

PRESIDENT'S REPORT OCTOBER 2002 AESS BOG MEETING

June TAB Meeting Notes:

1. IEEE Budget-Last report I called this Infrastructure Allocation. The last meeting expanded this to include the whole budget process. The process was painful. To get the 2002 budget. The IEEE started in April by sending to the Societies their Budget estimate of \$11.8M net income from the Societies. The Societies responded in May with their estimate of \$8.4M resulting in a gap of \$3.4M. In the meantime the IEEE set a target based on their April view of \$15.3M. This was the "Challenge" budget Charley discussed. As result the gap grew to \$6.9M. The IEEE worked with the Societies to close the gap by among other things increasing non-member pricing for IEEE products. We participated in that. By the June meeting the gap had closed to \$2.8M. Eventually the gap was completely closed by expense cuts at IEEE.

It should come as on surprise that some Societies were pretty upset at the process. The Society view is that the net positive Society/Council budgets were being consumed by Corporate losses and the their reserves won't grow by an expected amount. This is perceived as a reduction in reserves. However, at the top line, at IEEE Corporate, the view is that some Operating Units were positive and some were negative resulting in no impact on IEEE reserves. There were many hot emails during this time.

The meeting was focussed on not repeating the problems in 2001. The 2002 Forecast was shown to be 0 relative to the Budget at the IEEE Corporate level. However, at the Society/Council level the Forecast was (\$3.7) relative to the budget. This was largely due to conference losses caused by the 9/11 tragedy. The difference was made up at IEEE by \$4.6M infrastructure savings.

I'm not sure where the 2003 budget is currently but in June favorable to the 2002 budget. Charley will discuss the AESS budget. I will describe some other actions at the meeting.

2. Member Access to IEEE Intellectual Property-The Member Digital Library will come on line in January 2003. IEEE members will be able to access all current periodicals and conference proceedings plus a 5-year rolling backfile. They can access up to 25 per month at a cost of \$35 per month with a 12-month minimum commitment. This represents a change from my report in April.
3. Electronic Submissions for Conference Proceedings-The mandatory version passed in February was reversed. It was realized that it would have caused a net loss to the IEEE since they would have had to pay a vendor to process the non-compliant conferences and there was no way to recover the money. However, there is a very strong push to make Conference Proceedings Xplore compliant and we have to institute a plan.

4. Operations Review Committee-TAB authorized an Operations Review of the IEEE and this was later approved by the IEEE Board. The Review is to examine how the IEEE infrastructure operates and whether there are ways to make it more efficient.

Other Activities

Pursuant to the AESS Board's direction, I requested IEEE-USA to make a name change to reincorporate Aerospace into the Transportation Policy Committee. We were successful and after the November meetings the name will be the Committee on Transportation and Aerospace Technology Policy. I also edited the Committee Charter to include Aerospace concerns.

The AESS has been one of the strongest Societies in shaping the IEEE response to the United States Export Control regulations. Original approaches would have seriously impacted our conferences by requiring the author's employer or the conference organizers to certify that each paper complied with the U.S. regulations. This obviously was not a viable position. The most recent technique that was negotiated with the State Department was to dispense with all compliance forms and include in each author's package a short memo describing the International Traffic in Arms Control procedures as an educational input.

I recently negotiated with the AIAA to have a double wide booth at the 100th Anniversary of Flight Exhibition in Dayton, Ohio. We were able to get a favorable location and the double booth for the cost of a single wide booth and publicity in the Systems Magazine