fabrizio is in charge of education at the AES BoG)
- Will work with the conference organizing committees as needed, e.g., on the student paper contest
- Joe Fabrizio reported on trying to create more AESS short courses – radar short courses offered by local chapters with the profit going to the chapter
- Eric suggested looking into a scholarship at a university; Mark Yeary suggested a coffee-can radar challenge

Standards

- The RSP thanked Joe Bruder for his long and distinguished service on radar standards
- STD686 is getting ready for revision (Radar Defns and Terms)
- STD1672 – UWB radar – will be withdrawn in 2018 unless revised
- Jim Taylor handed over this issue to Joe; however, Jim Taylor thinks that the standard isn't really required
- Mark D suggested adding a UWB definition to 686.