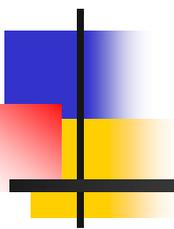


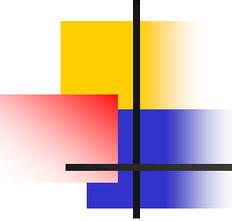
ComSoC 2007 NA RCCC Membership Development



Yigang Cai, PhD

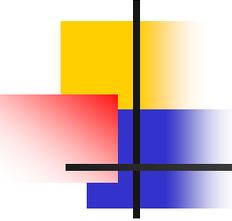
Chicago Chapter Past Chair (2003-2006)

January 12, 2007



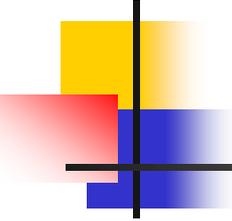
Chicago Chapter Overview

- Officers
 - Chair: John Poust
 - Past Chair: Yigang Cai (2003-2006)
 - Secretary: Jack Sherman
 - Membership: Jack Sherman
 - Treasurer: Burnie Sander (Section)
- Membership
 - ~1900 (include also Computer Chapter)
 - Hundreds non-members in the distribution list
- ComSoc chapter Achievement Awards (2004 and 2006)



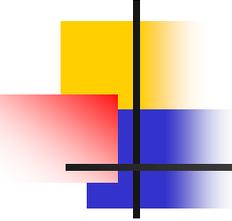
Membership Development

- Successful chapter activities attracting people
 - 9 meetings, workshops and conference per year
 - Distinguished Lecturers program
 - Interesting topics; distinguished speakers; web, email and newsletter announcement; university programs; telecom industry (Lucent, Motorola, Avaya, AT&T, etc) sponsorship
- Networking and professional development
 - Networking session during meeting, workshop and conference
 - Professional development education certificates
 - Post job opportunity to members
 - Post internship opportunity to students



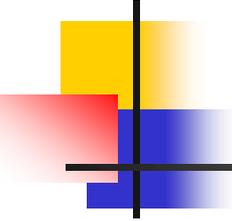
Membership Development

- Membership drives
 - Always free activities open to the public, attracting many non-members
 - Membership application form available at all activities
 - SM elevation for qualified members
 - Frequent student activities
- Encourage and retain volunteers
 - Never short of volunteers in Chicago
 - Invited speakers turn to volunteers
 - Students activities attract student volunteers
 - Recognition



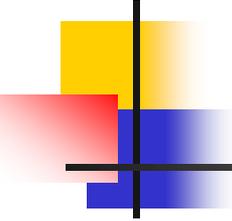
Chicago Chapter Financials

- No direct funding from ComSoc HQ
- \$10,000+ savings from previous conferences
- \$2,400/year budget from the section. Chapter financials are managed by Chicago Section
- ComSoc chapter achievement awards (2004 \$500, 2006 \$1,000)
- Free activity locations from IIT, Lucent, and Motorola
- Free meetings and seminars (with free snack and beverage) to the public
- Joint workshops and conferences with local industries and universities



Chicago Success Experience

- Strong chapter leadership
- Frequent communication with members
- Understand and meet the need of members
- Elevate qualified members to SM
- Maintain good relationship and collaboration with local industry and universities
- Always get supports from the section and ComSoc HQ



Future Development

- Future Plans
 - Broaden the meeting topics to attract more audiences (we have sent a survey to our members)
 - Increase members and student members involvement
 - Enhance collaboration with local companies and universities (more joint workshops and conferences)
 - Increase numbers of new members and SM
- More Supports from ComSoc HQ
 - More Distinguished Lecturers from ComSoc
 - Recommend Chicago speakers for Distinguished Lecturers program
 - Guidance of technical programs
 - Encourage fellows in participation of chapter activities