

FiWi Sub-TC Meeting Minutes

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Meeting time: Nov. 29th, 2015, 5 – 6pm EST

Meeting location: Phone call-in meeting

Attendees: Hussein Mouftah, Martin Maier, Nathan Gomes, Sidhir Dixit, Steve Weinstein, Martin Reisslein

Sub-TC chair Hussein Mouftah opened the meeting and gave an overview of the meeting agenda.

The first main agenda item was the discussion on elevating the FiWi Sub-TC to a full TC. The brief discussion concluded that the elevation is to be pursued. Hussein Mouftah noted that he will lead the elevation efforts even though he will retire from the chair position as he has completed two two-year terms as chair. Hussein will become the past chair in 2016.

One of the challenges of the elevation is the potential overlap with the TAOS TC. Hussein Mouftah noted that the FiWi TC charter has been formulated to minimize overlap and that he will attend the TAOS meeting at IEEE Globecom 2015 in San Diego to coordinate with the TAOS TC.

The next main agenda item was the election of the new executives. Current chair Hussein Mouftah outlined the existing executive positions, namely chair, vice chair, and secretary. In addition, there is a web master, the conference chair and the publicity chair positions. The current executives are: Chair Hussein Mouftah, Vice-Chair Sudhir Dixit, Secretary Gangxiang (Steven) Shen. Steve Weinstein had to retire, just before ICC2015, from his position as the web master and asked to find a replacement. Steve has thankfully done a great job in creating our FiWi Sub-TC web site at ComSoc web site server in a very nice way. John Mitchell has volunteered to take over the role of web master.

Hussein Mouftah outlined the election procedures for the new executives. The new executives would go through a first round of nominations and elections in this telecall meeting, and then a second final round at the meeting at Globecom 2015 in San Diego. First, Martin Maier nominated Sudhir Dixit for the chair position and Sudhir was unanimously approved for this position. Second, Martin Reisslein nominated Martin Maier for the role of vice chair and Martin Maier was unanimously approved for the vice chair position. Third, Nathan Gomes and Burak Kantarci were nominated for the secretary position. Nathan agreed only if Burak would decline the nomination. Burak did not attend the meeting. Therefore, it was agreed to follow up with him via e-mail and proceed with the final voting for all positions at Globecom 2015.

The meeting was adjourned by Hussein Mouftah at 6 pm EST.

PS. After the meeting, Hussein Mouftah contacted Burak Kantarci and updated him of these minutes and asked him if he would accept his nomination as secretary of this Sub-TC, and Burak accepted the nomination.

