

Annual General Meeting of the Australian Pattern Recognition Society

Minutes taker Simon Williams

Those present Richard Beare, Anthony Maeder, Nick Redding, Pankaj Kumar, Andrew Bradley, Paul Jackway, Tony Adriaansen, Changming Sun, Olivier Salvado, Geoff West, David Booth, Jamie Sherrah, Jun Zhou, Brian Lovell, Junbin Gao, Jian Zhang, Dor Ginja Chetty, Murk Bottema, Simon Williams

Location of the meeting Sheraton Noosa Resort, Noosa Heads

Date 7 December 2011 4:45pm–6:10pm

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1 Minutes of the previous Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were circulated.

MOTION: to accept the minutes. Anthony Maeder moved. Paul Jackway seconded. Carried.

2 Business Arising

2.1 Ratification of the Amended Constitution

The amended constitution was circulated.

BRIAN LOVELL: clarified that the terms of the elected officers of the society remained at two years.

MOTION: to approve the constitution as amended. Tony Andriaansen moved. Paul Jackway seconded. Carried.

2.2 Instructions on how to bid for and run DICTA

BRIAN LOVELL: stated that the guidelines for running DICTA along with the expectations were on the society's website

Task: Update the guidelines and information for conference chairs to reflect the experience gained in DICTA 2011 (Andrew Bradley)

2.3 Second APRS event focussing on non-image pattern recognition

ANTHONY MAEDER: The APRS maybe limiting itself by only having DICTA in its conference portfolio, but there are other conferences that cover other areas of pattern recognition and we do not wish to intrude on others territory.

It was noted there are international conferences coming to Australia - ICCV in 2013, ISBI in 2015 and ICDAR 2017 which the APRS could sponsor. The benefits of sponsorship could include APRS badging on the conference, advertising for DICTA, and a discount on registration for APRS members.

MURK BOTTEMA: A committee should be formed to monitor upcoming conferences to bring them to the attention of the APRS, to solicit proposals for bids to host such conferences (c.f. ISBI) and consider the possibility of other pattern recognition events.

Task: Form the Conference Committee (Olivier Salvado, Brian Lovell and Anthony Maeder)

2.4 Early career researchers

ANTHONY MAEDER: The society needs to address the problem of student members continuing to attend DICTA as early-career researchers (ECR)

Various proposals were placed before the Meeting

- thesis prize

3 Treasurer's Report

- state level activities
- funding travel to DICTA
- continuing student pricing for ECRs if they continue to attend

Decision: It was decided that additional awards for ECRs were the most effective method of retaining students.

Task: Write to all student members and solicit their input on what they would like to see the APRS doing that would encourage them to keep attending (Anthony Maeder)

MOTION: That the APRS institute additional awards at DICTA for ECRs and that all the DICTA Awards be advertised in the Call For Papers in all forthcoming DICTAs. Moved Changming Sun. Carried.

2.5 Guidelines for reviewing papers for DICTA

A draft set of guidelines was circulated.

Enclosure I: DICTA Reviewer Guidance [1]

NICK REDDING: Some of the reviews were unnecessarily harsh. The guidelines are a draft for discussion and were designed to reflect the more inclusive nature of DICTA.

PAUL JACKWAY: Of the 200 papers submitted to DICTA 2011, only 2 were unanimously recommended for acceptance

BRIAN LOVELL: A way to moderate reviewing standards is to specify a target acceptance rate. Currently for DICTA this is 50%.

Task: Post the DICTA Reviewer Guidance on the APRS website. (Brian Lovell)

Task: Collate discussions and report back to the Committee (Nick Redding)

3 Treasurer's Report

TONY ANDRIAANSEN: The APRS is in a strong financial position with a current balance of approximately \$94,000. See the attached summary for more information.

Enclosure II: APRS Financial Summary, December 2011 [1]

BRIAN LOVELL: Intelligent ways to spend the money are needed.

4 Report on DICTA 2011

ANDREW BRADLEY:

- currently forecasting a profit of \$3,500
- 128 delegates
- 10–11 extras
- 114/190 papers accepted - 72 posters, 42 oral.
- student numbers were low.

5 Report on DICTA 2012

GEOFF WELLS:

- aiming for 120 delegates
- same format as 2011 - single track
- have a good organising committee
- venue is the Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle

Task: Ideas for international keynote speakers should be sent to Geoff as soon as possible.

6 Presidents Report

MURK BOTTEMA:

- annual DICTA is a success
 - numbers have been maintained and even increased over the biennial event.
 - still attractive to sponsors
- APRS has money in the bank
- need to think of ways it can be used - contributions to other conferences

7 DICTA 2013 bids

There is no bid currently for 2013 and one needs to be confirmed before the next AGM. Suggestions of Adelaide, Darwin and Hobart were made.

BRIAN LOVELL: The conference Committee should coordinate bids for DICTA

NICK REDDING: was willing to coordinate a bid by DSTO to host DICTA but in 2014 In 2013 the International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV) will be held in Sydney the week after DICTA. Some thought should be put into how

- sharing keynote speakers
- allowing dual submission to both conferences, so that if ICCV rejects a paper then it can be considered for DICTA.
- sharing reviewers and even reviews

Task: coordinate with ICCV organisers to see what arrangements can be made with respect to paper submissions and reviews (Conference Committee)

8 Elections of Officers

- blank nominated Tony Adriaansen for the position of Treasurer. There being no other nominations he was duly elected.
- Anthony Maeder nominated Simon Williams for the position of Secretary. There being no other nominations he was duly elected.
- Tony Adriaansen nominated Geoff West for the position of Vice President. There being no other nominations he was duly elected.
- Brian Lovell nominated Nick Redding for the position of President. There being no other nominations he was duly elected.
- Anthony Maeder nominated Murk Bottema for the position of Editor. There being no other nominations he was duly elected.
- Tony Adriaansen nominated Anthony Maeder, Broan Lovell and Olivier Salvado as Members-at-Large. There being no other nominations they were duly elected.