

LOBECOMM 2003 ONTC MEETING MINUTES
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Taken by Dimitrios Pendarakis

Attendees: Mike Kincaid, Raouf Boutaba, Dimitrios Pendarakis, Nim Cheung, Mark Karol, Wojciech Kabacinski, Sam Ou, Jason Jue, Hui Zang, Biswanath Mukherjee, Vinod Vokkarane, Christoph Gauger, Somdip Datta, Doug Zuckerman, Ozan Touguz, Vincent Chan, Chunming Qiao, Nirwan Ansari, Dahai Xu, Hakki C. Cankaya, Oman Cherkaoui, Oliver Yang, Bobby Ninan, Mike Devetsikiotis, Sudhir Dixit, S. Kartalopoulos, Mohsen Guizani, Ioannis Tomkos, Laxman Sahasrabudde, Dilip Sarkar, Jaafar Elmirghani

The meeting started at 5:30pm in Room Pacific C at the San Francisco Marriott Hotel.

1. Hussein Mouftah opened the meeting with welcome remarks and introduction of attendees
 - a. Made motion to approve the agenda. Motion was amended with a proposal to advance the elections earlier to accommodate members who have to leave early. Proposal to move elections from position #10 in the original agenda to position #4. Approved.
2. Approval of ICC2003 meeting minutes. Approved by show of hands.
3. Globecom'2003
4. Elections: Election committee consisting of Doug Zuckerman, Nim Cheung and Hussein Mouftah. The current chair was appointed and this will be the first election for Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. ONTC will follow the same rules that all other committees have to follow. The election committee has come up with a set of nominees, two for each position.
 - a. Chair:
 - i. Biswanath Mukherjee
 - ii. Ibrahim Habib
 - b. Vice-chair
 - i. Ioannis Tomkos
 - ii. Mounir Hamdi
 - c. Secretary
 - i. Dimitrios Pendarakis
 - ii. Jason Jue
 - d. The Chair displayed the position statement and bio of each of the nominees. The Election Committee also asked for additional nominations before closing the floor for nominations. Chair asked for nominations, in addition to the two names that the committee has nominated. No nominations were made. Motion to close the nomination process. Approved. Chair distributed ballots.
 - e. Results: **Mukherjee** (22), Habib (10), **Tomkos** (18), Hamdi (14), **Jue** (22), Pendarakis (10)
5. OFC'2004: will be held in Los Angeles. Call for papers was out, deadline for submission has passed and tutorials and invited speakers have been decided. Question about acceptance ratio: about 35%. Number of submissions was about 133, not including invited papers. Question on Postdeadline papers. Ioannis Tomkos mentioned that these are very important papers, mostly from industry, not from academia. Papers which are supposed to be breakthrough results. Ioannis Tomkos suggested that more involvement in ECOC (Europe) is desirable.
6. ICC'2004: to be held in Paris, second half of June. There is an optical networking symposium. Program is almost finalized. Committee is sponsoring 7 1/2 sessions of about 8 papers each, so total is about 60 papers. Also tutorial. Total number of submissions about 200.
7. Globecom'2004: Will take place in Dallas. There is also an optical networking symposium. Invitation to make proposals for tutorials and workshops in Globecom'2004. They can be either full or half day.
8. Workshops: They are part of the symposium.
9. Standards forums liaison (IETF, OIF, ITU/T1): There is a desire to work closer with standards bodies.
10. Publications: Need to get a transactions level publication for optical networking and communications. One of the 4 issues of Network magazine and Communications Magazine will be focused on a specific area or topic. High-quality submissions with little math are solicited for the magazines. Interest in access networks, FTTH, etc. Deadline will be end of March 2004. Important to note the difference in

style between IEEE Communications and IEEE JSAC. Length limit is 6 pages. Wide aspect solicited. Combination of invited and submitted.

11. Other business: Jason Jue advertised Opticom 2004 and solicited proposals for tutorials, workshops, etc. Question about sponsorship: trying to get it sponsored by the IEEE Communications Society. In 2003 SPIE dropped sponsorship. Probably due to the fact that SPIE is more device/physical layer oriented.
12. Adjourned at 7:25pm.