

### **Meeting Minutes ISCAS NSATC Meeting minutes – May 20th, 2013, Beijing**

**Present:** Jinhua Lu (Chair), Shantanu Chakrabartty (Secretary), Wei Xing Zheng, Ping Ma, Bo Liu, Wenwu Yu, Pei Wang, Majid Ahmadi, Min Xiao, Yu Huan Zhang, Yoko Uwate, Christian Mayr, Pamela Abshire, David Skeucm.

1. Session started at 12:14pm and was presided over by the NSATC chair.
2. After introductory statements, all attendees introduced themselves. The current number of TC members is 54.
3. The importance of member activities was discussed and it was noted that the TC needs to encourage participation of all members.
4. The nomination of six new members were approved unanimously and the new members were inducted into the NSA TC.
5. Previous year's meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
6. The chair summarized the main parts of the 2012 annual activities report. The NSA TC organized one special session at ISCAS 2013. It was agreed that an additional month of time be provided to other NSA TC members to submit their final version of their annual reports. The need to update the NSA TC website was reiterated.
7. The Best Theory paper for NSATC was awarded to Wenwu Yu.
8. The Best NSATC Application paper was awarded to Pei Wang.
9. Wenwu Yu was unanimously elected as the new secretary elect for the NSA TC. For the year 2013, Jinhua Lu will be the past chair, Alejandro Linares Barranco will be the current chair, Shantanu Chakrabartty will be the chair elect and Elisabetta Chicca will be the secretary.
10. The TC discussed revisions to the current bylaws and ways to increase the paper submissions and special sessions for the NSA track. One of the suggestions made was to select top articles for annual advances in neural systems and applications which will define the current active area of research in the NSA community. It was also suggested not to restrict the selected papers to only ISCAS but to also include other conferences.
11. The members were encouraged to get nominated/elected to the distinguished lecturer program, to the IEEE fellow and to the Board of Governors. In this regard, the importance of the number and the quality of citations was emphasized.
12. The TC was briefly addressed by the IEEE CAS VP of TCs, David Skeucm. The CAS is looking to approaches for increasing the activity of the respective Tcs and to engage the BoG in this process. It was emphasized that each TC identify an active area of research and propose activities for the CAS-FEST.
13. It was suggested that a timely email to several relevant communities like the neuromorphic community about paper submissions could boost the participation in the TC activities. It was noted that over the last few years the TC members have been switching areas of research and it

might be useful to reflect this change by re-branding the TC (like changing its name or consolidating with other Tcs).

14. The TC discussed whether members who could not travel to ISCAS can attend the meeting virtually through webex. It was decided that this issue be brought up at the Wednesday's TC chair's meeting.