

technical activities

NEWSBRIEFS

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. • 445 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, New Jersey 08855-1331 USA

TAB Secretary: Irving Engelson
Newsbriefs Editor: Laura S. Jobmann

Vol. 12, No. 2
April, 1993

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE TAB ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 17, 1993

The first meeting of the 1993 TAB Administration Council (TABAC) was held on April 17, 1993 at the Hyatt Orlando, Orlando, Florida. The following actions were taken:

IEEE Voluntary Page Charge. As requested by the TAB Periodicals Council, TABAC approved the IEEE Voluntary Page Charge at \$110 for 1994. This rate, which is approved annually, remains unchanged since 1983.

1993 Section Rebate Schedule. TABAC agreed to convey to RAB the concerns expressed by Society Chapters regarding Chapter Activities. One of the major concerns is the decreased financial support to Chapters by Sections as a result of the new Section rebate schedule. The schedule was changed for 1993, to pay to each Section \$2.50 per member including Chapter members. Since the prior rebate schedule allocated funds for technical meetings held by the Chapters as well as a per Chapter member rebate, TABAC will request that RAB, in consultation with TAB, review the appropriateness of the new rebate schedule in light of the concerns expressed by the Society Chapters.

Voting Status of TAB and TABAC Members. TABAC recommended to TAB endorsement of proposed IEEE Bylaw revisions that would change the voting status of members of these bodies, so that all members will have the right to vote. It was agreed that the Staff Secretary of TAB and TABAC would remain a non-voting member. To provide a more equitable distribution of voting privileges to TABAC members, the TABAC Society President Representatives' votes would count as two each. Upon endorsement by TAB, the Bylaw revisions will be presented to the IEEE Board of Directors for approval.

Proposed Revisions to IEEE Policy Statement 6.13 - Requirements for Starting New Publications. TABAC discussed proposed modifications to IEEE Policy Statement 6.13 governing requirements for starting new publications. The modifications were endorsed in principle by the IEEE Publications Board and will be presented to TAB for endorsement.

Assistance for Scientists and Engineers in Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union. As requested by TABAC in October,

1992, TABAC received a report from the Staff Director for Technical Activities regarding the implementation of plans to obtain funding for assisting scientists and engineers in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. Working with the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and involving sixteen other scientific organizations, a grant was awarded to AAAS from the MacArthur Foundation to support the distribution of scientific journals in the former Soviet Union.

Conversion of TAB Brussels Office to an IEEE Office. TABAC discussed the implications, including financial considerations, of converting the TAB Brussels office to an IEEE office. It is expected that by making this office an IEEE office, all current services would continue to be provided and an expanded menu of services, which would benefit the members in Region 8, will be offered.

Region Meeting Reports. In consonance with the TAB Goal to enhance communications with geographic entities, TABAC received reports from the TAB Representatives that attended the Regions 3, 8 and 9 Committee meetings.

Next Technical Activities Board Meeting. The Technical Activities Board will hold its next meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico on June 30, 1993.

Next TAB Administration Council Meeting. The next meeting of the TAB Administration Council will be held September 11, 1993, location to be determined.

Technical Activities NEWSBRIEFS is published aperiodically by the Technical Activities Board staff department and carries highlights from the meetings of the Technical Activities Board and, on occasion, other appropriate items of interest to the IEEE technical leadership. Meeting minutes will be distributed as usual. Copies are available from Administrative Services at (908) 562-3921.