IEEE ComSoc BoG and India

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Aim of Presentation

• BoG overview
• India-specific challenges

[Note: This is my personal view. Not an official view from BoG or ComSoc.]
Membership of the IEEE Communications Society is represented on the Board of Governors.

- All members of the society are eligible for elected and appointed offices.
- A Nominating Committee selects candidates for elections.
  - Can enter as petition candidate if there is sufficient support

More details at: http://www.comsoc.org/about/bog/officers
Overview of Board

• President (Sergio Benedetto)
• President-Elect (Harvey Freeman)

Vice Presidents (Elected Officers)
• VP - Conferences (Hikmet Sari)
• VP - Member Relations (Stefano Bregni)
• VP - Publications (Sarah Kate Wilson)
• VP - Standards Activities (Robert Fish)
• VP - Technical Activities (Khaled Letaief)

Elected to serve a 2 year term
Members-at-Large

- **Class of 2015**
  - Nirwan Ansari, Hans-Martin Foisel, Neelesh Mehta, David Michelson
- **Class of 2016**
  - Sonia Aissa, Xuemin (Sherman) Shen, Hsiao-Hwa Chen, Nei Kato
- **Class of 2017**
  - Gerhard Fettweis, Araceli Garcia Gomez, Steve Gorshe, James Hong

Now: 1 from AP region, 1 from EMEA, 2 from Americas

Elected to serve 3 year term.

4 retire every year. Can vote.
Directors (Appointed Officers)

- Treasurer (Stan Moyer)
- Chief Information Officer (CIO) (Stefano Galli)
- Director - Journals (Len Cimini)
- Director - Magazines (Steve Gorshe)
- Director - Conference Development (Nelson Fonseca) [ICPC contact]
- Director - Conference Operations (Tarek El-Bawab)
- Director - Conference Publications (Chengshan Xiao)
- Director - Education & Training (Michele Zorzi)
- Director - Online Content (Elena Neira)
- Director - Marketing & Industry Relations (Ashutosh Dutta)
- Director - Membership Programs Development (Koichi Asatani)
- Director - Standards Development (Mehmet Ulema)

[Several other Directors not mentioned here due to lack of space]
Regional Representation

• Director - Asia/Pacific Region (Wanjiun Liao)
• Director - Europe, Middle-East & Africa Region (Hanna Bogucka)
• Director - Latin America Region (Pedro Aguilera)
• Director - North America Region (Merrily Hartmann)
ComSoc Staff

• Executive Director (Susan Brooks)
• Several staff who plan and execute ComSoc activities
  – ComSoc has staff in India now (Munir Mohamed)
BoG Meetings

• Always meet twice a year at ICC and Globecom
• Set direction and make decisions for ComSoc
• Some example tasks:
  – Review of activities by various VPs, online content, etc.
  – New/emerging directions, new journals
  – Staffing
  – Finances
  – Industry interactions
  – Any motions put forth to update by-laws, policies and procedures
    • E.g., Based on members’ concerns
• And: Yearly OpCom meetings and 1 Management Retreat
  – Subset of BoG attends these
Other Avenues to Influence BoG

- Technical committees (TCs)
- Several boards that meet during Globecom/ICC and by telecons
- Examples (I am involved in):
  - Education and training board (Michele Zorzi)
  - Member and industry relations board (Ashutosh Dutta)
Challenges Facing us in India
Barry Shoop voted in as the 2015 President-Elect.
Kukjin Chun voted in as 2015-2016 R10 Director-Elect.

- R10 returned ballot: 17.1%. IEEE returned ballot: 14.7%
- 3 Sections with highest voting percentage amongst 57 Sections in R10. (Award: US$500, $300 and $200)
  - 1st Highest Voting percentage: Seoul Section (55.8%)
  - 2nd Highest Voting percentage: Kwangju Section (39.1%)
  - 3rd Highest Voting percentage: Changwon Section (39.0%)
Challenges – 1/3

+ Second largest membership base! (5000+ members)
+ Enthusiastic, dedicated volunteers in some chapters
+ Growing industry

• Need for more active member participation
  – Voting [See example]
  – Increase chapter activity and member engagement

Voicing India-specific concerns matters
  – Example: Annual membership dues raised from $28 to $30
• Lack of international and domestic ComSoc conferences in India
  – Can we together set up a bid for a Tier II/ Tier I ComSoc conference?
    • Tier II: WCNC/PIMRC
    • Tier 1: Globecom/ICC
  – Requires:
    • 4-5 years lead time
  – India-specific ComSoc conference?
Challenges – 3/3

• Education and training
  – Make a local DLT program for India?
  – Does WCET work for us?
  – ComSoc courses and training modules for India?

• Industry participation and outreach
  – How to make industry buy into and drive ComSoc vision?

• Insufficient visibility: Lack of nominations from India for IEEE Fellowship and ComSoc and related awards

• Improve technical quality and output
  – Participation in technical committees
  – Standardization activities
  – Thanks to Dr. Rajesh Ingale for emphasising this in his talk today
India-Specific ComSoc Conference Proposal?

• Combine 3 pillars of Indian academia and industry
  1. Communications
  2. Standards
  3. Software

• Does not compete with existing technical conferences such as ANTS, NCC, SPCOM, and COMSNETS

• Different and complementary forum with unique focus for the many professional and student members in India

• Important goal: Attract industry
Next BoG Elections In August 2015

- MAL candidates from our region
  - Vivek S. Deshpande
  - Neelesh B. Mehta
  - Qian Zhang