

**IEEE Information Theory Society Board of Governors Meeting
Hotel des Grands Hommes, Paris, France, Monday, March 31,**

difficult, as there was no warning of this IEEE action. The question of the society reaction was discussed, as well as the future society relationship with IEEE. Some felt the solution is more independence from IEEE, financial and otherwise. A main concern is the journal. Many members provide free labour to the journal as editors

appear in the March Newsletter and is posted on the society website (ieeeits.org). The deadline for nominations is May 2. The final list of nominees will be circulated to the BOG members by June 8. The Awards Committee will submit two papers to the Joint IT/ComSoc Paper Award Committee by April 15. The selection of the paper to receive the award will be made by May 15.

7. The Membership and Chapters Committee Report was discussed next. Membership is down 20% to 4095, while IEEE membership is down 18%, thus there is not a significant difference between the two. The first Best Chapter Award (2002) will be presented at ISIT 2003 in Yokohama. Steven McLaughlin is involved with IEEE research to develop a society membership survey which should help with member retention and providing better services to members.

8. The Newsletter Report by Editor Lance Perez was considered next. The goal is to improve the technical content of the newsletter and in support of this, the membership is encouraged to submit articles for consideration. In addition, organizers of meetings of interest to members should send them to the newsletter editor.

Bangalore, India Chapter for the promotion of IT activities when (and if) it is established.

10.2 The Paris Workshop currently underway has 142 attendees and 9 companions. This is a good total considering the current war in Iraq and the SARS outbreak. The budget was based on a total of only 120, so a modest surplus is forecast.

10.3. Hideki Imai reported on the progress of ISIT 2003, to be held in Yokohama, Japan. 494 papers have been received, and 125 rejected.

is the IT Forum, which should provide a good venue for discussing issues facing the society. The UCSD link for the Transactions vanished early this year causing some minor disruptions, but it has now been bypassed by linking directly to www.cparity.com. In addition, the domain name itsoc.org expired late in 2002, and was replaced by ieeets.org. This follows the convention of several other IEEE society websites. The volume of activity thus far in 2003 is approximately the same as in 2002.

14. Under other business, Andrea Goldsmith asked Board members to consider an update to the society TIP codes. These are the fields of interest of the members and provide valuable information to the society and IEEE.
15. The next board meeting will be held in Yokohama, Japan, on Sunday June 29, 10:00 AM, at the Hotel Pacifico Yokohama. The organizers of the workshop were thanked for making arrangements for the Board Meeting.
16. The meeting was adjourned