Notes from the 2018 IEEE Region 1 Board of Governors Meeting
White Plains, New York, August 11-12, 2018
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Dr. Ron Brown, IEEE Region 1 Historian, IEEE Maine CS/COM Technical Chapter Chair, IEEE Maine Section excom outreach committee chair, and Dr. Walter Rawle, IEEE Maine Section Chair, attended, on behalf of the IEEE Maine Section, the IEEE Region 1 Board of Governors meeting, Crowne Plaza Hotel, White Plains NY on August 11-12, 2018.

1. The meeting began with an executive session attended the IEEE Region 1 Assembly (region executive committee members and section chairs). In camera, two candidates were selected, via vote, for 2019 IEEE Region 1 Director Elect. Results of this vote will be made public in accordance with Region 1 executive committee election protocol. Jason Hui, Region 1 Awards and Recognitions chair, presented to slate of 2018 region awardees. Official award announcements will be made in accordance with Region 1 protocol.

2. Upon completion of the in camera session, the Board of Governors meeting was called to order. IEEE President Jim Jeffries presented remarks. IEEE Executive Director Stephen Welby presented remarks. IEEE Member and Geographic Activities Vice President, Martin Bastiaans, presented remarks. IEEE Region 1 Director Babak Beheshti presented remarks. And IEEE Region 1 Director Elect Ed Palacio presented remarks.
The group then heard position statements, via Webex, from the 2019 IEEE President Elect candidates: Vin Piuri, Jacek Zurada, and Yoshio Fukuda.
Position statement were also presented by IEEE USA Presidential candidates Maura Moran and James Conrad.

3. The second half of the Saturday morning session was organized into focus group discussion. Three topics were addressed:
   i)   Finding and engaging volunteers – moderated by Ed Palacio
   ii) Engaging new and diverse members – WIE, YP, - moderated by Kathleen Kramer
   iii) Student activities and section engagement – moderated by Vince Socci
   Summaries of focus group discussions were presented before the meeting adjourned for lunch

4. The meeting reconvened to address a Region 1 bylaw change proposal. In summary, Region 1 bylaw paragraph 5.2.2 stipulates the method by which area chairs are selected. The original method of selection, as indicated by many in attendance, was by Region 1 Director nomination and executive committee ratification. More recently, the method of selection had been ballot distributed to the region's sections. This more recent practice, however, created challenges because, at times, no nominations were forthcoming from a particular area. Therefore, the proposed bylaw change shifted the selection process back to one of executive committee appointment, with the Region 1 Director nominating an individual, with ratification from the Region 1 executive committee.
Vigorous debate on this topic ensued for approximately two hours with various amendments placed before the chair of the meeting. Ultimately, the issue was tabled for

further discussion at a later date. As postscript, it appears that the issue was resolved on August 18th.

Upon concluding discussion on this matter, Region 1 Treasurer Bala Prasanna presented the treasurer's report and the proposed 2019 Region budget.

The remainder of the afternoon was organized in to a second round of focus group discussion with different individuals contributing to the topics investigated during morning session.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1730 hours local time.

Training sessions on section leadership were presented on the morning of August 12. The meeting adjourned at noon on August 12, 2018.

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