

**Minutes of the USNC-URSI Commission F Business Meeting
July 23, 2007**

**Joint via Teleconference between the
North American Radio Science Meeting
Ottawa, Canada, and the
IEEE International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium
Barcelona Spain**

1. Roger Lang called the meeting to order at 12:31 Eastern Daylight Time and 18:31 Central European Summer Time.
2. The minutes of the USNC URSI Comm F Business Meeting from Jan. 5, 2006 were approved. Moved: R. Stone; Second: G. Brown.
3. The following were nominated for Membership in URSI Commission F:
Saul A. Torrico, COMSEARCH (Sponsor: Roger Lang)
Robert E. Marshall, NSWC/DD (Sponsor: Janet Stapleton)
David E. Freund, JHU/APL (Sponsor: Jonathan Gehman)
All nominees were elected as new Members. Moved: R. Stone; Second: E. Bahar.
4. Past Meetings: One of the three finalists in the USNC URSI Student Paper Competition held January 2006 in Boulder was from Commission F. We encourage continued participation from Commission F in the competition.
5. Future Meetings:
 - a. Abstract Deadlines:
 - i. October 12, 2007 for the 2008 National Radio Science Meeting
 - ii. January 15, 2008 for the IEEE AP-S Meeting in San Diego
 - iii. January 31, 2008 for the URSI General Assembly in Chicago
 - b. USNC Comm F will elect a new Secretary and a new Membership Chair at the January 2008 business meeting in Boulder.
 - c. Another date conflict between the IEEE-APS and IGARSS meetings will occur the first week of July 2008.
 - d. Added new meetings: IGARSS 2010 in Honolulu, IGARSS 2012 in Sendai, Japan, and IGARSS 2014 in Melbourne, Australia.
6. Informational Items:
 - a. Chalmers Butler, Vice President of International URSI, will chair a committee to nominate commission members for Vice Chairs of International URSI Commissions plus the position of International Vice-President of URSI. This will be decided at the General Assembly in Chicago in August 2008. Recommendations should be sent to Chalmers Butler.
 - b. Need nominations for Vice Chair of USNC/URSI to start in January 1, 2009. This will be decided at the NRSM in Boulder in January 2008.
 - c. Recommended Nominations for URSI Young Scientists should be sent to Yahya Rahmat-Samii (scientists under 36 years old). These need to be submitted in time for the USNC/URSI to submit the nominations to the International URSI in advance of the abstract deadline for the General Assembly, which is January 31, 2008.

7. Action Item: Should we continue to hand out a printed digest of Abstracts or CD at the Boulder meeting? Commission F voted to have the URSI Meeting abstracts in CD form and on the meeting web site. This means that the printed digest would be discontinued. Moved: R. Stone; Second: A. Gasiewski.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 13:22 Eastern Daylight Time and 19:22 Central European Summer Time.

Submitted by: Steven C. Reising
Secretary, USNC-URSI Commission F

Attachments: Attendance List in Ottawa, Ontario
Attendance List in Barcelona, Spain
Meeting Agenda

**Attendance List in Ottawa, Ontario
URSI North American Radio Science Meeting**

Roger Lang (M)		Ezekiel Bahar (M)
Mike Newkirk (M)		Robert Marshall (M - NEW)
Gary Brown (M)		Saul Torrico (M - NEW)
Ross Stone (M)		Saba Mudaliar (G)

**Attendance List in Barcelona, Spain
IEEE International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium**

Kultegin Aydin (M)		Vladimir Irisov (M)
Ed R. Westwater (M)		William Plant (M)
Boba Stankov (M)		David Weissman (M)
David Le Vine (M)		Christopher Ruf (M)
Calvin Teague (M)		David Kunkee (M)
Al Gasiewski (M)		Valery Zavorotny (M)
Steven Reising (M)		
Joel Johnson (M)		Sharmila Padmanabhan (G)

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AGENDA

Welcome

Pass around Membership List for Update

Pass around Sign in List

Approval of 2006 Minutes (Jan 5, 2006, Boulder)

Election of new members (Mike Newkirk Membership Chairman)

Past Meetings

USNC/URSI January 4-7, 2006

Attendance 240 regular, 60 students/retirees (estimate)

Commission F: 3 Regular sessions (19 papers)

3 Joint sessions with B (19 papers)

Student travel fellowship grant (\$590 for 1st author students from US universities) 65 Students supported (Steve Reising).

