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Annual General Assembly of the IEEE Switzerland section			
3.26.2019		14:00	Innovation Park, Zurich
Meeting called by	Maria-Alexandra Paun		
Note taker	Ben Bowler		
Attendance	56 attendees were present		
1. Acceptance of agenda			
There were no comments on the agenda. The meeting agenda was approved with one abstain (no objections).			
2. Acceptance of minutes of last Annual General Assembly			
Discussion			
There were no comments on the minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with three abstentions.			
Conclusions			
None			
3. Report from the Chair			
Speaker	Maria-Alexandra		
Discussion			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Maria-Alexandra summarised member numbers, events during 2018, elected fellows, and technical co-sponsorship of eventsThere are currently around 2600 members in Switzerland. She outlined the breakdown by member typeShe highlighted the low representation of women in the membership, and highlighted the Women in Engineering affinity groupThere are 15 chapters, 3 affinity groups and one working group. There are there three student branches (ETH, EPFL, USI)One new chapter was created during 2018; there is a new working group on ethics in blockchain and decentralised systemsUpcoming events are shown on the websiteThere were 43 events organised throughout the yearMaria-Alexandra highlighted the IEEE Day Celebration, focused on drones and airborne robotsShe highlighted the technical co-sponsorship of the Crypto-valley conference (Zug), ISPDG (Geneva) and RTSI (Italy)			
Conclusions			
None			
Action Items		Owner	Deadline
None			
4. Treasurer's report			
Speaker	Danilo Zanata		
Discussion			
Danilo gave an overview of the financial performance over the year. The section received the maximum rebate from IEEE headquarters.			
Financial performance was close to forecast. There was a higher than expected income. The section booked a loss over 2018. This was in line with the plan outlined at the previous AGA, where it was proposed to reduce the surplus currently held by the section. The loss posted was slightly lower than in 2017.			
Figures are available in the accompanying presentation.			
The surplus will be further reduced in 2019-2020.			
There were no comments on the financial report.			

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The financial report was unanimously approved.		
Conclusions		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Financial report approved		
Action Items	Owner	Deadline
5. Chapter and affinity group reports		
Speaker	Maria-Alexandra Paun	
Discussion		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">AES-10 – Heinz Wipf provided an update, 5 lectures were given during 2018, exchanges took place in Germany and America.Industrial Relations - Heinz Mathis provided an update. An autumn seminar will commemorate 50 years since the moon landing.Digital communication systems – Thomas Mittelholzer provided an updateElectronics packaging society – presented by Maria Alexandra Paun – Maria explained the two events in 2018. A new board was elected in 2018. 2019 – 1 distinguished lecture and 1 technical seminarPES – Ben Bowler provided an update – Ben introduced himself as new chair;AP-MTT-EMC Joint chapter – Nicolas Mora provided an update; 2 conferences and 1 workshop were completed in 2018.SSC - Taekwang Jang introduced himself as incoming chair and highlighted activities during the year.Life members affinity group – Hugo Wyss provided an update – the affinity group has grown – it is now the second largest in R8. Robert Weiss gave an overview of the poster projectBlockchain and distributed systems – Mark Greenslade gave an overview of the newly established chapter and the recent event in Davos		
Conclusions		
None – information item		
Action Items	Owner	Deadline
6. Election of new officers for 2019 – 2020		
The slate of candidates was shared with the AGA.		
EXCOM has put forward Thomas Hanselmann as candidate for Vice Chair. He gave a short introduction of himself.		
The slate of candidates was approved. 1 no vote. No abstentions.		
Conclusions		
None – information item		
Action Items	Owner	Deadline
7. Discharge of officers		
Discharge of officers was unanimously approved.		
None – information item		
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9. Any other business		
<p>Senior membership election / nomination was raised by Andreas Doring. Andreas explained that three references are required for promotion to senior member. He explained that it is difficult to find senior members to act as references for nominated senior members. He requested that within the AGA, senior members should be asked to volunteer if they are able to / interested in acting as senior member references. If they are interested they should get in touch with Andreas. Andreas will develop and maintain a list of referees. His email address is on the website.</p> <p>There were no other comments or suggestions.</p>		
None – information item		
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