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President's Message

I find it interesting that we form clubs, associations, and societies to further some particular activity. In the IEEE and the OES, that activity is the development and sharing of professional knowledge. For this to happen, we need to have members of the group agree to take on administrative tasks so that we can realize the primary purpose of the group. For the IEEE and our OES, those activities are accomplished by the Administrative Committee as our governing body, and by other committees appointed for special purposes. Each of us should appreciate the substantial amount of volunteer labor that goes on in our society and should thank those who make possible achieving our primary purposes.

That thought came to me as I prepare to describe a Committee I have appointed to address one of our major enterprises, that of organizing and presenting conferences.

As I noted in my previous message to the Society, conference management is perhaps the most important of the activities where I see an opportunity to improve our management of the process to achieve a richer technical content along with the realization of a larger surplus to support our pother activities.

Conference income is the major component of the Society's income. I intend to develop management policies and procedures that will assure the continued success of our conferences and the integrity of the income stream. Of course, one doesn't do this alone. I have appointed a Conference Policy Committee to conduct a thorough review of our policies, plans, and practices as we conduct our conferences. The Chair is Rene Garello; the other members are Bob Bannon, Claude Brancart, Stan Chamberlain, and Hisaaki Maeda. The Committee will report to Joe Vadus, the Vice President for Technical Activities.

Here is the Charter:

Objective: Develop policy, guidelines, and framework for annual and biennial conferences sponsored by IEEE/OES. Candidate Conferences include:

OCEANS, CMT, UT, AUV Other conferences - new; existing; joint or technical only sponsorship (e.g., IGARSS)

Note: Continued MTS participation is a prime consideration to enable continued stability and growth in this competitive environment.

Issue #1: Conference Guidelines

The MTS/OES OCEANS Conference Guidelines are a starting point. Given the problems that have arisen over the past several years and are continuing into 2004 at least, do we need to tighten up or amend the guidelines to give more control and authority to the Societies, or should we ease our control to provide incentive for the local committee to take most of the responsibility?

What steps should we take to institutionalize procedures that will assure IEEE/OES-sponsored conferences and symposia have a high quality technical program?



Thomas F. Wiener

What steps should be taken to ensure competition for site sponsorship as we experienced for OCEANS 2004?

Comment: Clearly one proposer was greatly disappointed not to have been chosen. What should we do to encourage proposers that we do not choose for that particular year?

Issue #2: Multiple Conferences

We need to address ways to sponsor two OCEANS-like conferences per year, along with other symposia. What are OES capabilities to handle multiple conferences? What are the policy recommendations? We also need to make explicit policies and practices for smaller symposia like AUV and CMT and UT?

Comment: If we accept only technical sponsorship at another conference, what responsibilities have we accepted? How do we gain financially? How does technical sponsorship papers and attendance take away from our flagship and other regularly scheduled conferences/symposia?

Issue #3: Conference Benefits

What steps should we take to assure IEEE/OES-sponsored conferences and symposia realize a better surplus? Comment: The key to a good surplus seems to be: A substantial Quality Program, attraction of many exhibitors, a desirable venue and spending frugally; setting goals and managing to achieve them is the key. The latter consideration does not mean to be cheap; it does mean that spending should be careful. How can this be done? What should OES policy be?

What additional steps should we take so that IEEE/OES-sponsored conferences and symposia provide excellent opportunities for networking, other informal exchanges and business opportunities?

Issue #4: Conference Regional Support

How do Chapters/membership facilitate or impact the conduct of OES sponsored conferences? What is the historical perception? Can a conference in a selected venue build a local chapter and membership? Has it done so? What needs to be done? What should OES policy be not only with respect to chapter building in connection with conferences but also with respect to sharing surplus?

Preparations for OCEANS 2001 in Hawaii are moving ahead with full vigor. I'm looking forward to an excellent conference with friends and colleagues presenting important papers, and, by the way, the volunteers who make the conferences work and the Society go, will be getting together to do what it takes to keep these good things happening.

Please join us. For those of us in northern latitudes, November in Hawaii will be a delightful change from the weather at home. I look forward to seeing you there.

Thomas F. Wiener

Soundings

Welcome to the first installment of the new "Soundings" column. This column reports on Ocean Engineering news as it appears in the mainstream media. The purpose of this column is to inform the ocean engineering community of our impact in the media while giving us insight into how our industry is perceived by the general public.

