IEEE Communications System Integration and Modeling Committee (CSIM)

Minutes of the meeting at ICC '00 New Orleans, June 18-22, 2000

Time:Tuesday, June 20, 2000, 17:40 hoursLocation:Hyatt Recency Hotel, New Orleans, room Girod

The CSIM Acting Chair, Professor Hussein Mouftah, chaired the meeting. He opened the meeting at 17:40.

Present were Pascal Lorenz, Hussein Mouftah, Nelson Fonseca, Curtis Siller, Symeon Papavassiliou, Amitabh Mishra, Doug Zuckerman, Poberto B. de Marca, Mohammad Ilyas, Lars Erup, Yantai Shu, Oliver Yang, and Mike Devetsikiotis (Guy Omidyar later joined the meeting).

After the attendees introduced themselves, Acting Chair Hussein Mouftah suggested moving item 19 of the agenda ("election of officers") to become item number 3. The motion was approved unanimously.

The minutes of the CSIM committee meeting at Globecom 99 were approved.

Proceeding with item 3, the Acting Chair reviewed the developments since the last committee meeting. He reported that during the meeting at Globecom 99 (Rio de Janeiro), elections were held according to which Mike Devetsikiotis was elected vice-chair, and Mohammad Ilyas as chair. Mohammad Ilyas later declined the position of chair. Therefore, as previously announced, elections are to be held again, for the positions of chair and secretary.

Hussein Mouftah reported that he had received nominations as follows: Mohammad Ilyas was nominated as Chair by Mike Devetsikiotis. Nelson Fonseca was nominated for Secretary by Mike Devetsikiotis. And finally Amitabh Mishra was nominated for Secretary by Guy Omidyar.

Guy Omidyar suggested that elections take place electronically on the web "to allow access to the 400-500 members that do not attend regularly the ICC and Globecom meetings". Hussein Mouftah said that 15 to 20 people have been attending regularly recent meetings and those are the members that can be considered "active". Nelson Fonseca and Mike Devetsikiotis agreed with this position.

Curtis Siller remarked that an electronic vote may be a good idea for the future, if included in the new Policies and Procedures that are expected to be drafted by the committee.

Doug Zuckerman remarked that it is common practice to hold elections during the meetings at ICC or Globecom.

Hussein Mouftah then proceeded with the election process by inviting nominations from the floor. No further nominations were received and subsequently the call for nominations was closed.

Curtis Siller moved to elect Mohammad Ilyas as the new committee Chair by acclamation. This motion was carried unanimously.

Mike Devetsikiotis suggested that since more than one persons volunteered to be officers of the committee then there should be a way for the committee to take advantage of the services of all of them. Discussion followed regarding a new officer position related to developing the presence of the committee on the web. Doug Zuckerman suggested the title of "CIO" (chief information officer). Nelson Fonseca agreed to accept the position of this new "information officer" with Amitabh Mishra becoming Secretary.

Then Curtis Siller moved that Amitabh Mishra be elected Secretary and Nelson Fonseca elected as the new information officer of the committee, by acclamation. The motion was carried unanimously.

TAC report: Curtis Siller, ComSoc VP for Techincal Activities, reported that the TAC meeting emphasized the drafting of policies and procedures by all committees, preferably by Globecom 2000 (the status of policies and procedures for various technical committees, and a suggested draft procedure for nominations and elections of officers, were circulated by Curtis Siller and are attached to these minutes as appendices).

Conference reports:

ICC '00: Siamak Dastangoo was the CSIM representative. Siamak was not present in the meeting. Guy Omidyar reported in Siamak's absence. Three sessions in the general conference were sponsored by CSIM.

Globecom '00: To be held in San Fransisco, November 27 to December 1, 2000. Mike Devetsikiotis represented this committee on the TPC. CSIM is sponsoring one half-day session in the general conference. CSIM is the primary sponsor of the Satellite Symposium and a co-sponsor of the High-Speed Networks Symposium.

Infocom 2000: Held in March 2000 in Tel Aviv, Israel. Amitabh Mishra served as the liaison to the TCPC committee.

MILCOM 2000: To be held in Los Angeles. Guy Omidyar reported that 7 sessions and a tutorial were sponsored by the CSIM committee. Guy remarked that many people affiliated with the CSIM committee attend MILCOM and sponsor sessions. Mike Devetsikiotis suggested that the committee find a way to leverage these members' activities and exploits their services on a more regular basis.

ITC 17 (International Teletraffic Congress): To be held in Salvador, Brazil, in 2001. Nelson Fonseca is the CSIM liaison as a member of the ITC 17 organizing committee.

ICC 2001: To be held in Helsinki in June 2001. CSIM representative Pascal Lorenz reported that 9 symposia, with a total of 62 technical sessions and 436 papers were planned, with an additional miniconference in St. Petersburg. CSIM is sponsoring a symposium on Mobile IP and also a one day workshop on the optical Internet.

Infocom 2001: To be held in Anchorage, Alaska in April 2001.

Globecom 20001, San Antonio, Texas: Symeon Papavassiliou agreed to serve as the CSIM representative.

ICC 2002, New York: Oliver Yang agreed to serve as the CSIM representative.

CAMAD 2000 workshop: This workshop was planned on Thursday June 22, during ICC '00. Mike Devetsikiotis was the chair, with Nelson Fonseca and Marie-Jose Montpetit as vice-chairs.

CAMAD 2002: Some discussions took place on the location of the 9th CAMAD. Yantai Shu agreed to prepare a proposal to hold CAMAD in 2002 in China. Alternative proposals were also solicited.

Hussein Mouftah invited all members to consider submitting proposals for special issues of IEEE JSAC and Communications Magazine.

The newly elected officers agreed to work on drafting policies and procedures for CSIM, to be ratified by vote by the committee membership at the time of Globecom 2000.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:35 hours.

Submitted my Mike Devetsikiotis, CSIM Vice-Chair.