

## **Minutes of Neural Systems and Applications Technical Committee 2003 Annual Meeting**

Date: Wednesday, May 28, 2003

Time: 12:30 noon to 1:30 pm

Location: 702, Imperial Queen's Park Hotel, Bangkok

Present: Prof. Ralph Etienne-Cummings, Dr. Wai-Chi Fang, Prof. Chung J. Kuo, Prof. David Lin, Prof. Chung-Yu Wu, Prof. Philip Hafliger.

1. Dr. Wai-Chi Fang, the Chair, called the meeting to order.
2. The 2003 NSA TC meeting agenda was approved unanimously.
3. The 2002 NSA TC meeting minutes was approved.
4. Chair announced that BOG Meeting will be held at TDA.
5. Chair reported on TC Chairs meeting with Martin Hassler
  - a. Indicated that website must be improved
  - b. To be added to website: Objectives, member list, information on how to join.
  - c. CAS society has limited funds.
  - d. We should read the report generated by Hassler's office.
6. Reports of accomplished technical activities (May 2002 to May 2003) has been submitted.
7. Award recognition and endorsements
  - 7.1 Prof. Orly Yadid-Pecht was voted to the BOG.
  - 7.2 Wai-Chi Fang was elect to IEEE Fellow.
  - 7.3 Two outstanding Lectureships: Prof. Lin and Prof. Cauwenberghs
  - 7.4 Profs. Etienne-Cummings, Yadid-Pecht and Fang were nominated to the BOG
8. Planning of upcoming events and near future activities (May 2003 to May 2004)
  - 8.1 Conference activities
    - 8.1.1 ISCAS 2004
      - 8.1.1.1 Dr. Kwan would become the NSA Track Chair and members were invited to serve as the Review Committee Members.
      - 8.1.1.2 Prof. Hafliger and Etienne-Cummings proposed to co-organizer and co-chair an invited session on "Spiking Neural Networks" in ISCAS 2004
      - 8.1.1.3 Proposal for Tutorials are to be provided by email.
      - 8.1.1.4 Ralph Etienne-Cummings indicated that the Neural Information Processing Systems conference and workshops is a good place to publish outside of ISCAS to promote the TC.
      - 8.1.1.5 In November we will nominate individuals for Distinguished Lecturer
      - 8.1.1.6 Chair will make nominations for Associate Editorships
    - 8.2 Publication activities
      - 8.2.1 Prof. Bernabe Linares-Barranco guest edited an "IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks" Special Issue on Neural Networks Hardware Implementations.

- 8.2.2 Ralph Etienne-Cummings reported that the Neural Information Processing Systems 2003 will be held during December 8-13, 2003 in Vancouver, Canada and the deadline for paper submission is June 6, 2003
- 9. Award recognition and endorsement (2003-2004)
  - 9.1 Prof. Kwan was elected Chair of NSA TC
  - 9.2 Prof. Etienne-Cummings was elected Chair-Elect
  - 9.3 Prof. Lin was elected to Secretary (Prof. D. Liu could not be considered because he was absent)
- 10. Other business
  - 10.1 We thanked Dr. Fang for his fine leadership of the TC and welcomed Dr. Kwan as the new Chair.
- 11. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.