The Dec. 11, 2000 issue of Business Week (http://www.businessweek.com/bwdaily/dnflash/dec2000/nf20001211_136.htm) reported on Leslie Kay's KASPRA device which uses CTFM sonar (in air) to provide spatial awareness for blind people. Kay's first generation product for the blind was introduced in the 70's with limited success. Improvements in tech-

nology and refinement in his design has produced this latest aid. The KASPRA unit maps range into into pitch and provides the user with stereo audio feedback. Different target structures (e.g., leaves on a tree) provide a modulation of the tone which allows a user to perform limited classification.

The historic raising of the Confederate submarine "Hunley" generated widespread interest in underwater archaeology, salvage operations, and the use of underwater technology. While covered in a wide variety of media, the Hunley project also has an excellent website (http://www.hunley.org) which provides a wealth of information on the recovery effort.



John Irza

In the January 26 2001 issue of Science writer David Malakoff discusses "A Roaring Debate Over Ocean Noise." Malakoff reviews continuing concerns for possible negative effects on ocean life from Low Frequency Active (LFA) sonars being introduced by the U.S. Navy.

De-commissioned vessels acting as artificial reefs may get a boost from recent studies which indicate that increased levels of iron enhance the growth of plankton which in turn feeds other consumers higher in the foodchain. Although plankton is known to soak up carbon dioxide, one of the "greenhouse gasses" contributing to global warming, large scale seeding of the oceans (far beyond the scale of artifical reefs) needs to be ap-

proached cautiously, warns Sallie Chisolm, an environmental engineer and biologist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. For more information see http://www-personal.umich.edu/~rstey/Site%20files/presentation.html

If you see an article (whether in print or in electronic form) that you would like to see mentioned in this column, please let me know by email, fax, phone, or regular mail. Email contributions can be sent to a special address: Soundings @Sygnus.Com. Information for phone, fax, and regular correspondence can be found in the back of newsletter where I am listed in the AdCom section.

John Irza

OES Ex-Com Meeting

Albuquerque, New Mexico 17–18 February



Thomas Wiener, OES President.



L to R: Glen Williams, Jim Lynch, Jim Barbera, Claude Brancart, Stan Chamberlain, Norman Miller, and Thomas Wiener. Joe Vadus and Steve Holt (not pictured) were also at the meeting.

Message from the Vice President, Professional Activities

The Status of the Society

The Executive Committee of the Oceanic Engineering Society held a meeting in Albuquerque over the President's Day weekend. It was a rather appropriate time as this was also the beginning of National Engineer's Week. As I was introduced I wished them all a "Happy Engineers Week" and received several blank stares. This led to a discussion on the value of belonging to Professional Societies and how this was a mark of recognition as an engineer. Did you do anything special during National Engineers Week? Did any of your non-engineering associates congratulate you on being an engineer? Are you proud of being and engineer? Certainly being a member of

IEEE and OES says something about you and the fact that you do value the association with other professionals in your field.

During the course of the meeting we touched on several items critical to the life of the Society. The one topic that is always of concern is membership. OES is the smallest of the societies in IEEE. While IEEE in general had a banner year in membership growth in 2000, our society actual lost members. During the past several years we have had special membership promotions at our conferences and have encouraged non-members to become members. While many took advantage of our subsidy to join, they dropped out after the first year of membership. We have asked the membership several times to give us feed back on what they like about the society and what they dislike. Why did you join OES? What are the benefits to you of your membership? We would appreciate your comments. It is ironic that while we are the smallest of the societies, we are one of the most active in terms of our publications and conferences. Financially we are strong and we use our assets wisely to benefit the members.

Another area of concern that also relates to membership is Chapter Development. At the present time we have eight active chapters. We have three chapters in the United States, two in Canada, and one each in France, Norway, and Japan. The Chapters in Canada, Norway, and Japan are located in University communities and the membership base is faculty from the universities. The Chapter in France has several sub-chapters with the largest being in Brest. There is a chapter in Halifax Nova Scotia and Victoria British Columbia. Both are active and have had distinguished programs throughout the year. We activated teh Chapter in San Diego last year and it has held several very interesting meetings



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with guest speakers and programs from Orincon. The Seattle Chapter cosponsors meeting with the Puget Sound Section of the Marine Technology Society and hold monthly meetings from September through May each year. We are now in the process of forming a chapter in the Boston area and hope to have it active during the year. Chapters can be a base for membership growth and also stimulate interest for membership retention. We are also exploring the establishment of chapters in conjunction with the Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society and the Signal Processing Society as we have kindred interests.

