



International Union of Radio Science U.S. Commission B

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MINUTES Commission B Business Meeting

2017 USNC-URSI
San Diego, CA, USA
July 10, 2017

1. Chair John Volakis called the meeting to order at 5:09 pm.
2. Welcome to members and guests.
3. Introduction of guests.
4. Introduced USNC Commission B, USNC, and URSI officers.
5. Jamesina Simpson becomes USNC-URSI Commission B Chair starting January 1, 2018.
6. Nominations are requested for USNC-URSI Vice-Chair. Please send nominations to John Volakis by Aug. 14, 2017.
7. Paper submission is now open for the 2018 National Radio Science Meeting in Boulder, CO (Jan. 4-7, 2018).
8. Ross Stone presented an overview of the URSI membership requirements.
9. Ross Stone encouraged everyone to attend the 2017 URSI GASS in Montreal, Quebec, Canada (Aug. 19-16, 2017).
10. Ross stone presented an overview of the URSI triennial flagship meetings (GASS, AT-RASC, AP-RASC).
11. Upcoming meetings – A list of the upcoming meetings taking place in the next two years was presented.
12. Technical Activities Report
 - Branislav Notaros, Chair of the USNC-URSI Commission B Technical Activities Committee, presented the Technical Activities Report (attached at the end of these meeting minutes).
 - The special sessions and statistics for USNC-URSI Commission B participation in the 2017 Radio Science Meeting in San Diego were presented:

- Total papers: 1946 submitted, 1792 accepted
- USNC-URSI papers: 438 submitted, 412 accepted, 0 rejected
- USNC-URSI Commission B papers: 233 submitted, 224 accepted, 0 rejected
- 18 AP/URSI joint special sessions
- The statistics for the submissions and special sessions at the 2017 National Radio Science Meeting in Boulder, CO were summarized.
- 10 special sessions are confirmed for the 2018 National Radio Science Meeting.

13. Committee Report-- Membership Committee

- Kathie Melde (filled in for Ed Rothwell) Presented Membership Report
- Nominations were as follows:
 - Maria Pour – U. Alabama Huntsville – full member
 - Payam Nayeri – Colorado School of Mines – full member
 - Stavros Georgakopoulos – Florida International University – full member
 - Marco Poort – University of Illinois Chicago – early career member
 - Elias Alwan – Florida International University – early career member
 - Asimina Kiourti – Ohio State – early career member
- Members in attendance voted to accept all of those nominations.

14. Chair Report-- Old Business

- Karl Warnick asked if John Volakis was the “Old Business”. Polite laughter.
- Branislav Notaros informed Karl that this was an inappropriate wise crack ☺.

15. Chair Report-- New Business

None.

16. Adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Minutes taken by Karl Warnick for Reyhan Baktur.
Respectfully submitted by Reyhan Baktur, Secretary

Guests in attendance

Ahmed Hassan, Fabria Labeau, Yahia Antar, Rodney Vaughn, Deanna Sessions, Ruisi He

Members in attendance

Nathan Champagne, Goutam Chattopadhyay, Atef Elsherbeni, Levent Gurel, Susan Hagness, Gregory Huff, David Jackson, Joseph Kotulski, Stuart Long, Eric Michielssen, Eric Mokole, Niru Nahar, Branislav Notaros, Yahya Rahmat-Samii, Sembiam Rengarajan, Kamalesh Sainath, Kamal Sarabandi, Kubilay Sertel, Balasubramaniam Shanker, Jamesina Simpson, George Uslenghi, Dan Weile, Doug Werner, Alexander Yakovlev, Rick Ziolkowski, Andrea Alu, Ioannis Besieris, Gerald Burke, Robert Burkholder, Danilo Erricolo, Peder Hansen, Ahmed Kishk, Ron Marhefka, Bob Nevels, Sima Noghianian, Ron Pogorzelski, Satish Sharma, Georgios Trichopoulos, Steven Weiss, Alexander Yakovlev, Ali Yilmaz, Karl Warnick, Kathie Melde, John Volakis, Gary Brown