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Memory and Future: Remembering Dave Waltz

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On the behalf of our editorial board and advisory committee, I would like to take this opportunity to express our deep sorrow at the passing of David L. Waltz, a member of our advisory committee and a long-time friend and supporter to many of us at *IEEE Intelligent Systems*. Dave died on 22 March 2012. (For more information, see his Wikipedia entry at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Waltz.)

Many of us in this community viewed Dave as a special friend and mentor, and as the news of his death spread, the messages from other board members came pouring in: “Dave was a huge help to me when I was editor. He was a mentoring and creative force for me at that time. He was quite a guy.” “I still recall how Dave’s very early work on constraint-based reasoning for scene interpretation was an inspiration to me to pursue graduate work in AI.” “Dave served as a wise soul and mentor for many in the community.” “A great researcher and mentor, a fantastic board member, and a special human being.” “He had contributed significantly to our magazine.” “David was a tall man in every sense of the word. We are thankful for his presence and influence among us.” “It was like he was a hidden hub in the AI/CS social network,” “Dave was a class act, always positive, always supportive, always constructive.”

To me, Dave was a wonderful man, a pioneer, and a mentor. Professionally, I want to thank him for his contributions to AI and CS, and for his steady, continued support of our magazine, first on the editorial board and later on the advisory committee. I have the utmost respect for him and his amazing thoughts and inspirations. Personally, Dave was always kind and supportive to my own studies and investigations, offering many words of advice over the years. As late as last fall, while he was seriously ill, Dave took the time to pen a letter of support for me. Yes, he was a rare and generous man.

To express our sincerest appreciation for Dave’s significant contribution to our magazine and to the field of AI and intelligent systems, the *IEEE Intelligent Systems* will publish an In Memoriam tribute to Dave Waltz. If you wish to contribute to the article, please contact me at feiyue@ieee.org before June 15, 2012.

Call for AI’s Top 10 to Watch, 2012

IEEE Intelligent Systems is seeking nominations for the 2012 class of “Top 10 to Watch” young AI researchers. Candidates must have received their PhD within the last five years (January 2007 or later). To nominate someone, please

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Figure 1. Dave Waltz, second from right, at the 2006 *IEEE Intelligent Systems* editorial board meeting. (Source: Jim Hendler; used with permission.)

send a pointer to his or her Web page, a short description of his or her work and qualifications (at most two paragraphs), and a list of up to 10 major publications or achievements to me at feiyue@ieee.org by 1 August 2012 (with "10 to Watch" in the subject line). For information on the 2010 class, see <http://blog.sciencenet.cn/blog-2374-415676.html>.

Call for *IS* Hall of Fame, 2012

The *IEEE Intelligent Systems* Hall of Fame was established in 2010 to recognize those who have made significant contributions to our field. The inaugural induction, in 2011, was a huge success, honoring 10 trailblazers for their notable influence on AI and intelligent systems. I would like to congratulate especially Hall of Fame inductee Judea Pearl for winning the 2011 ACM A.M. Turing Award for his work in probabilistic and causal reasoning and their application.

To nominate someone for this year's class, please send a one-page biographical

sketch and curriculum vitae to me at feiyue@ieee.org by 1 August (with "Hall of Fame" in the subject line). For information on the inaugural class, check: <http://blog.sciencenet.cn/blog-2374-482858.html>.

I have received a few e-mails expressing good wishes for my health since my first letter this year. I am fully recovered, and many thanks to you all. As for my letter on piecemeal engineering and Twitter technology, I am still working on it. I hope to share my thought on concepts of computational societies and computational dialectics (or computational dialectical methods) soon. ■

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