



Date: October 16, 2023

Minutes of IEEE CTSoc VAM TC Meeting #5.

Date/Time/Location:

The meeting was conducted on October 16, 2023, 2:00 pm UTC+1 via Zoom.

Chair and Facilitator: Kousik Sankar R

Vice Chair and Note taker: Ying-Ren Chien

Secretary: Alberto Cannavò

Members: Abraham Campbell, Filippo Gabriele Praticò, Woontack Woo, and Andrea Sanna

Agenda:

- VAM (Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality and Metaverse) for Healthcare
- Technical Talks
- News & Updates
- Upcoming conferences
- Outcomes and opportunities
- Increase members involvement.
- Discussion, Q&As

Discussion from the meeting

- Alberto Cannavò, the Secretary of the VAM TC, extended a warm welcome to all meeting participants and provided an overview of the agenda topics.
- The chair introduced the VAM initiative (Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality, and Metaverse) for Healthcare, delving into current global healthcare challenges, its objectives, benefits, and aspirations. Kousik expressed the desire to present this proposal to SIG Metaverse members with the hope that it would evolve into a worldwide healthcare standard, potentially leading to the establishment of a standardization committee.
- Abraham Campbell recognized the potential of the proposal and suggested taking into account the point of view of the patient rather than focusing only on the doctors. In his opinion, patients can find more benefits with such a proposal.
- The CTSOC technical talks were presented by the secretary, who also announced that the technical talks for VAM will take place in November, according to the original schedule. Links to previous technical talks were also shared with the attendees.
- The Future Direction Liaison, Vassilis Charissis, was introduced alongside four new members to the entire audience. The secretary invited attendees to share the invitation to join the VAM TC with colleagues.
- Abraham Campbell provided a brief overview of IEEE GEM 2023, and invited participant to join the conference.

- Alberto Cannavò reminded everyone about the opportunities for contributing to the journal and upcoming conferences (ICCE-Asia, IEEE GEM, and ICCE 2024) not only as authors but to consider the possibility of supporting the technical committees.
- There was a discussion about potential strategies to enhance member engagement, including the possibility of organizing events or sharing research topics through a dedicated channel on LinkedIn. It was unanimously agreed that sharing individual research results and ongoing projects on LinkedIn is an effective approach. Additionally, fostering collaboration among members was recognized as another valuable method.
- Gabriele Filippo Praticò inquired about the process for volunteering at the CTSoc Conference.