Report of

PUBLICATIONS BOARD
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In the last three months, we have completed the nomination process of service awards for all EICs who completed their terms in 1998 or earlier and members of the Publications Board who served in 1998. We have also formed the 1999 Publications Board with the following members:

MOC Chair:	Gul Agha, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
TOC Chair:	Jon Butler, Naval Postgraduate School
Members-at-Large:	Jake Aggarwal, University of Texas, Austin
	Alberto del Bimbo, Universita de Firenze, Italy
	Mike T. Liu, Ohio State University
	Nancy Mead, Carnegie-Mellon University
	Joseph Urban, Arizona State University
	Zhiwei Xu, Chinese Academy of Sciences, PR China
IEEE Pubs Liaison:	Ron Williams, University of Virginia

There are five EIC appointments to be filled this year. All the search committees have been formed, and the chairs have been asked to finalize their searches by May 15, 1999. All searches will follow the EIC Search Guidelines developed last year.

Journal	Current EIC	Search Comm Chair
IEEE Annals	Michael Williams (2nd term)	Joseph Urban
IEEE Design and Test	Yervant Zorian (1st term)	Tom Williams
IEEE Multimedia	William I. Grosky (1st term)	Alberto del Bimbo
IEEE TSE	Richard Kemmerer (2nd term)	Farokh Bastani
IEEE TPDS	Jack A. Stankovic (1st term)	Mike Liu

We plan to discuss in this meeting a candidate recommended by the TPDS search committee.

In accordance with the IEEE-CS Strategic Plan SP-3, our 1999 objectives consist of five main items:

- *Focus on planning and strategic directions*. (Objective 1.4) Based on what we have started in 1998, we will continue to organize our Publications Board meeting so that we can spend more time on policies, strategies, and vision for the future. Certain routine tasks, such as statistics on individual journals, will be collected ahead of time so that more time can be spent on critical issues. We will focus our EICs on technical aspects and future directions of the journal, and our staff on management and

marketing. We will provide more systematic procedures for EICs, managing editors, Publisher, and VP to resolve problems in running our journals. We like to make the EIC jobs doable and attractive to new volunteers.

- *Volunteer Recruitment.* (Objectives 1.2, 1.3, and 1.6) We need to recruit qualified volunteers to continue the work of the Computer Society. The VP, Publications Board members, and editors must carry out the task. The staff must also participate in the identification and recruitment process. We will continue the award process to identify good volunteers in the Society.
- *Development of information technology related products*. (Objectives 2.2 and 2.3). We plan to develop new products to address the needs of information technology/systems professionals. One idea mentioned is a new *Transactions on Information Technology.*
- *Relationship to Other Program Boards*. (Objectives 2.4, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, and 2.12) We plan to foster closer ties with other program boards and committees, especially with the Membership Committee, C&T, PAB, SAB, and TAB.
- *Continuation of the integration of electronic publication*. (Objectives 3.2, 3,3 and 3.6) We will create ownership, responsibility, and accountability for electronic publication activities within the editorial process. We will revisit the issue of an all-digital journal.

DRAFT AGENDA
Publications Board
February 17, 1999

8:00 am – 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast	
8:30 am – 8:45 am	Call to Order	Wah
	Introductions	Wah
	Approval of the Agenda	Wah
	Approval of June'98 Minutes	Wah
	Election of Secretary	All
8:45 am – 9:05 am	Vice President's Report	Wah
9:05 am – 9:30 am	Publisher's Report	Loeb
9:30 am – 9:45 am	Break	
9:45 am – 12:00 noon	MOC Meeting	Agha
	TOC Meeting	Butler
12:00 noon – 1:00 pm	Lunch	
1:00 pm – 1:15 pm	MOC Report	Agha
1:15 pm – 1:30 pm	TOC Report	Butler
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Action Items • TPDS EIC Search	Wah
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Break	
3:15 pm – 4:00 pm	Reports • CCF IEEE-CS Beijing Center • Future of Press Activities Board • TSE EIC Search • Multimedia EIC Search • Annals EIC Search	Xu Loeb/Chang Bastani Del Bimbo Urban
4:00 pm	New Business Next Meeting (June 9, 1999, Richmond, Virginia) Adjournment	Wah