

ASCE TCCITP
DATABASE AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (DIM) COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, October 19, 1998 6:00PM
Sheraton Hotel, Boston, MA

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Meeting agenda:

1. WELCOME

2. REVIEW PREVIOUS MINUTES

TF reviewed minutes of meeting from July 12, 1998.

3. STATUS OF 1998 COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

The committee was involved in organizing 5 successful sessions at the 1998 conference, including sessions on 4D modelling, Process and Product Modeling, Neural Networks, Data Mining, and Fuzzy Sets.

The status of several committee activities (identified in the ASCE TCCP Strategic plan from 1997) were reviewed. These activities and their progress are as reported in the minutes of the previous meeting on July 12th.

4. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL TO MERGE WITH AI&EXPERT SYSTEMS COMMITTEE

There was extensive debate on the advantages and disadvantages of merging with the AI and Expert Systems committee (many of these issues have been identified in previous mailings). The question was moved that we should continue the discussion to effect a merger with the AI and ES committee (moved by Y. Beliveau, second by C. de la Garza). The vote was 8 in favour, 7 against. Thus the possibility of a merge is still an active issue within the committee, but there are no immediate action items.

5. SPECIAL ISSUE OF COMPUTING JOURNAL

Plans are progressing for a special issue on "Information Technology for Life-cycle Infrastructure Management." Lisa Spainhour and Yung Shen are the co-editors for the special issue. A draft call for participation has been prepared. Please consider submitting a paper and contacting other people that might be interested. Contact Lisa or Yung if you would like to help organize the special issue. The possibility of collaborating in some way with the Journal of Infrastructure Management will also be investigated.

6. COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE AND CONTROL GROUP ISSUES

Current control group members are the chair, secretary, Lisa Spainhour and Yung Shen. Control group issues were briefly discussed and deferred for recommendations by the FG. In general, more control group members are needed and nominations are invited.

MEETING ADJOURNED

MINUTES SUBMITTED: TF (secretary), FG (Chair), November 20, 1998