

IEEE Communications System Integration and Modeling Committee (CSIM)

Minutes of the meeting at Globecom '99
Rio de Janeiro, December 5-9, 1999

Time: Monday, December 6, 1999, 18:16 - 20:10 hours
Location: Hotel Intercontinental, Room Rubi and Safira

The CSIM Secretary, Mike Devetsikiotis, chaired the meeting in the absence of both Chair and Vice-Chair. He opened the meeting at 18:16.

Present were Pascal Lorenz, Hussein Mouftah, Matt Falkner, Nelson Fonseca, Curtis Siller, Sidney Lucend, Subhabrata Sen, Adenilson Pontes, Rosangela Coelho, Antonio Alberti, Erneso Andrade Neto, Moshe Zukerman and Mike Devetsikiotis (Secretary). Matt Falkner took official notes for the minutes.

After the attendees introduced themselves, Curtis Siller, IEEE Communications Society Vice-President Membership Services, and Vice-President-Elect, Technical Activities, suggested that a member of this committee organize a feature topic on Modeling and Simulation in Communications Magazine.

The minutes of the CSIM committee meeting at ICC '99 were approved. No comments were made by any of the attendees.

Curtis Siller reviewed the TAC meetings at Globecom '99, held on the December 6, 1999. The issues discussed at this meeting were:

- What are the boundaries of the TAC?
- Are there too many committees?
- Are the TACs appropriate?

Election of committee officers:

The issue of the election of committee officers was raised by Mike Devetsikiotis. He pointed out that the current officers have been elected at Globecom '96 and have served the committee well since then. The issue of electing new officers was already raised at the ICC '99 meeting and a number of email messages were circulated to the CSIM members prior to Globecom '99. Mike Devetsikiotis circulated a list of four motions to all attendees. Mike pointed out that these motions were in agreement with the policies and procedures of ComSoc. After reading these motions, it was agreed to discuss and vote on them individually. Both Curtis Siller and Hussein Mouftah pointed out that the motions are not to be interpreted as a motion to remove the current officers from their positions. Instead, the current officers served the committee well. However, this is time to move on.

The first motion on the election of new officers was then read as follows:

"I, Mike Devetsikiotis, CSIM secretary, move that according to CSIM tradition and ComSoc common practice, a new group of officers take office on Dec. 6, 1999, more than three years since the existing officers were installed. Furthermore, according to CSIM tradition and ComSoc common practice, I move that the current vice-chair become Chair, and the current Secretary become vice-chair, conditioned on the approval of ComSoc VP Technical Activities, as per ComSoc by-laws".

It was pointed out that Mohammad Ilyas (current vice-chair) had agreed to serve as the next chair. Curtis Siller pointed out that it was entirely appropriate by any member of the committee to call for an election, as is usual in any democracy. The motion was voted in favor with one abstention by the attendees.

The second motion was then read as follows:

"I, Mike Devetsikiotis, CSIM secretary, move that the new chair and vice-chair, together with the CSIM past-chair (outgoing chair), as well as at least one more member (not wishing to be an officer at this time), constitute a 'policies and procedures committee' which will have until our next meeting, June 2000, during ICC 2000, to bring forward a permanent set of policies and procedures (including election procedures, term of officers etc) to be voted upon by the committee membership and approved by TAC/ComSoc".

This motion was subsequently discussed. Curtis Siller pointed out that according to this motion, the members of the proposed policies and procedures committee are required to come up with a document that will be voted upon at ICC 2000. He also suggested for the committee to think about who is a voting member of CSIM. Hussein Mouftah pointed out that the proposed policies and procedures committee constitutes of the past three chairs. He also pointed out that there is a constitution in place, which is required for re-certification of the committee. However, none of the attendees were aware such a constitution. The above motion was subsequently voted upon and approved unanimously by all attendees.

The third motion was then read as follows:

"I, Mike Devetsikiotis, CSIM secretary, move that the 'policies and procedures committee' also act as an election / nomination committee for the nomination and election of a new secretary and other committee officers as deemed required (for example membership development, conference coordinator etc). The election and installation of new officers will take place by June 2000 at the latest."

The motion was subsequently discussed. Curtis Siller proposed to allow the floor to also make nominations, and that the proposed policies and procedures committee should not have the exclusive right to make nominations for officers. It was further discussed that the 'policies and procedures committee' should not double as the election committee in principle, but only until the policies and procedures have been approved by the members of CSIM. The motion was thus changed to read:

"I, Mike Devetsikiotis, CSIM secretary, move that the 'policies and procedures committee' also act as an *interim* election / nomination committee for the nomination and election of a new secretary and other committee officers as deemed required (for example membership development, conference coordinator etc). The election and installation of new officers will take place by June 2000 at the latest." The motion was subsequently voted upon and all attendees approved the motion unanimously.

The fourth motion was then read as follows:

"I, Mike Devetsikiotis, CSIM secretary, move that according to CSIM tradition and ComSoc common practice, the newly installed officers serve a term of no more than three (3) years, and in the present case not exceeding June 2002". The motion was subsequently discussed. Curtis Siller suggested to phrase the motion as a recommendation to the policies and procedures committee. Hussein Mouftah then proposed to modify the motion to the following:

"Those assembled here recommend that according to CSIM tradition and ComSoc common practice, the newly installed officers serve a nominal term of two (2) but no more than three (3) years, and in the present case not exceeding June 2002". This modified motion was subsequently put to vote and accepted unanimously by all attendees.

Hussein Mouftah then pointed out that the second motion still required another member. Mike Devetsikiotis then motioned that "Hussein Mouftah be a member of the policies and procedures committee". The motion was put to a vote and again accepted unanimously.

Conference reports:

ICC '99: Marie-Jose Montpetit represented this committee. Several sessions were sponsored / co-sponsored at this conference.

Globecom '99: Nelson Fonseca represented this committee. CSIM sponsored the multimedia symposium and the high-speed networking symposium.

Infocom '99, Milcom '99: No comments were received about those conferences.

ICC '00: The TCP rep is Siamak Dastangoo. Since Siamak was not present at Globecom '99, Pascal Lorenz agreed to attend the ICC '00 meeting at Globecom '99.

CAMAD 2000 workshop: This workshop will be held at ICC '00. The workshop is already mentioned in the conference registration for ICC '00. Nelson Fonseca suggested to invite demonstrations from industry (Mil3, CACI, etc.) and to organize panel discussions at the workshop.

Globecom '00: Papers are expected to be submitted by March 4, 2000. Location will be San Francisco. The conference will have 6 symposia: broadband wireless, future photonic systems, high speed networks, satellite communications, communications theory and global internet. CSIM is the primary sponsor of the Satellite Symposium and will also cosponsor the High-Speed Networks Symposium.

ICC '01: Pascal Lorenz agreed to be the TCP rep and to attend the ICC '01 meeting at Globecom '99.

Infocom '01: To be held in Alaska

Globecom '01: No information at present.

Membership development: Nelson Fonseca suggested to introduce regional vice-chairs to motivate membership for CSIM. A web-page for CSIM should be constructed. Such a page was already under construction but its status is currently unknown. Nelson Fonseca volunteered to take action in this regard with his colleagues at University of Campinas.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:10 hours.

Submitted by Matt Falkner, CSIM committee member.