

Robotics and Automation Council
Meeting Minutes: 9/29/86

IEEE ROBOTICS AND AUTOMATION COUNCIL

ADCOM MEETING, SEPTEMBER 29, 1986

1. LIST OF ATTENDEES

*R.P. Paul, President
J.F. Jarvis, Past President
A.K. Bejczy, Vice President
H.E. Stephanou, Secretary
J.Y. Luh, Control Systems Society
A.J. Koivo, Control Systems Society
A. Abramovich, Industrial Electronics Society
H. Haneda, Industrial Electronics Society
D.G. Raheja, Reliability Society*

2. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The meeting agenda proposed by Paul was unanimously adopted (Jarvis, Luh).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the CRA ADCOM meeting held on April 7, 1986 at the San Francisco Hilton Hotel were unanimously approved (Koivo, Luh).

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Society formation interest survey

The Adcom unanimously approved a motion (Jarvis, Abramovich) to conduct an interest survey about the formation of a Robotics and Automation Society. The cost of the survey is not to exceed \$9000.

4.2 Nomination of awards chairperson

The Adcom unanimously approved a motion (Jarvis, Bejczy) to form an awards committee, and to nominate George N. Saridis as chairman of that committee for an indefinite term.

4.3 Judith Resnik award

The Adcom reviewed a proposal to "establish a Judith Resnik Award for pioneering achievements in the field of robotics and automation and that the eligibility be limited to men and women under thirty-seven years old, the age at which Judith Resnik died. Further, a committee be formed for the purpose of obtaining donations to endow this award". The proposal was referred to George Saridis.

4.4 Co-sponsorship of IEEE Intelligent Control Workshop

The Adcom approved a motion to co-sponsor the 1987 IEEE Intelligent Control Workshop (held in Philadelphia, PA) without financial obligation or responsibility.

4.5 Appointment of a page charge editor

The Adcom unanimously approved a motion (Bejczy, Stephanou) authorizing George Bekey to appoint a page charge editor for the Journal of Robotics and Automation.

4.6 Nomination of 1987 Vice-President

Jarvis nominated Y.C. (Larry) Ho, Harvard University, for the position of Council's Vice-President and President-elect, 1987. The nomination was unanimously approved by the Adcom.

4.7 Microrobots Workshop

The Adcom unanimously approved a motion (Jarvis, Bejczy) to sponsor an open workshop on Microrobots. The workshop will be organized by Gabriel and Trimmer of AT&T Bell Labs, and will be held in Cape Cod, MA in October 1987. Workshop proceedings will be published, with the Council listed as the sole sponsor. The workshop budget is binding. It forecasts \$24,800 in income, and \$14,000 in expenses.

5. REPORTS

Jarvis reported that the planning of the 1987 conference was proceeding normally. There would be 10 to 12 exhibits, mostly books and microcomputer-based systems. A reception will be held on Tuesday March 31.

Paul reported that the (late April) 1988 Conference will be held in the Wyndham Park Plaza in Philadelphia. Exhibit space will be available.

Bejczy reported that the surplus from the 1986 Conference is about \$36,000.

Paul reported (for Bekey) that the Journal would be bi-monthly in 1987.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Length of terms in office

The possibility of a constitutional amendment extending the Council President and Vice-president terms to two years was discussed, and was generally favored by Adcom members. Paul will discuss this issue with Irv Engelson.

6.2 Travel reimbursement for secretary and treasurer

The Adcom unanimously approved a motion (Jarvis, Bejczy) to reimburse travel expenses for the Council secretary and treasurer to attend Adcom meetings, subject to all IEEE guidelines, if their organization will not reimburse travel expenses.

7. NEW BUSINESS

The next Adcom meeting will be held on the afternoon of March 30, 1987 at the Radisson Hotel in Raleigh, North Carolina.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Adcom meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.