IEEE Information Theory Society (ITSoc) Board of Governors (BoG) Meeting

Location: Hybrid Meeting, where the in-person meeting was held in San Diego, USA.

Date: February 12, 2023

Time: The meeting convened at 1:08 pm Pacific Time (PT), February 12. The meeting adjourned at 6.30 PT, February 12.

Meeting Chair: Matthieu Bloch

Minutes taken by: Parastoo Sadeghi

Meeting Attendees: Matthieu Bloch, Marco Cardone, Marco Dalai, Natasha Devroye, Lara Dolecek, Stark Draper, Meir Feder, Christina Fragouli, Massimo Franceschetti*, Michael Gastpar*, Tara Javidi, Brian Kurkoski, Michael Langberg, Muriel Medard*, Henry Pfister, Parastoo Sadeghi, Anand Sarwate, Andreas Winter, Aylin Yener, Vincent Tan, Ashley Tufuga#, Daniela Tuninetti, Venugopal Veeravalli*, Aaron Wagner, Shun Watanabe*, Edmund Yeh*, Wei Yu (Non-voting are denoted by #.

Secretary and Treasurer respectively. He asked members to join him in celebrating some of the highest achievements by ITSoc members. He congratulated Frank Kschischang for receiving the 2023 IEEE Hamming Medal and Jose Moura for receiving the 2023 Jack Kilby Signal Processing Medal. He then congratulated Rudiger Urbanke, the 2023 Shannon Award recipient, Erdal Arikan, the 2023 Padovani Lecturer; Rashmi Vinayak, the 2023 Goldsmith Lecturer; as well as Ashish Khisti, Oliver Kosut, Arya Mazumdar, Chao Tian and Shun Watanabe on being the newly selected Distinguished Lecturers of the Society.

Matthieu then highlighted the upcoming review of the Society, which is conducted every five years. This was preceded by the review of ITSoc conference portfolio in December 2022. The feedback of that review has been generally positive. The panel suggested organizing mentoring events for elevation to the grade of IEEE Senior Member and IEEE Fellow. Two other issues were raised about delays in the publication of proceedings and net-to-expense ratios. He then stated that the main review will be conducted on February 16 and the outcomes of that review willtbe shared at the next BoG meeting. He expected to receive some comments around sub-to-pub times and deadlines. However, thanks to the [ )00008866 0 595 842 reW* nBT/F3 11 Tf1 0 0 1 125.05 602.67 Tm0 gya518.47 564.6m87 Tm0 g0

suggested that in collaboration with the ISIT organizers and ISIT ad-hoc Committee, TPC membership of ISIT 2024 can be created, which includes junior faculty and targets various diversity aspects.

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that all schools went well, detailed statistical reports received, and Newsletter reports published. Christian reported that planning is going well for the 2023 schools, which all have been approved. They are the IT School in Bangalore, India (approved for $10K), ESIT in Bristol, UK (approved for $15K), and NASIT in Philadelphia, USA (approved for $15K). Christian presented some of the features of these schools. He continued his report by listing school proposals to be received for 2024, namely the IT School in Hyderabad, India; ESIT in Eindhoven, Netherlands, and EASIT in Tokyo, Japan. A proposal for NASIT 2024 is currently being sought. Christian concluded his report by listing groups who are being considered to run schools in 2025 (Italy for ESIT and New Jersey, USA for NASIT) and 2026 (Germany and Norway for ESIT).

During the live meeting, Aaron Wagner, the 2nd VP and ex-officio member of the Subcommittee, presented a summary on Christian's behalf and asked BoG members to suggest possible candidates for NASIT 2024.

13) **Student and Outreach Subcommittee report:** Farhad Shirani, the Chair of the Subcommittee, first introduced new members of the Subcommittee and then provided a report on the upcoming activities which are being organized by the Subcommittee in 2023. The first event will a mentoring event at ISIT 2023 in Taipei. In response to feedback from similar events last year, the Subcommittee is aiming to enhance representation from industry on the panels. He invited suggestions about format and topics of mentoring events, which can include navigating the industry job market, industry career planning, and navigating the academic job market. Farhad flagged that the Subcommittee is additionally looking into organizing a session for faculty to explain and promote elevation processes to IEEE Senior Member and IEEE Fellow.

Farhad then presented updates on the ISIT Student Competition, which has run in the past four years. Farhad welcomed being approached by several

links which contain resources on Fellow nominations. She finally stated her plan to create an information page specifically for ITSoc Fellow nominations.

During the live meeting, Daniela flagged possible changes to the IEEE Fellow evaluation process. Daniela is to attend an orientation meeting and will report back to the BoG any significant changes to the procedures or guidelines.

15) **Alumni in Industry Ad-hoc Committee report:** The Chair of the Ad-hoc Committee, Christina Fragouli, provided a short update on the progress of the Committee and upcoming plans. She recalled the goal of the Committee, which is to form strong connections

Proposed Amended Motion: To add the following to Article V, Section 11. James L. Massey Research and Teaching Award for Young Scholars Committee: