FIE 2014
ERM Business Meeting

Saturday, October 25, 2014
2:30 PM to 4:00 PM
Melia Castilla Hotel & Convention Center

Moderator: Elliot Douglas, University of Florida

Agenda

Call to order

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New Agenda Meeting Items
1. Comfort of ERM with FIE being held outside the country
2. Impact factor of conference proceedings

Officer and Committee Reports
1. Chair – Elliot Douglas

Strategic Plan
• 5 goals, each lead by a director with Susan Lord as an appointed ad-hoc director
• directors will report to chair on progress toward goals
• obtain survey data slides from Elliot
• growing perception in the community that ERM is for engineering education researchers only (possibly a result of the growth in engineering education PhD programs)
• change in the last 5 or so years in how welcoming the division is perceived
• ASEE works in progress - some divisions doing it already
• setup “best of…” sessions - Senay
• working group within ASEE to report on changes that the community would like to see

ERM Logo Change
• must change because looks like old ASEE logo - Daniel Knight lead
• AFG - Noted as open, but Jay and Micah would like to lead
• Nominating committee needs volunteers
  o Positions open include 2 directors and chair

2. Co-Chair for FIE 2014 (Madrid, Spain, October 2014) Programs – Monica Cardella

Total abstract submissions: 895
Abstracts rejected: ~20
Papers submitted (all types): 699
Final Program: 520
Workshop and Special Session Proposals: 40+ (usually around 20)
Attendance: 578 plus 5 walk-ins
Countries represented: 48 (50% by US; Spain 2nd highest)

Currently a loss of $18K, but looking for fee waiver which would result in a gain of $7K.
• IEEE computer society charges 28K for legal fees, but waive it so that the conference doesn’t have loss
• removal of a Thursday offsite reception helped with costs

Large issue with reviews not being completed - 100 or so.

Comments:
Russ Meier: need to do more to welcome new people form outside the community
Beth Eschenbach: steering committee is brainstorming new ideas to improve review completion

• fliers available
• if you have any suggestions for organization, etc. email Senay to address

4. FIE Steering Committee – Beth Eschenbach
• momentum to have more FIE’s outside the US
• considering make it more frequent
• Sweden in the near future (2019?) - every 5 years
• 35% of attendance from Europe this year
• no sessions had ERM anywhere on it - no association with anything at the conference
• no clear way to know how to stay involved beyond the conference
• add membership fliers in conference bags
• need to create a more international experience for everyone
• average of 600 at FIE over the past 15 years - over saturation of engineering education conferences on the market
• idea of co-locating conferences
• costs will never lower based on location because it’s hard to recover
• IEEE cannot charge life members more than students
• impact factor
  o 45-55% acceptance rate
  o A ranking for Australia
  o B ranking for Europe
  o H-index of 12
  o impact factor - 1.22 or so

5. IEEE Education Society Program Co-Chair – Russ Meier
• other societies having issues with filling positions
• responsibility of presidents
• now Russ and Arnold’s responsibility to make those appointments as VP of Conferences
• ERM and Computer society will no longer have to subsidize the awards banquet

6. Benjamin Dasher Award Committee – Jenefer Husman
• last year as Dasher
• Noemi Mendoza is replacement next year
• 2015 chaired by computer science group, cycle back to ERM next year (Noemi was noted as chair though…needs to be corrected)
• entire committee will be new next year
• how does chair access nominated papers - currently done through back channels
• how do we improve nomination process

7. Helen Plants Award Committee – Marisa Orr
• 6 special sessions (2013) – Award winner: The Lord of the PhD, etc. - Jay, Stephanie, Matthew, and Lauren
• not notified until after FIE abstracts deadline - need to know sooner because winner gets free trip
• no rep from IEEE education currently on the committee
• 10 special sessions (2014) - much larger pool to begin with
• 9 mini-workshops - not included in award process; what’s the difference?
• issue of submitting as special session and being listed as mini-workshop (only special sessions currently qualify for the award). Should the award include mini-workshops and panel sessions?
• need to update naming convention for submissions and the program
• will number of sessions need to be limited if all special sessions and mini-workshops are included in evaluation
• max would be 22

Closing
• future meetings: officers will prepare reports and submit ahead of time to chair
• a consent agenda will be assembled and voted on prior to the in-person business meetings to allow time for things that need to be discussed

Comments:
Bill Oakes - Any ideas for new things at FIE or things that have occurred that have been lost.