Along with membership growth and activity we also need to up-grade our

membership. We have many members in the Member Grade that are eligible to be Senior Members. The process for becoming a Senior Member has been streamlined and we encourage all members to seriously consider gaining the recognition of being a Senior Member by apply for it. For information on upgrading your membership, please contact our Membership Coordinator, Dr. James Collins at j.s.collins @ieee.org.

One of the projects that the Society began was the archiving of all of our Journals and Conference Proceedings in digital form. This project is about completed and the ExCom approved the final package and authorized the production of 1000 set of the CD-ROMs and DVDs which will utilize the Deja Vu format technology. These will be available to the membership at a special members price later on this year. This is a remarkable achievement and contains all of the OES Journals and Conference Proceedings from 1970 on through 2000. You will hear more about this when the discs are available.

2001 promises to be another good year for the Society. Plans are well underway for OCEANS 2001 MTS/IEEE in Hawaii from November 5-8, 2001. The Conference will be at the Hawaiian Hilton Village. This is a perfect venue for an OCEANS conference and we hope that you will make plans to attend.

We really would like to hear from the membership about their likes and dislikes of the Society. Please feel free to contact me at n.miller@ieee.org and let me know what we can do to make your membership in the Society of more value to you!

Norman D. Miller, P.E. Vice President Professional Activities

From the Editor

For our new members who may not know, the IEEE -Technical Activities Board (IEEE-TAB) is our administrative link to the IEEE Technical Activities Department The newly elected chair of TAB is Lewis M. Terman of the IBM Watson Research Center in Yorktown Heights, NY. TAB also has four additional chairs as relate to conducting society business in the area of Meetings, Periodicals and Strategic Planning And Review processes. TAB has one additional committee chair, namely Products which provides members with such useful items as IEEE Xplore as a good example.

To give you some idea of the aims of TAB, currently, as requested by the TAB Strategic Planning and Review Committee, TAB approved revisions to TAB Bylaw T-201 - TAB Mission and TAB Bylaw T-202 -TAB Vision, for recommendation for approval by the IEEE Board of Directors which is excerpted as follows:

TAB Mission:

To foster technological innovation and progress by advancing the technical activities of the IEEE for the benefit of the profession and humanity worldwide, and to represent the interests of Societies and Technical Councils within the IEEE.

TAB Vision:

The Technical Activities Board

- Stimulates, promotes, facilitates and supports a global volunteer organization of innovative and agile technical communities.
- Uses the best technologies to attract, access and disseminate technical information which leads to... IEEE Technical Activities, which provides
- the first place people go for the highest quality technical information
- acceleration and nurturing of innovation
- the technical professional's lifelong network of choice

As an illustration of some of the development efforts of TAB, the following are a few excerpts of activities now in progress:

1. As requested by the TAB Products Committee, TAB approved that previously established deadlines for the

- conversion of all conference proceedings to full text PDF be extended. New dates are to be set at the June 2001 EPSC meeting. A project team has been created to develop a project plan for the transition to fully-electronic conference proceedings. The plan will establish a clear path for managing the transition process to achieve this important goal and will include key milestone dates, which will be socialized at the June 2001 meeting series.
- 2. As requested by the TAB Products Committee, TAB approved that the deadline for full compliance of periodicals to IEEE Xplore standards be extended to 1 December 2001. Additional support, guidelines and tools will be provided to aid in achieving compliance. All other elements of the initial TAB approved motion remain unchanged.
- 3. TAB approved that the Chair of the TAB Products Committee have the ability to, for this year only, expand the membership of the TAB Periodicals Packages Committee (PPC), to up to six members (including the Chair). The expanded committee will consider the revenue distribution formulas of IEL and ASPP in light of the changing business environment. Recommendations will be reported to TAB in November 2001.
- 4. As requested by the TAB Products Committee, TAB approved the development of long-range business plans for all IEEE intellectual property, with participation from the TAB Periodicals Committee, Publications, Products and Services Board (P2SB), and the IEEE Meetings and Services Committee. There is a need to have a long-term vision in place for all IEEE intellectual property to aid in the introduction of new products, as well as to improve the management of existing ones. Among other things, this would help to better understand the impact that any individual product has on the overall business.

For those of you who have not already made full use of these and/or similar products of IEEE-TAB, and want to learn more, a good place to start is the IEEE homepage http://www.ieee.org. If you have anything you would like to relate or comment on, you inputs are always welcome.

