

IEEE AGM, 12th March 2003

Meeting held on Wednesday 12th March 2003 at 6.00 pm
at The Royal Commonwealth Society, 18 Northumberland Avenue, London

MINUTES

Approval of agenda – approved.

1. Report of Activities and Officers:

Treasurers Report – The treasurer (Narayana Jayaram) outlined the main items of income and expenditure for the year concluding that the section finances were healthy. In response to a question from the floor the treasurer confirmed that the running down of the Section's reserve was intentional and reflected an increased activity by the Section over the past few years.

The accounts were approved by the members.- Proposed: C.Turner, Seconded by R. Saam and passed by a vote of 23/24 (1 abstention)

Chair's Report: Simon Jones (Chairman) reported that

- The Section was performing well with many active chapters
- Two new chapters (Neural Networks/Consumer Electronics) were in the process of being formed.
- Student membership increased again this year.
- There was a slight decline (2-3%) in Section membership, but that given the current downturn in the economy this was not surprising.

2. Election of Officers for 2004-2005

Roland Saam informed the meeting that there was only one nomination for each of the 4 elected officer positions as follows.

Chair	–	Gordon Dodds
Vice Chair	–	Narayana Jayaram
Secretary	–	Sean McLoone
Treasurer	–	Jim Christie

The members accepted a proposal by J. Newberry (seconded by Peter Hill) that since there was only one nomination for each position the meeting elect the candidates with a single vote.

The vote was carried (23/24 (1 abstention))

3. Any other business

Tony Davies, the new Region 8 director highlighted the need for younger volunteers and encouraged those present to take a more active part in Section activities.

Roland Saam informed the meeting of the activities of the IEEE History Centre, highlighting in particular the Milestone events taking place on the 31st March (Benjamin Franklin Milestone) and the 1st April (Bletchly Park Milestone) (www.ieee.org/organizations/history_center/).

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