

**IEEE SSIT Standards Committee**

**Meeting #28 Notes**

**Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**21:00 – 22:30 (UTC)**

**Location: Electronic Meeting.**

*Meeting chaired by Ruth Lewis; notes provided by Peter Reid.*

## 1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 21:05 (UTC).

## 2 ROLL CALL AND DISCLOSURE OF AFFILIATION

Roll call and disclosure of affiliation was made, and as a quorum was not present, 6 of 13 voting members, the meeting proceeded as an information session. See attendees list at the end of the notes.

## ~~3 AGENDA~~

~~Moved \_\_\_\_\_, seconded \_\_\_\_\_ that the agenda, as distributed, be approved, \_\_\_\_\_.~~

## ~~4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING~~

~~Moved \_\_\_\_\_, seconded \_\_\_\_\_, that the minutes of meeting #27 of 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021 be approved, \_\_\_\_\_.~~

## 5 NEW PAR FOR CONSIDERATION

New PAR for Consideration (majority vote)

- P2987 – Recommended Practice for Principles for Design and Operation Addressing Technology-Facilitated Inter-personal Control.

As a quorum was not present the PAR will be circulated for electronic vote.

## 6 WORKING GROUP REPORTS

### 6.1 P7014 Standard for Ethical considerations in Emulated Empathy in Autonomous and Intelligent Systems

Written report circulated to SC members before the meeting. Ben provided these additional comments:

- The WG is having trouble in getting people to write the actual standard although significant material has been gathered. This could be because people feel that they do not have sufficient information to commit ideas to paper. SC members made the following suggestions.
  - Find someone who would be willing to be the technical editor of the standard.
  - Find a small group of WG members who would be committed to write the standard.
  - Work on one clause or section of the standard at a time to reduce the work to a manageable task.
  - WG Chair to take a more assertive role in requesting output from WG members.
- It was suggested that The Ethics Certification Program for Autonomous and Intelligent Systems (ECPAIS) [IEEE Use Case-Criteria for Addressing Ethical Challenges in Transparency, Accountability, and Privacy of CTA/CTI](#) could offer some assistance in progressing the standard.
- Access to other P7000 standards could be helpful. See Item 7.4 below.

## 6.2 P7011 Standard for the Process of Identifying and Rating the Trustworthiness of News Sources

Written report circulated to SC members before the meeting. Peter provided these additional comments:

- He indicated that P7011 WG was also having trouble getting people to commit to writing the words as per Ben's comments in Item 6.1
- The last WG meeting agreed to concentrate on the trustworthiness section of the PAR as a method of moving to a minimal viable hook to complete the first draft.
- The NewsGuard web site <https://www.newsguardtech.com/> was brought to the WG attention.
- As there are a number of existing "products" which address this problem, it was suggested that the WG consider their interoperability.

## 6.3 WG Management Issues

Ruth reported that the development of an *Ethical Aligned Design for Standards* paper is ongoing. Ruth to check with John Havens on progress and report to next meeting.

## 7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### 7.1 Standards Workshop in 2021

The 2021 AI World Government conference will now be a virtual meeting, as such a partial refund of support payment will be sought. Ruth to follow up and report to next meeting.

### 7.2 Additional Regular Agenda items

No additional items were suggested, item closed.

### 7.3 TAB CoS Call for Proposals - Round 5

Lisa report that 3 proposals were submitted by SC/WGs. Feedback has been positive. Response to requests will provided within 60 days of close of submissions.

### 7.4 Access to WG Drafts

Christy requested that WG Officers provide her with a list of draft standards that they would like to access. She will then undertake to make these available.

## 8 MARKETING

### 8.1 SSIT-SC Web Site Review

There are two web sites <https://sagroups.ieee.org/ssit/> and <https://technologyandsociety.org/>. The SC is responsible for the standards web site <https://sagroups.ieee.org/ssit/>.

- a) Christy has updated organizational information on the SC web site to reflect current situation.
- b) SC web site content review is to be undertaken by Christy and SC Officers.
- c) It was suggested that WG may like to submit an article to go on the web site in conjunction with their 4-monthly report. The Secretary to request an article for the web site when he sends out the reminder to the WG for their 4-monthly report.

## 9 FUTURE MEETINGS

It was agreed that the SC meetings would be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month (UTC) for an hour and a half at 21:00 UTC.

- 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – 21:00 UTC (07:00 16<sup>th</sup> April AEST, 22:00 BST, 17:00-18:30 EDT)  
WG P7012 & P2895 to report.
- 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – 21:00 UTC (07:00 21<sup>st</sup> May AEST, 22:00 BST, 17:00 EDT)  
WG P2980 & new PAR to report.
- 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – 21:00 UTC (07:00 18<sup>th</sup> June AEST, 22:00 BST, 17:00 EDT)

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- 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – 21:00 UTC (07:00 16<sup>th</sup> July AEST, 22:00 BST, 17:00 EDT)  
**WG P7011 & P7014 to report.**
- 19<sup>th</sup> August – 21:00 UTC (07:00 20<sup>th</sup> August AEST, 22:00 BST, 17:00 EDT)  
**WG P7012 & P2895 to report.**
- 16<sup>th</sup> September – 21:00 UTC (07:00 17<sup>th</sup> September AEST, 22:00 BST, 17:00 EDT)  
**WG P2980 & new PAR to report.**
- 21<sup>st</sup> October – 21:00 UTC (08:00 22<sup>nd</sup> October AEDT, 22:00 BST, 17:00 EDT)
- 18<sup>th</sup> November – 21:00 UTC (08:00 19<sup>th</sup> November AEDT, 16:00 EST, 21:00 GMT)  
**WG P7011 & P7014 to report.**
- 16<sup>th</sup> December – 21:00 UTC (08:00 17<sup>th</sup> December AEDT, 16:00 EST, 21:00 GMT)  
**WG P7012 & P2895 to report.**
- 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – 21:00 UTC (08:00 21<sup>st</sup> January AEDT, 16:00 EST, 21:00 GMT)  
**WG P2980 & new PAR to report.**

AEST – Australian Eastern Standard Time; AEDT – Australian Eastern Daylight Time; BST – British Summer Time; EST – Eastern Standard Time; EDT – Eastern Daylight Time; GMT – Greenwich Mean Time.

## 10 ADJOURN

*Moved* \_\_\_\_\_, *seconded* \_\_\_\_\_ that the meeting be adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_ (UTC), \_\_\_\_\_.

## ATTENDEES

Last Name	First Name	Affiliation	Present	Role	Office
Bahn	Christy	IEEE	Yes	S	
Bland	Ben	Unaffiliated	Yes	V	
LeVasseur	Lisa	Wrethinking	Yes	V	Vice-Chair
Lewis	Ruth	Technology Foresight	Yes	V	Chair
Nash	Henry	IBM	Yes	NVM	
Reed	David	Deep Plum Research	Yes	V	
Reid	Peter	Unaffiliated	Yes	V	Secretary
Reilly	Annette	Unaffiliated	Yes	V	

Roles: V = Voting member; NVM = Non-Voting Member; S = IEEE Staff