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and the industries in which our professionals are engaged. The 2007 ECTC in Reno promises to be an outstanding technical conference. I hope to see many of you there.

As music festivals are blossoming all over the world all year around, the same is true for IEEE/CPMT technical conferences. In my email inbox I have received notices of ICEPT in Shanghai, China, organized by the China Packaging Society with technical co-sponsorship with CPMT Chapter in Beijing. IEMT (Santa Clara this year), IMPACT in Taiwan, EPTC (Singapore) and EMAP (Korea this year) have all sent me their early announcements. In Europe, CPMT is co-sponsoring the IMAPS Europe EMPC 2007 conference in June. There are many other CPMT technical conferences being organized around the world. Your CPMT Web page (www.cpmt.org) is an excellent fountain of information for up-to-date IEEE/CPMT technical conferences.

CPMT technical conferences and topical workshops are organized by volunteers. Who are these volunteers? Typically they are some of the busiest people around. Often they have volunteered for other professional and technical society services, such as in CPMT Chapters or IEEE Sections. Sometimes they have dual active affiliations such as in MRS, ASME, IMAPS or SMTA. If you ask what motivated them to organize the CPMT technical conference on top of their full-time job, you may get a brilliant smile and a straight answer such as "It is the best fun I've had in a long time."

Whatever the motivations for our volunteers, technical conferences are vitally important for our profession and our membership. CPMT professionals are spread world-wide as electronics products and semiconductor applications penetrate more and more industries. Research in electronics and the integration of electronics in industries are increasing. In response, packaging technologies are fast evolving, and so are the industry business models and end-product applications. We need bold vision, out-of-the-box thinking, and new innovations more than ever. While our conferences are good, some of them are very good, and a few excellent. We must continue to innovate with the program formats and contents to bring them up from good to very good, from very good to excellent, and from excellent to great.

Together with the members of the CPMT Board of Governors, we have had strategic workshop sessions in June and November last year to discuss our vision and goals and strategy for the future. One important direction is to build strong linkages between the different Society value propositions: eg, between publications and conferences. As a step in that direction, we have had some conference-call brain-storming sessions with our VP for Publications and the Editors-in-Chief of the Transactions, to explore the vision for the Transactions and their stakeholders, as well as the strategies to reach that vision. Embedded in those dialogues are the objectives to find synergism and value in collaborating between different value propositions in CPMT and in IEEE. We shall have another workshop session this June to continue our work towards those directions for the CPMT Society.

Please give us your feedback. We want to hear from you.

Two Petition for a Place on IEEE Ballot

Two IEEE members are petitioning to be placed on the 2007 annual election ballot. Fellow **Ralph W. Wyndrum Jr.** is running for 2008 IEEE president-elect, and Fellow **Roger D. Pollard** for 2008 vice president-elect, Technical Activities.

Eligible voting members who want to sign the candidates' electronic petitions can do so at www.ieee.org/election. This site also contains background information on each candidate.

Society News:

IEEE Components, Packaging and Manufacturing Technology Society

Board of Governors Meeting

November 11th, 2006

Dallas, Texas, USA

MINUTES

(Unapproved Minutes, subject to confirmation)

1. Call to Order

President William Chen called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Saturday, 11 November 2006. It was confirmed that a quorum was present.

2. Old Business

The results of e-mail ballots were confirmed as follows:

2006-05 Approve budgeting 2007 initiative funding of \$40K.

APPROVED

3. IEEE Technical Activities Board (TAB) Treasurer's Report

IEEE Technical Activities Board (TAB) Treasurer Harold Flescher presented a report on IEEE Indirect Infrastructure Expenses, reviewing the history and discussing the proposed new funding model.

4. President's Report

CPMT President William Chen reviewed his report, including his perspective on the job responsibilities of the CPMT President as CEO and Ambassador, and in operational aspects of the Society. He discussed his views on the importance of using CPMT value propositions to build CPMT's global communities.

5. Finances

A. Vice President's Report

Vice President, Finance Thomas Reynolds reviewed his report, highlighting final 2007 budgeted discretionary spending items, and summary of expense and revenue cost centers (2004 actuals through 2007 budget).

6. ECTC Integration: Strategic Program Director's Report

56th ECTC Vice-General Chair Eric Perfecto reviewed his report describing highlights of the 56th ECTC in San Diego, noting that attendance was second highest in history (1180). He also presented information about the 57th ECTC in Reno, noting another strong year for abstract submission.

7. Education: Vice President's Report

Vice President, Education Albert Puttlitz reviewed his report on the Distinguished Lecturer program, noting DL 2006 visits to-date and those approved for the future. He presented updated ground rules. Two issues were raised in discussion: 1) five years with no activity, then removal was felt by a number of members to be too long; 2) appropriateness of the self-nomination provision was challenged. VP Puttlitz stated his intention to obtain further input on the ground rules by disseminating them in an e-mail ballot for approval.