Fred Maltz

Nominations for Awards

Each year the Society recognizes the accomplishments of members in the presentation of two awards during the annual Awrds Luncheon at the OCEANS Conference. OES has two awards, the Distinguished Service Award and the Distinguished Technical Achievement Award. The Distinguished Service Award is given to honor and individual IEEE member for outstanding contributions towards furthering the objectives of the Oceanic Engineering Society.

The Distinguished Technical Achievement Award if given to honor an outstanding technical contribution to oceanic engineering in either the fundamental or applied areas. The recipient need not be a Society or IEEE member and the award shall be for eighter a single major invention or scientific contribution or for a distinguished series of contributions over a period of time.

Who's Who in the OES

Robert T. Bannon is the founder and president of Bannon International Consulting which provides international and domestic business, engineering, and program management service solutions to fiber optic telecommunications and multinational emerging technologies markets. Bannon International provides total project evolution design and implementation management for special programs integration. Mr. Bannon specializes in directing global fiber optic network strategic planning, utilizing unique technologies, and program management for underwater telecommunications applications and emerging high bandwidth Internet protocol integration.

Mr. Bannon has over thirty-three years of experience in the development of program, business, and IR&D management for global telecommunications, underwater fiber optic systems and new technology computer ventures. He is a professional with successful multinational consortium negotiation and facilitation expertise. Mr. Bannon has demonstrated competency in long range planning and program management for domestic and international companies offering fiber optic communications and emerging technologies services. Mr. Bannon has a strong background in program management and implementing custom solutions for multimillion dollar commercial business lines and government programs.

As a District Manager at AT&T (Submarine Systems and Bell Labs), Mr. Bannon was responsible for International Systems Maintenance for Trans-Atlantic and Trans-Pacific Cable Systems. His responsibilities included the design and operation of the Submersible Craft Assisting in Repair and Burial (SCARAB) ROVs, which locate, de-trench, retrieve, and retroburies underwater cables. He formulated advanced underwater insertion technology solutions. Mr. Bannon was also involved in AUV and SAUV design. His responsibilities included



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the program development of the Enhanced Bottom Sonar System (EBSS), for the location, identification, and tracking of buried cables and other artifacts. His work resulted in three patent applications for specialized systems. In 1999-2000, Mr. Bannon designed the leading edge Craft for Repair And Burial of Submarine Systems (CRABSS), which is a 500-hp. free-flying ROV, capable of maneuvering in 6-knot current and burial in 150 kPa soil. Mr. Bannon serves as a lead scientist for a major defense contractor (General Dynamics ATS), and consults for multiple commercial ROV and telecommunications companies. As Program Director, Mr. Bannon selected and managed IR&D projects that integrated complex hardware, i.e., video/graphic systems, touch-screen vehicle control systems and sonar, and state-of-the-art undersea solutions related to advanced fiber optic communication systems and multiple ROV, UUV and AUV applications. He also serves as a consultant to various companies in the Oil Industry. Because of his program management and design of many ROV systems and applications, Mr. Bannon has served as a technical / industry expert witness for various law firms in arbitration cases concerning ocean survey, pipeline crossings, GPS mapping, Sonar, installation and ROV Post Lay Inspection and Burial (PLIB) of underwater fiber optic cables.

Mr. Bannon holds degrees from Pennsylvania State University (BSEE, MBA - Global Management), George Washington (MSE - Quantitative Methods, MBA - International Management, and PMI Certificate), and Wharton School of University of Pennsylvania (MBA - General Management), and a certificate from Harvard Graduate School of Design (Computer Graphics). He has been a requested guest lecturer at various colleges and universities, including the U.S. Naval Academy and the Armed Forces Industrial College.

Mr. Bannon has been active in the IEEE-OES as an author and session chair at various Oceans Conferences including Miami (1991), Honolulu (1992), Tokyo (1997) and Halifax (1998). For Oceans 2000, Mr. Bannon was a member of the technical paper review committee, assisted the Technical Director with presentation organization, and he was an author / presenter, chaired multiple sessions, and involved in the recruitment of session chairs. He is also a member of the Marine Technology Society, and has also participated in a similar fashion with our sister society's Underwater Intervention in 1990 through 1993. He is also a representative to the technical paper selection committee for OTC 2001 and OTC 2002 for IEEE-OES, and has volunteered his assistance to John Wiltshire of the Hawaiian Undersea Research Laboratory in planning Oceans 2001. In addition, he has been a contributing author to Sea Technology Magazine on various occasions, addressing fiber optic systems, ROV design, and Sonar applications. Mr. Bannon has enjoyed his association with IEEE-OES and its members throughout his career, and will continue to make innovative contributions to benefit the Society, his fellow members, and the industry through creative ideas and strategic management of the Society, as a member of the Administrative Committee (AdCom) and the Co-Chair of the Submarine Cable Technology Committee.

