# **Technical Operations**

**AESS Board of Governors Meeting** 

October 7-8, 2016

**Edinburgh, Scotland** 



**Walt Downing** 

**VP Technical Operations, AESS** 



### **Objectives**

#### (Cross-Committee Collaborations Highlighted in Red)

- 1 Develop and implement a technical panel review process
- 2 Expand technical panel participation in all AES-sponsored conferences
- 3 Promote collaboration between technical panels and chapters
- 4 Promote collaboration with AES Educational Activities to expand distinguished lecturer coverage and develop continuing professional development activities for all AES technical fields of interest
- 5 Prepare technical panel guidance in the form of best practices, techniques, and tools
- 6 Increase AESS member participation in technical panels



### **Initiatives**

- Gap Analysis (Objective 1)
  - Develop matrices identifying alignment of technical panels with AESS conferences, distinguished lecturers, IEEE standards, etc.
  - Perform gap analysis on these matrices to identify opportunities to increase alignment
  - Review and evaluate technical panels (Blue/Green/Yellow/Red) on alignment metrics and work to continually improve scores
- Conferences (Objective 2)
  - Review attendance at AESS-sponsored conferences to identify AESS members for possible leadership roles
  - Identify cognizant technical panel for each conference and encourage participation in at least one AESS conference per year



# **Initiatives (Continued)**

- Chapters (Objective 3)
  - Identify technical panel members and their local IEEE sections
  - Develop matrix of technical panel membership vs. IEEE sections for regional coverage
  - Analyze matrix to identify regions that have critical mass and ensure that there are local AES chapters in these regions to promote further collaboration
  - Survey local AES chapters to identify which AES fields of interest, if any, are predominant among their members
  - Use this information to inform and encourage member participation in relevant technical panels
- Educational Activities (Objective 4)
  - Utilize gap analysis to identify needs for distinguished lecturers in specific fields of interest
  - Utilize AES chapter fields of interest and local experts to identify new distinguished lecturer candidates
  - Explore concept of short courses proposed by educational activities to increase collaboration

# **Initiatives (Continued)**

- Share Best Practices (Objective 5)
  - Collect charters, strategic plans, and other relevant documents for each technical panel
  - Identify best practices, techniques and tools used by most successful technical panels
  - Prepare a technical panel handbook of these best practices, techniques and tools
  - Share technical panel handbook with all technical panels
  - Revise and update as necessary
- Increase AESS Member Engagement (Objective 6)
  - Inform and invite AESS members to participate in AESS activities through improved communication efforts including letters, email, AESS website, QEB and social media



# **Technical Operations Coordinators**

- AESS BoG Members serve on technical operations committee and assist with initiatives
  - Leo Ligthart
    - Chapter Coordinator
    - Objectives 3 & 6



- Alfonso Farina
  - Education Coordinator
  - Objectives 4 & 6





## **Highlights**

Recognized Gyro and Accelerometer Panel with 2015 Outstanding Technical Panel Award for their extraordinary efforts in standards development and regular bimonthly meetings





- Technical Panel meetings at DASC
  - Avionics Systems
  - Cyber
- IEEE Central Texas Section joint SMC-AES Chapter Activities
  - 2015 U.S. AESS Chapter of the Year Award
  - 7 technical meetings YTD, including DL and student presentation
  - Participation at UTSA Technology Symposium
  - Trinity University student project award
  - Next meeting on October 14, 2016 at the University of the Incarnate Word featuring Autonomous Systems Lab
  - November meeting at UTSA Unmanned Systems Lab
  - March 2017 Gyro and Accelerometer Panel meeting



- UTSA Technology Symposium, April 26, 2016
  - Senior design project "Vehicular Awareness System"
  - Special recognition certificates to Patrick Stockton, Vishal Sonthalia, Abel Miguel, and Paul Avila





- Radar Systems No Update
  - 39 active members, elections held, July 2016
  - New Civilian Radars Committee Chair approved, January 2016
  - Next meeting at RadarConf 2016 in Philadelphia, PA
  - 2016 Warren White Award: Dr. Jim Day, LMCO
  - 2016 Nathanson Award: Dr. Ryan Hersey, GTRI
  - RadarConf 2017: Seattle, WA
  - RadarConf 2018: Oklahoma City, OK
  - RadarConf 2019: Boston, MA
  - Special double issue on Waveform Diversity in SYSTEMS magazine in October and December 2016
  - Special issue on Passive Radars for Civilian Applications in SYSTEMS magazine in February 2017



- Aerospace Control and Guidance Systems
  - Last meeting March 15-18, 2016, Napa, CA
  - One-day short course on "Modeling the Human Pilot"
  - Next meeting October 19-21, Minneapolis, MN
  - Tansel Yucelen, University of South Florida, selected for young professional lecture competition award
- Aerospace Systems Integration Engineering No Update
  - Koteswara Tatipamula, Chair; Dante Bolati, Vice-Chair;
    Giambattista Gruosso, Secretary; Roger Oliva, Past Chair
  - Three additional members (LaMont McAliley, Ritesh Keshri, and Friday Lawrence Ogboi)
  - Challenge remains building core group of volunteers and establishing goals and objectives



- Gyro and Accelerometer
  - Past meetings:
    - May 16-17, 2016, Charlottesville, VA 5 attendees
    - July 7-8, 2016, 2016, Irvine, CA 7 attendees
    - September 22-23, 2016, Boulogne-Billancourt, France 10 attendees
  - Future meetings:
    - November 10-11, 2016, Anaheim, CA
    - January 23-24, 2017, Clearwater, FL
    - March 2-3, 2017, San Antonio, TX
  - Continued development and revisions of multiple IEEE standards for inertial sensors and system
  - Officers: Randy Curey, Chair; Reese Sturdevant, Vice Chair and Systems Committee Chair; Jason Bingham, Sensors Committee Chair
  - Seeking to expand membership with emphasis on IMU community
  - Developing tri-fold brochure



#### Cyber Security

- Panel meeting at 25<sup>th</sup> DASC Good Attendance
- Future panel meeting at Carnahan, October 25<sup>th</sup>
- SYSTEMS special issue Call for Papers Issued
- Planning Cyber tracks at DASC and Carnahan
  - Roy Aloke, DASC
  - William Claycomb, Carnahan

#### Avionics Systems

- Panel meeting at 35<sup>th</sup> DASC
- Added four new members
- Future meetings at 2017 ICNS and 36<sup>th</sup> DASC
- Future activities: New Avionics Tutorials for DASC



- Target Tracking
  - New Panel Chair, David F. Crouse, NRL
  - Met July 8, 2016 at 2016 FUSION conference 12 attendees
  - Created e-mail list with 48 names
  - Communicating regularly via e-mail
  - Need to modify the bylaws to reconstitute the panel
  - Selecting four committee chairs
  - Reworking draft IEEE track-to-truth standard dated 2007
  - Updating IEEE online dictionary for sensor data
  - Planning to meet during the 2017 IEEE Radar Conference
  - Planning to organize conferences and meet regularly
- Space Systems No Update
- Unmanned Systems No Update



# **IEEE Systems Council**

- Spring 2016 AdCom meeting
  - April 21, 2016
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Annual IEEE International Systems Conference
- Fall 2016 AdCom meeting
  - October 3, 2016
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> IEEE International Symposium on Systems Engineering
- 11th Annual IEEE International Systems Conference
  - Conference Dates: April 24-27, 2017
  - Marriott Chateau Champlain, Montreal, Canada
  - Call for Papers Deadline: October 14, 2016