Student Paper Contest: 17 Papers submitted (Awards \$1000, \$750, and \$500 + Travel expenses)

Contest organized by Steve Reising.

USNC/URSI January 2007

No meeting.

Yearly USNC/URSI meeting in Ottawa, July 22- 26, 2007.

IEEE APS Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii June 2007

No URSI participation.

Present Meeting

USNC/URSI Ottawa, Canada, July 22- 26, 2007

Attendance 550, regular 380, students/retirees 170 (estimate as of 7/22/07)

Commission F: 6 organized special sessions

Student travel fellowship grant (\$700 for 1st author students from US universities) 80 Students supported (Steve Reising).

Student Paper Contest: 21 Papers submitted (Awards \$1000, \$750, and \$500 + Travel expenses)

Contest organized by Steve Reising.

IGARSS July 23-27, 2007 Barcelona, Spain

Joint USNC Commission F Business meeting with URSI meeting in Ottawa, Canada (by teleconference).

Future URSI Meetings

2008 USNC/URSI National Radio Science Meeting, January 3-6, 2008

Special sessions needed as soon as possible. **New officer(s) will be elected at this meeting (Secretary of USNC Comm F)**. Student travel fellowship grant (\$600 for 1st author students from US universities).

There will be a student paper contest. (Steve Reising)

Deadline: October 12, 2007

2008 APS/URSI Meeting San Diego, CA July 5-11, 2008

2008 IGARSS Boston, MA July 6-11, 2008

2008 URSI General Assembly, Chicago, IL, Aug 7-16, 2008.

2009 USNC/URSI meeting, Boulder, CO, January 2009

2009 IEEE APS/URSI meeting, Charleston, SC, May 31- June 5, 2009

2009 IGARSS Cape Town, South Africa, July 7-11, 2009

2010 IEEE APS/URSI meeting, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, July 10-17, 2010

2010 IGARSS Honolulu, Hawaii, July 26-30, 2010 (Tentative)

2011 IEEE APS/URSI meeting, Spokane, Washington July 3-9, 2011(just approved by the USNC)

2011 IGARSS Sendai, Japan, August 1-5, 2011 (Tentative)

2012 IEEE APS/URSI meeting, Chicago, IL, July 8-13, 2012

2013 IGARSS Melbourne, Australia

Information Items

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2. Need nominations for Vice Chair of USNC/URSI to start in January 1, 2009.
3. A committee of D. Farley, T. Senior and A. Ishimaru will nominate the 4 USNC/URSI awardees.
4. Recommendations for young scientists should be sent to Yahya Rahmat-Samii (scientists under 36 years old).

Action Items

1. Report the new members who were elected.
2. Special Sessions for Radio Science meeting in Boulder, CO Jan 2008
 1. Scattering & Propagation in Vegetation (R. Lang <lang@gwu.edu> and S. Saatchi <sassan.saatchi@jpl.nasa.gov>)

2. Remote Sensing Education (A. Gasiewski
<al.gasiewski@colorado.edu>)
3. Microwave Propagation Measurements (M. Newkirk
<michael.newkirk@jhuapl.edu>)
4. Passive Microwave Remote Sensing (E. Westwater
<ed.westwater@colorado.edu>)
5. Wireless Propagation Models & Measurements (TBD)

3. Should we continue to hand out a printed digest of Abstracts or CD at the Boulder meeting?

Old Business/New Business

Adjourn