IEEE-USA Board of Directors

17 February 2012
Phoenix, Arizona

Meeting Summary

The IEEE-USA Board of Directors met on 17 Feb. 2012 in Phoenix, AZ, where the following actions were taken:

- Approved by consent the minutes of the 18 Nov. 2011 IEEE-USA Board of Directors minutes.

- Received the reports of the IEEE-USA President, President-Elect and Past President.

- Received the report of the IEEE-USA Managing Director.

- Received the report of the IEEE-USA Treasurer on 2011 and 2012 financials, the 2013 budget estimate and process, and the status of IEEE-USA contribution funds.

- Received and discussed a report on the 2012 Career and Member Services Plan for Consultants Services.

- Received and discussed a report on the 2012 Communications and Public Awareness Plan.

- Approved a motion directing the IEEE-USA Vice President, Communications and Public Awareness to work with the IEEE-USA Communications Committee to develop a plan for, and explore the impact of, merging IEEE-USA In Action and IEEE-USA Today’s Engineer into a single “flagship” IEEE-USA publication at no net increase in operating budget and to present their recommendations to the Board in May 2012.

- Discussed the 2012 Government Relations Plan.
• Approved a motion directing the Vice President, Government Relations to work with the Government Relations Council to plan and implement a streamlined government relations function to take effect in FY 2013, that emphasizes grassroots member engagement and broad member participation, that is consistent with constraints on staff resources, and that is funded through net neutral adjustments to the GR operational budgets within the GR cost center (6300).

• Discussed the 2012-2017 Professional Activities Plan with respect to the IEEE-USA Annual Meeting.

• Discussed the 2012 Conferences Plans.

• Discussed the 2012 Membership Plans.

• Discussed the 2012 IP Professionals Plans.

• Approved a motion in Executive Session updating the 2013-2017 Staffing Plan.

• Approved with amendments a proposed IEEE-USA position statement on "Near Earth Objects (NEOS)."

• Approved with amendments a proposed IEEE-USA position statement on “Upgrading the National Airspace System”.

• Approved with amendments a proposed IEEE-USA position statement on “Remote Sensing”.

• Returned to committee with inputs a proposed addendum on "Breaking Our Addiction to Oil By Transforming Transportation” to the IEEE-USA Position on National Energy Policy Recommendations.

• Approved reissuance of the IEEE-USA Position on "National Energy Policy Recommendations" with a 2012 approval date and an updated Board of Director’s listing.

• Returned to committee with inputs a proposal for amending the Intellectual Property Committee Charter.

• Approved a modification to the Grassroots Budget (63055) authorizing $20,000 in additional spending 2012 for purposes of building a new online Legislative Action Center.

• Received a report updating the Board on IEEE-USA’s advocacy activities in support of skilled immigration reform, including recent media-related issues.

• Received a report from the IEEE Foundation on support available for IEEE-USA fund-raising activities, with a focus on planning for an EWeek 2014 development effort.
Deferred a report on EWeek 2014 planning due to time constraints.

Received oral and written reports on program activities and 2012 plans from the Vice Presidents for Career & Member Services, Communications & Public Awareness, Government Relations, and Professional Activities.

Received oral and written activity reports from the IEEE-USA Members-at-Large.

Received oral and written reports from the Region 1-6 Directors.

Received a liaison report on activities of the American Association of Engineering Societies.

Received an information report with results of the 2011 Board of Director’s Self Evaluation Survey.

Noted that the Board’s next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, 3 May 2012 in conjunction with the IEEE-USA Annual Meeting, and that no meeting will be held in conjunction with the IEEE Board Series in June 2012.

There being no additional old or new business. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:20 p.m.