

IEEE Winnipeg Section Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2012

University of Manitoba Engineering Information Technology Complex (EITC) - E2 - 361, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, 5:30 PM

Attendance: Vajira Pathirana, Sherif Sherif, Nariman Sepehri, Ken Ferens, Puyan Mojabi, Witold Kinsner, Sam Kovnats, Len Bateman, Kathryn Marcynuk, Jordan Hiebert

Regrets: Kiral Poon, Evan Thompson, Steven Howell, Ekram Hossain, Dario Schor

CALLED TO ORDER at 17:36

1. Approve agenda (WK/SK) – Carried
2. Approval of the Minutes of the October 9, 2012 meeting (KF, LB) – Carried
3. Chair Report
 - a. GOLD would like to hold their AGM alongside the section's- either before or after
 - b. SS attended the IEEE Canada Regional meeting
 - i. New Western Canada Chair elected
 - ii. IEEE Winnipeg Section seems to have very similar problems to a lot of other small sections with regards to participation and meeting attendance
 - iii. CCECE Update
 1. To be held in Regina
 2. President of MIT will be the main speaker on the topic of Distance and Extended Education
 3. Currently seeking 3 PhD's to mentor U of Regina students
 - c. Dave Kemp reports that the Life Member Technical Tour will not be coming to Winnipeg after all
4. Treasurer Report
 - a. L50 Form did not get submitted- accident on SK's part
 - i. SK will work with the IEEE Treasurer (Kash) to resolve the issue
 - b. Several forms need to be filled out to complete transfer of accounts
 - i. VP, SS, and SK to meet with previous treasurer ASAP to complete
5. Secretary Report
 - a. IEEE e-mail forwarding services (@ieee.org) were down for several days due to Hurricane Sandy
6. Reports
 - a. Robotics
 - i. Chapter has a new Secretary
 - ii. November presentation planned
 - iii. Winnipeg Police robotic mascot development continues
 1. Currently in early stages
 2. Hope to show off at Winnipeg Section AGM in January

- b. Computer and Computational Intelligence
 - i. Second phase of TSAT project has begun
 - ii. IEEE XTREME Programming Competition was a success. Three teams from the U of M participated.
 - iii. “Intro to Arduino” workshop held on November 7
- c. EMBS
 - i. Presentation planned for month of November
- d. EduManCom
 - i. 5 seminars so far this year put together by DS regarding Embedded Systems
 - ii. One meeting (forum) is held per year with representatives from industry
- e. GOLD
 - i. One event was held in October
 - ii. Joint event planned with WIE planned for November – Student/Industry Networking event
 - 1. Received \$200 from APEGM
 - 2. Door prize is a Google Nexus 7 tablet
 - 3. To be held at the King’s Head: \$10/members, \$15/non-members
 - 4. Free drink is included, but paid by ticket price
 - iii. Now officially on concentration banking
- f. Waves
 - i. Technical seminar held on November 2- 17 attendees.
 - ii. Seminar scheduled for the end of November
- g. Life
 - i. 2 meetings held so far this year
 - ii. Annual meeting held recently- extremely well attended.
 - 1. Chair changed over to Rob Britton
 - 2. Lunch provided
 - 3. Speaker from MB Hydro regarding Biogas
 - iii. MOTION: To provide \$100 from the Life Member account to the Chair of the Canadian Society of Senior Engineers for the purpose of holding joint meetings with Life Members (LB, WK) – CARRIED.

MOTION: For the section to match the APEGM contribution of \$200 for the GOLD/WIE joint Student/Industry Networking event to be held on November 27 (SK, SS) – CARRIED.

- h. TISP
 - i. Monthly meetings continue
- i. U of M Student Branch
 - i. Beginner and advanced workshops for embedded programming are in progress

7. New Business

a. AGM

- i. SS is attempting to book the EITC Atrium at the U of M for the event
- ii. Zahra Mosavi to be invited to give a presentation
- iii. Same format as last year with regards to multiple presentations

ADJOURNED at 18:54