Dan Jerry Ramsdale 1942 – 2000

Dan Jerry Ramsdale, a Senior Member of the IEEE Oceanic Engineering Society, died suddenly in New Orleans on September 12, 2000 after a gallant, three-year battle with a non-smoking related lung cancer.

Dan Ramsdale was born in El Paso, Texas on December 12, 1942. After he was awarded a B. S. in Physics, with highest honors, from the University of Texas at El Paso, he pursued graduate studies in nuclear physics at Kansas State University, receiving a doctorate in 1969. The subject of his Ph.D. research was the theoretical investigation of relativistic K-LL auger transition rates, and was carried out under the guidance of Dr. Chander Bhalla.

In 1969, Dan accepted a position with Globe Universal Science Manufacturing, Inc. in El Paso. His research there involved a departure from his doctoral endeavors to the field of acoustic atmospheric investigations. During his tenure with GUS Manufacturing, Dan advanced from manager of NASA and U. S. Army projects to Director of Acoustic Research. His technical skills were expanded in areas of acoustic modeling, hardware development, and software development to invert acoustic data from the upper atmosphere to yield temperature and wind structure aloft, areas that proved to be invaluable in the last 25 years of his productive research activities.

Dan switched from atmospheric acoustics to underwater acoustics in 1974, when he was appointed a research physicist in the Acoustics Division of the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) in Washington, DC. In this position, Dan was a principal investigator in underwater low-frequency acoustic fluctuations in the deep ocean. Dan developed a model that predicted the statistical fluctuations observed in long-range propagation that were due to source motion and medium variability.

The next upward shift in Dan's career occurred in 1977 and involved moving to the fledgling Naval Ocean Research and Development Activity (NORDA) on the Gulf Coast of Mississippi where he became a principal in-



Dan Jerry Ramsdale

vestigator for array acoustics and signal processing. Here, Dan and his associates focused on understanding the various deep ocean propagation paths and the use of vertical arrays required for their interpretation.

In the early 1980s, the U. S. Navy embarked on a research, development, and engineering program to explore the properties of and the limitations imposed by the Arctic Ocean and the overlying ice cap on underwater acoustics. This embraced many aspects of underwater acoustics and involved many Navy and university laboratories. In 1985 Dan was assigned technical management of the Arctic Undersea Warfare Environmental Technology Program. Dan had responsibility for funding and integrating the technical research at Navy and university laboratories, including contractors. The researchers in this program collaborated with their counterparts in Canada. During the following year Dan became the Head of the newly formed Arctic Acoustics Section at NORDA.

During the duration of the program, Dan Ramsdale served as chief scientist for five major multi-laboratory international ice camps in the Arctic Ocean (Chukchi and Lincoln Seas). The nature of the environmental acoustics research ranged from high-frequency torpedo-oriented work to low-frequency ASW detection and localization work. For his outstanding work in the Arctic, Dan received two Distinguished Unit Citations from the Chief of Naval Research

In 1988, Dan was appointed Assistant Director of the Ocean Acoustics and Technology Directorate of the Naval Oceanographic and Atmospheric Research Laboratory (NOARL, after renaming). As Assistant Director, he was responsible for managing the funds and providing technical oversight for the programs within the directorate. Following NOARL's merger with NRL in 1992, Dan was appointed Head of the Ocean Acoustics Branch, Naval Research Laboratory-Stennis Space Center, Mississippi (NRL-SSC). His duties included providing technical and administrative direction to the scientists and engineers engaged in, primarily, at-sea tests and experiments. The technical areas included high-, mid-, and low-frequency acoustic research in shallow water.

Following his retirement from NRL-SSC in 1998, Dan became an Independent Consultant providing technical services to NRL-SSC and the Los Alamos National Laboratory. His services were in support of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty embracing infrasonic monitoring, ambient noise, and high-frequency acoustics.

At the time of his death, Dan was actively involved in the development of atmospheric acoustic field experiments at the National Center for Physical Acoustics at the University of Mississippi.

