President’s Report

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July 7, 2013
Thank You’s

• Muriel for her service as President 2012
• Helmut for his service as Editor-in-Chief 2010-2013
• Michelle for organizing the Shannon stamp initiative
• Aylin for staying on top of things
• Paul for shepherding the
  – renaming: IEEE Jack Keil Wolf ISIT Student Paper Award
  – establishing: IEEE Thomas M. Cover Dissertation Award
• Alon for agreeing to Chair the External Nominations Committee
• Committee chairs (Abbas, Deniz, Elza, Giuseppe, Jeff, Joerg, Matthieu, Michelle, Negar, Rob, Sriram) for getting things done
Welcome

Yiannis as our new Transactions Editor-in-Chief
News from TAB

• Meetings on Feb. 15-16 (Austin) and June 28-29 (San Diego)
• Publication ethics: citation count manipulation is being addressed (see file)
• IEEE TAB Society Review Feb. 14 (see file)
  – Committee had positive comments in general: see newsletter article
  – Suggestions: (1) expand non-academic membership and
    (2) consider developing formal strategic planning including
    milestones, metrics, responsible persons, and resources.
  – Best Practices: (1) 1st year free student membership, (2) up-to-date sub-
    to-pub metrics on web site, (3) monthly financial forecasting process
• IEEE Padovani fund: has grown to 70k, will grow to >110k
  – Roberto prefers to spend slowly and on North America
  – Otherwise, he wants us to decide how to use the money
  – Ad-hoc committee to gather ideas: Mike and Ubli

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ITSoc New Initiatives

• **Student** Committee (Sriram/Deniz: see file), total $4k
  – ITSoc Oscars Video Competition
  – Lunch with Shannon Award Winner

• **WITHITS** (Negar): 5 video interviews for $8k

• **Online** (Matthieu): TBD

• **New Schools**: Australia, East Asia, India, South America
  – Plan to ask IEEE to use reserve money
  – Up to 3% of ITSoc reserves ≈ $100k
  – But total TAB spending limited to 1% of TAB reserves ≈ $1.8M
  – And there are already requests for $2.8M from all societies
  – So we may have to live with much less than 3% (maybe $50k?)
ITSoC Issues

• **Budget:** we are going into the red for 2014, and sliding even more into the red for 2015 and 2016. **Reason:** IEEE changed its distribution formula last year and is phasing it in during 2014-2016. **Effect** (according to TAB): new formula gives small societies with many Xplore clicks less, and gives large societies more (e.g., ComSoc budget is growing tremendously for 2014-2016)

• **Transactions:** getting too big to handle with the current model. Consensus is to reduce costs.

• **Schools:** 4 new school proposals for 2014. We hope to fund these for 2014 from reserves. New IEEE formula and the many TAB reserve funding requests may limit our options.

• **Transactions:** add an open access option? We likely must soon.