Seven new DLs were submitted for approval including four from Region 10, one from Region 8 and two from Regions 1-7.

A **motion** was made to approve Ricky Shi-Wei Lee as a CPMT Distinguished Lecturer. **The motion passed.**

A **motion** was made to approve Kyung-Wook Paik as a CPMT Distinguished Lecturer. **The motion passed.**

A **motion** was made to approve Yong-Khim Swee as a CPMT Distinguished Lecturer. **The motion passed.**

A **motion** was made to approve Kishio Yokouchi as a CPMT Distinguished Lecturer. **The motion passed.**

A **motion** was made to approve Jorma Kivilahti as a CPMT Distinguished Lecturer. **The motion passed.**

A **motion** was made to approve Dongkai Shangguan as a CPMT Distinguished Lecturer. **The motion passed.**

A **motion** was made to approve Jan Vardaman as a CPMT Distinguished Lecturer. **The motion passed.**

8. Publications: Vice President's Report

Vice President, Publications Paul Wesling reviewed his report, highlighting various aspects of the Transactions (IEEE best practice on submission to first decision; training on MCV3; activities of CPMT Editor-in-Chief; and finances), the Newsletter and the website.

VP Wesling introduced Ricky Lee and Koneru Ramakrishna, Co-Editors-in-Chief of the *IEEE Transactions on Components and Packaging Technologies*. EICs Lee and Ramakrishna described accomplishments in 2006 (improved Impact Factor, reduced backlog, additions of Associate Editors) as well as plans for 2007 (recognition of AEs and Reviewers, special issues).

9. Standing Committee Reports

A. Nominations:

Executive Director Marsha Tickman reported on behalf of Nominations Chair Philip Garrou, noting that delays in finalizing the slate of candidates resulted in an overall scheduling delay for the election of Members-at-Large. The new schedule calls for ballots to be mailed on 17 November with results announced 28 December

B. Fellows Evaluation:

Fellows Evaluation Committee Member Ephraim Suhr reported on behalf of Chair CP Wong. He noted that seven candidates for election to the 2007 Class of IEEE Fellows were reviewed by the CPMT committee.

10. Conferences: Vice President's Report

Vice President, Conferences Rolf Aschenbrenner reviewed his report, which included a summary of the 2006 and first-

half 2007 conferences sponsored/cosponsored by the CPMT Society. He described progress in collaboration between CPMT and IMAPS on European conferences (CPMT ESTC and IMAPS-Nordic) and summarized 2005 financial performance of conferences whose books had closed.

It was noted that IMPACT (Taiwan), a new meeting technically cosponsored by CPMT in 2006, was expecting to expand and grow, which could create competition with EPTC.

11. Awards and Recognition: Strategic Program Director's Report

Strategic Program Director Kitty Pearsall reviewed her report detailing the status of the 2007 Awards selection process.

12. Region 10 Programs: Strategic Program Director's Report

Strategic Program Director Charles Lee reviewed his report, highlighting: his view of the Region 10 Director's job description; summary of Region 10 activities; candidates for BoG Member-at-Large; and Distinguished Lecturer nominees.

13. Region 8 Programs: Strategic Program Director's Report

Rolf Aschenbrenner reported on behalf of Strategic Program Director Johan Liu, covering: CPMT activity in Region 8; success of 1st ESTC in Dresden; CPMT Region 8 meeting held during ESTC; and suggested creation of a Region 8 "council."

He also reported that reactivation of the CPMT Germany Chapter was underway with completion of the petition process and election of a new Chair; and noted that a completed petition for formation of a Poland Chapter had been submitted.

14. Technical: Vice President's Report

Vice President, Technical Rao Bonda reviewed his report on technical activities, including his plans and goals.

VP Bonda presented proposals for establishment of two new Technical Committees – Flexible Electronics, proposed by Bahgat Sammakia, Binghamton University, USA; and Aerospace Electronics, proposed by Jo Vann, Smiths Aerospace, UK. He reviewed the process for establishing new Technical Committees, which requires that they begin as Task Forces.

A **motion** was made to approve establishment of the Task Force on Flexible Electronics. **The motion passed.**

A **motion** was made to approve establishment of the Task Force on Aerospace Electronics. **The motion passed.**

15. Student Programs: Strategic Program Director's Report

Strategic Program Director William Brown summarized his report, which included reports submitted by the Chalmers (Sweden), Shanghai (in formation) and Georgia Tech Student Branch Chapters. Director Brown also summarized Student Program goals, issues, and potential new Chapters.

16. Global Membership and Chapters: Strategic Program Director's Report

Strategic Program Director Ralph Russell reviewed his report on membership and Chapters, noting that as of September 2006, CPMT membership was down by 2% as compared to September 2005, however, Student membership increased by 22%.

