The IEEE ComSoc Optical Networking Technical Committee (ONTC) met at ICC 2002 New York Marriott Marquis, NY on April 29, 2002 at 5:00pm.

Hussein Mouftah chaired the meeting.

The attendees included Hussein Mouftah, Byrav Ramamurthy, Byeong Lee, Oliver Yang, Minho Kang, Wojciech Kabacinski, Yuming Jiang, Lu Shen, Guoliang (Larry) Xue, Jason Jue, Xi Yang, Mounir Hamdi, Michael Kincaid, Steve Gorshe, G. S. Kuo, Curtis Siller, Doug Zuckerman, Andrea Fumagalli, Tim Ozugur, K. Thulasiraman, Antonio C. Bordeaux-Rego, Jaafar Elmirghani, Tarek El-Bawab, Jacek Chrostowski and Ibrahim Habib.

1. Welcome/Self-introduction by those present.

2. Minutes of the previous ONTC meetings at Globecom2001 and OFC2002 were approved. The minutes and other ONTC related documents are available on the ComSoc website: http://www.comsoc.org/socstr/org/operation/techcom/optical.html and at the UNL website: http://hamsa.unl.edu/%7Ebyrav/ONTC/index.html

3. Publications:
Byeong Lee reported on the ComSoc meeting on Optical networks and systems magazine. Several possibilities are being explored including (a) Stand-alone magazine (b) Joint venture with Optical Networks magazine from SPIE/Kluwer. Several business issues need to be resolved including advertising revenue.

4. Candidates: Hussein Mouftah mentioned that Vijay Bhargava is running for the position of IEEE President and urge everyone to consider voting for him. For the IEEE ComSoc president position, two candidates (Curtis Siller and Doug Zuckerman) were running and they both spoke to the audience about this.

5. ICC2002: At ICC2002 ONTC has sponsored an Optical Networking Symposium (Chair: Hussein Mouftah), a Business Application Session (Chair: Nasir Ghani), and a workshop on Optical Metropolitan Area Networks (Chair: Tarek El-Bawab).

6. Globecom2002: There will be a Symposium on Optical Networking (The ONTC Vice-chair Mounir Hamdi is the contact person). It has received about 130 papers which are currently under review (acceptance rate likely to be below 30%). The program will be finalized in one month. Andrea Fumagalli mentioned that they have 3 workshops. Time is short for suggesting additional workshops.

7. OFC2003: Will be in Atlanta. ONTC would like to participate more in the organization of OFC. Proposals/nominations are welcomed for panel discussions, workshops, organizer/chair of events. Mouftah serves on

the organizational board of OFC. ONTC nominated a few people earlier
this year. For OFC2004, the discussion focused on how ONTC could
contribute. Perhaps through memberships in subcommittees (at least
two) relevant to ONTC. Mouftah will circulate (i) Name of co-chair
(ii) subcommittee participation (iii) location of OFC2004.

8. ICC 2003: Workshop on Optical networking, Symposium on Optical networking
(chairs: Mounir Hamdi and Chunming Qiao). The conference will be held in
Anchorage, Alaska. Jaafar Elmirghani mentioned that ICC2003 will have a
General Conference. Mouftah requested a representative of ONTC for ICC 2003
General Conference. Larry Xue volunteered for this position and was asked
to contact the TPC chair, Ian Aykildiz.

9. Timucin Ozugur volunteered and was accepted to be ONTC's
representative to IETF Standards bodies.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

Minutes recorded by Byrav Ramamurthy (byrav@cse.unl.edu), Secretary, ONTC.