

Minutes of the USNC/URSI Commission F Business Meeting
National Radio Science Meeting
University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado
January 6, 2006

1. Roger Lang called the meeting to order at 1805 MST.
2. The minutes of the USNC URSI Comm F Business Meeting from Jan. 2005 were approved.
3. Nominations:
 - Paul Racette, NASA/GSFC
 - J. Ross Rottier, JHU/APL
 - Sassan Saatchi, CalTech/NASA JPL
 - B. Boba Stankov, NOAA/OAR
 - Fernando Teixeira, OSUAll were elected as new Members of Comm F.
4. A discussion was held of the Guideline for URSI Membership that mentions the number of single-author articles, as follows. "Minimum publication numbers should be 1-2 single-author articles with 2-3 publications overall for Associate Member, and 3-4 single-author articles with 5-6 publications overall for Full Member." The USNC Commission F Members present voted to waive the single-author article recommendation for those applying for Membership in Commission F. The Guidelines for Membership continue, "Allowances will be made for fewer articles of special significance and in cases where the research area typically involves teams more often than individuals."
5. Present Meeting:
 - a. Need to make an effort to increase the number of sessions by organizing Special Sessions.
 - b. Question: Do we want to add a Student Membership for URSI? We need to track the students' continuing involvement. This is a USNC-wide issue and will continue to be discussed at USNC/URSI meetings.
6. Future Meetings:
 - a. Ross Stone invited Comm F to participate in the 2008 AP-S/URSI Meeting, San Diego, July 5-11, 2008. We want to give a strong showing at that meeting. San Diego is a great place to visit!
 - b. 2008 URSI General Assembly, Chicago, IL, August 7-16, 2008
 - c. We need to talk with Yahia Antar about the change in dates of the North American Radio Science Meeting and the conflict with IGARSS in Barcelona, Spain. Roger and Al will do this.
7. Action Items:
 - a. We voted to participate in the AP-S/URSI 2008 meeting in San Diego. We want to focus on propagation sessions due to the overlap in dates between the AP-S/URSI meeting in San Diego and IGARSS'08 in Boston.
 - b. AP-S/URSI Meetings: General Issues
 - i. IEEE AP-S wants to limit the number of parallel sessions to 12-15 and would like all USNC/URSI Commissions to comment on this. We voted to tell them that we agree.

- ii. Poster sessions are to be an integral part of meetings. The Special Sessions Committee will choose the topics that should be Poster Sessions after abstract submission. We voted to tell AP-S that we agree.
8. New Business:
- a. We need to recognize Kenn Anderson for his service to USNC as Commission F Chair and his service as webmaster for USNC. Roger Lang will write a letter to Kenn. The Members attending the meeting gave him their unanimous consent.
 - b. We want to ask USNC whether or not undergraduates can participate in the Student Paper Competition.

Attendance List

Michael Newkirk (M)		Valery Zavorotny (M)
W. Ross Stone (M)		Alexander Voronovich (M)
Julius Goldhirsch (M)		Steven C. Reising (M)
Janet Stapleton (M)		Roger Lang (M)
Al Gasiewski (M)		
Marian Klein (M)		Domenico Cimini (G)
Tommy Thompson (M)		Mahta Moghaddam (G)
Ed R. Westwater (M)		Saul A. Torrico (G)
Sassan Saatchi (M)		Flavio Iturbide-Sanchez (G)
Jakov Toporkov (M)		Sharmila Padmanabhan (G)

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Welcome

Approval of 2005 Minutes (6 Jan 05, Boulder)

Pass around Membership List for Update

Pass around Sign in List

Announcements:

1. For the triennium 2006-08, George Uslenghi will be the USNC Chair, and Yahya Rahmat-Samii will be the USNC Secretary & Chair-Elect.
2. Umran Inan will be the Past USNC Chair

Election of new members (Mike Newkirk, Membership Chairman)

Past Meetings

1. APS/URSI 2005 in Washington, DC
1178 Oral Papers + 601 Posters = 1779
Surplus generated (30%)

- Percentage URSI Papers (25%)
2. URSI General Assembly in New Delhi, India
President – Francois Lefevre
Vice President - Chalmers Bulter
International Commission F Chair Piotr Sobieski
International Commission F Vice-Chair Madhu Chandra
1300 attendees, 150 young scientists, 400 Indians
66 USNC travel grants.
(Note: Not enough young scientists selected by US Commissions)
US Proposal selected for GA 2008 in Chicago
Awards:
Booker Gold Medal to Yahya Rahmat-Samii
Koga Gold Medal to Susan Hagness

Present Meeting

- USNC/URSI January 2007
Attendance 240 regular, 60 students/retirees (estimate)
Commission F: 3 Regular sessions (19 papers)
3 Joint sessions with B (19 papers)
Student “travel” stipend (\$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) *Commission F paper among finalists*
Contest organized by Steve Reising.

Future URSI Meetings

- 2006 APS/URSI Meeting in Albuquerque, July 9-14, 2006
Abstracts due by January 13, 2006
2007 No January USNC/URSI meeting
2007 North American Radio Science Meetings (NARS) Ottawa, Canada
July 22-26, 2007 All Commissions will meet at this time.
Special sessions needed as soon as possible.
2008 January USNC/URSI Meeting
2008 APS/URSI Meeting San Diego, CA July 5-11, 2008
2008 URSI General Assembly, Chicago, IL Aug 7-16, 2008

Action Items

1. It is important that Commission F members support the NARS meeting in Ottawa. There is no joint meeting with APS this year and URSI will need the surplus generated from the meeting. This surplus supports the student travel grants to the National Radio Science Meetings. Do Commission F members have comments?
2. Does Commission F want to participate in the APS/URSI meeting in San Diego (July, 2008)?
3. APS/URSI meetings
 - a. Limit number of parallel sessions to 12-15. Do you agree?
 - b. Poster sessions to be an integral part of meetings
 - i. Papers assigned by topics
 - ii. Topics chosen by Special Session Committee

Do you agree?

New Business

Adjourn

IEEE AP/S-URSI, National, and North American Meetings

2006	NRSM	Boulder, CO	4-7 Jan
2006	AP/URSI	Albuquerque, NM	9-13 July
2006	IGARSS	Denver, CO	31 July – 4 Aug
2007	AP-S*	Honolulu, HI	10-15 June
2007	NARSM*	Ottawa, CA	22-26 July
2007	IGARSS	Barcelona, Spain	23-27 July
2008	NRSM	Boulder, CO	TBD
2008	AP/URSI	San Diego, CA	5-11 July
2008	IGARSS	Boston, MA	7-11 July
2008	URSI GA	Chicago, IL	7-16 Aug
2009	AP/URSI	Charleston, SC	1-5 June
2009	AP/URSI**	Toronto, Canada	

* IEEE AP-S meeting is separate from URSI. No Boulder meeting in 2007.

** Tentative, NARSM in 2010/11 or regular AP/URSI