For those who knew Dan, it is apparent that he considered his involvement in Arctic Ocean acoustics as his "crowning achievement". He was enthusiastic in his personal participation in the challenging polar experiments. His publication list and presentations reflect all aspects of his research. Many of the publications were in classified journals and reports.

Dan was active in two professional societies. He was Chairman of the Technology Committee on Underwater

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Acoustic Technology for the IEEE Oceanic Engineering Society (two terms). He also served as a Member of the Technical Committee on Underwater Acoustics for the Acoustical Society of America. Dan was also a member of the American Geophysical Union, the American Institute of Physics, Sigma Pi Sigma, and the Society of Sigma Xi.

Dan will be sorely missed by his family, colleagues, and friends. He was a gentle, warm, intelligent man whose door was open to all for technical discussions and guidance. Every-

one also benefited by Dan's habit of visiting offices and laboratories to discuss and observe their research progress. Throughout Dan's career, he was known as a participant in the work of the day, rather than a by-stander. He was a team player who jumped into the fray to solve a particular problem. Dan was also known for his keen observations about human nature and his fine sense of humor.

In his spare time Dan enjoyed music and playing the piano at parties for his friends.

Dan is survived by his wife of thirty-one years, Portia Elizabeth (Betsy) of Carriere, MS; his son, Stuart Edward of Mendenhall, MS; his daughter, Jerry Elizabeth Novak and his granddaughter, Ashley, of Hattiesburg, MS; his sister, Dorothy DeVore of Albuquerque, NM; and a niece and a nephew.

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News Items

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE NEW VOLUNTEER GLOBAL TRAVEL ACCIDENT/MEDICAL PLAN

In the 14 March 2001 issue of the SOCIETY SENTI-NEL, the following information regarding the global travel accident/medical plan was announced (see following paragraph). A number of questions have been raised about coverage for volunteers attending conferences. In general, individuals are covered by this plan if they are BOTH an IEEE volunteer and either (1) a member of the conference organizing committee; (2) a conference speaker; (3) a conference session chair; or (4) an AdCom member of the Society sponsoring the conference. If you are only attending the conference, and are not a presenter, you are not covered by this plan.

This is the original announcement (from the 14 March 2001 SOCIETY SENTINEL): IEEE has established a new travel accident and medical plan to protect IEEE Volunteers who become ill, or injured, and require immediate medical attention while traveling on authorized IEEE business (defined as travel that is paid by the IEEE) outside of their country of permanent residence.

The plan, which was approved by the IEEE Executive Committee, went into effect 1 January 2001, and provides IEEE Volunteers with protection equal to 80% of reasonable and customary charges for medical expenses incurred while traveling on IEEE business (subject to terms and conditions of the policy). The plan is paid for by the Institute, and is provided to IEEE Volunteers at no charge. It is important to note that the individual's personal insurance, and / or national / government health plan, to the extent coverage is available outside the home country, is considered primary. If an indi-

vidual does not have an insurance, and/ or national / government health plan that provides this type of coverage, then the IEEE plan becomes the primary coverage.

Volunteers traveling on IEEE business outside his or her country of permanent residence should always check with their own insurance carrier concerning coverage outside their home country. Volunteers should carry information pertaining to personal insurance coverage when traveling abroad, such as: provider contact information, proof of coverage, etc.

For more information, including plan highlights, restrictions, and frequently asked questions, please visit the Volunteer Resources web page at http://www.ieee.org/organizations/vols/global trav acc med.html>.

FEBRUARY DEADLINE FOR 2002 GOVERNMENT FELLOWSHIPS

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To apply for senior member status, fill out an application at http://www.ieee.org/organizations/rab/md/smelev.htm.

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The new IEEE senior members elected at the June Admission and Advancement Panel meeting have been posted on the Web at http://www.ieee.org/organizations/rab/md/jun00smupdt.html. To receive a hard copy of this report, send an e-mail message with your name and address to Mila Thelen - IEEE Regional Activities — "MailTo:m.thelen @ieee.org".

Senior Member reports from February 1998 to the present may be found at http://www.ieee.org/organizations/rab/md/smupdates.html. Questions about the status of a senior member elevation should be sent by e-mail to MailTo:senior-member@ieee.org."

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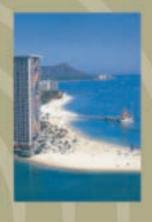
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