Director Russell reported on a new Chapter formed in Ottawa, Canada and reactivation underway in Germany and Tokyo. He noted top prospects for new Chapters in Region 8 as Benelux, Italy and Israel.

Director Russell identified 2007 activity focus as: identify one Chapter in each of Region 1-7, 8 and 10 to receive targeted support by BoG; develop Sister Chapter program; promote Senior Membership and strengthen relationships with Chapters. It was suggested that an e-mail ballot be disseminated to decide on focused efforts to support selected Chapters.

17. Marketing

Jacquelyn Hampton was introduced as the new Potomac Communications Group (PCG) program manager, replacing Kristine Martin who left the company in September. Jacquelyn introduced Potomac Vice President Leonard Greenberger. She reviewed her report, highlighting activities with ECTC promotion and initial plans for 2007. She announced that Potomac Communications had become a member of Pinnacle Worldwide, a consortium of worldwide public relations agencies, which should afford good opportunities for CPMT global branding activities. President Chen requested BoG members to provide input to Marsha Tickman on potential areas and activities for PCG support.

18. New Business

Paul Wesling presented information on virtual communities and the ways they might be used to benefit CPMT activities. He asked for input from BoG members who had interest in driving this activity or identifying opportunities for its deployment.

President William Chen announced that he had appointed Bahgat Sammakia, Binghamton University, USA to fill the remaining year (2007) of VP Rao Bonda's term as Member-at-Large.

21. Next Meetings

The next BoG meetings will take place:

BoG Meeting –1-2 June 2007 following 57th ECTC, Reno, Nevada, USA

BoG Meeting – 2-3 or 9-11 November 2007 following ECTC Paper Selection Meeting, Dallas, Texas, USA (pending date selection by ECTC Executive Committee)

2007 CPMT SOCIETY ELECTION CALL FOR PETITION CANDIDATES

Submitted by Marsha Tickman, Executive Director,
IEEE CPMT Society

The CPMT Society is governed by a Board of Governors composed of officers, 18 elected members-at-large, and various committee chairs and representatives (see inside cover of this Newsletter for details.)

Annually, Society members are asked to elect six members-at-large for a three-year term of office. Candidates for member-at-large are selected in two ways -- either by the Society Nominating Committee, or by petition.

This year's election is the third in which members-at-large will be elected to achieve totals proportionate to the geographic distribution of CPMT members. Voting members will elect members-at-large from within their Region only (that is, members in Region 8 will vote for members-at-large from Region 8, etc.)

If you are an IEEE and CPMT Society member in good standing and are interested in serving on the Board of Governors, you can become a candidate via petition by following the procedures below.

Elected Members of the Board of Governors must be willing to attend two annual Board meetings and participate actively in areas of their interest (publications, conferences, membership development, chapter development, etc.) The term of office for this election is 1 January 2008 through 31 December 2010.

- Prepare a petition that contains your name, member number, and statement of your qualifications for office.
- Provide lines for signatories. Each line should include space for a printed name, member number, and signature.
- Have the petition signed by a MINIMUM of 25 CPMT Society members in good standing (Student-grade members are not eligible to sign.)
- Membership status of all signatories will be validated. It is suggested that you gather more than 25 signatures in order to assure meeting the minimum required number of valid signatures.
- Submit your petition by no later than Friday, 29 June 2007 to:

CPMT Society Nominations Committee
c/o Marsha Tickman
IEEE CPMT Society Executive Office
445 Hoes Lane, PO Box 1331
Piscataway, NJ 08855-1331 USA
or FAX to 732-981-1769.

If you have questions or need additional information, contact Marsha Tickman at the above address, by phone at 732-562-5529, or by e-mail at m.tickman@ieee.org.

Member Recognition:

Mr. Ralph W. Russell II Honored for Volunterism



Senior Member and CPMT Chapters/Membership Strategic Director **Ralph W. Russell II** has been named one of 12 Volunteers of the Year for 2005 by Dominion, a leading U.S. energy producer. Russell, an account manager with Dominion, was honored for his countless hours of volunteer leadership in the Boy Scouts of America. A lifelong member of the scouts, the former scoutmaster has touched

many lives.

Russell's major contribution to the scouts has been his work at the Merit Badge Midways of the National Scout Jamborees. The mission of the midways is to provide instruction on merit badges at various booths set up for attendees. Russell has coordinated either the Electricity or the Electronics Merit Badge booth at seven jamborees since 1981. He has also served for six years as a staff member on the U.S. National Scout Jamboree council, helping to tutor scouts about electrical safety, simple circuits, and microprocessors at annual summer meetings.

Russell has also worked with the IEEE precollege education program to develop a Web site, www.emeritbadges.org, that