

IEEE Winnipeg Section Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2013

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

Attendance: Sherif Sherif (SS), Ali Mehrabani (AM), Kathryn Marcynuk (KM), Witold Kinsner (WK), Sam Kovnats (SK), Serge Roy (SR), Hamid Hassanzadeh (HH)

CALLED TO ORDER at 17: 35

1. Approve agenda (SS/WK)– Carried
2. Approval of the Minutes of the May 14, 2013 meeting (SS/WK)–Carried
 - a. correcting IEEE CANADA in notes
3. Chair Report (SS)
 - a. Do we really want to put resources for Motion/Humanitarian Tech. related? (SS)
 - i. Comments about previous IEEE conf. in CA. conf. in Saskatchewan offered: GOLD+we work toward infinity groups, if community embraces; it can be large group in future (WK).
 - ii. We do not want to dilute our activity by participating in new plan (SS).
 - iii. It could be challenging (KM)
 - iv. Idea behind the group is more technical, by aiming developing countries (WK)
 - v. Hard for us and GOLD to make credibility for it we need someone who is really being dedicated to plan. Starting a new group is a multi-year commitment (SK).
 - vi. AM agrees with SK. SR agrees with volunteering activities. HH agrees to sending announcements for finding interested people to carry out the job.
 - vii. **Action** for SS: sending announcements to executive/everybody to find dedicated person (recruitment).
 - b. BBQ: wait till AGM and special event with life members/ 50yrs IEEE in the fall; short meeting (WK)
4. Treasurer report: SS on behalf PM (Puyan Mojabi) : need issuing some cheques.
 - a. WK: Executive members should be more responsible to attending sessions.
 - b. **Action** for SS: reminding executives to attend sessions.
5. Secretary report
6. Reports
 - a. Communications

- b. Computer and Computational Intelligence
 - i. Verna Kirkness (VK) Program for Aboriginal Students 2013 (VKPAS2013), WK gave explanation and distributed agenda about the one week workshop (2 June-8 June 2013) which totally funded by VK. IEEE Winnipeg did not participate last year. Consider participation in future (WK).
 - ii. Next space camp will be held on Aug.18th for high school students. Announcements are published. All Manitoba aerospace industries are involved. Media and Military are involved in DSAT; Manitoba Space Adventure. 10 events in last month.
- c. EMBS
 - i. No events last month. Trying to have something for next months.
- d. EduManCom
 - i. Working toward industrial forum for obtaining feedback from industry in Canada/US. Ken Ferens is preparing it to be ready for Fall.
- e. PES
 - i. Lunch on presentations mainly suitable for industrial people (parking lot problem around campus) SR & SK.
- f. Robotics and Control
 - i. Nariman Sepehri (NS) has talked to SS, requesting 1500\$ for Robotics and Control.
 - ii. People were disagreeing to funding Robotics and Control before completion of official paperwork.
 - iii. **Action** for Jordan Heibert : completing paperwork and official requirements for Robotics & Control; to be registered.
- g. Waves
 - i. Tomorrow they have an event titled: Microwave Photonics. No more news.
- h. GOLD
 - i. LaTeX workshop was held.
 - ii. P.Eng seminar in October will be held.
 - iii. BBQ will be held next week at St. Vital Park; 5\$ member, 10\$ non-member fee (KM)
 - iv. T-shirts for GOLD (each 35\$) has been ordered (KM).
 - v. e-notice has not published yet; probable error in mail server,
 - vi. **Action** for SS: Call Jordan Hiebert for e-notices+section meeting at BBQ. WK: may be approval for email is missing.
- i. Life Members
- j. WIE
- k. TISP
 - i. WK explained.
- l. Newsletter
 - i. AM has talked to Dr. Irani , they're preparing next issue.

7. Reports from student branch
 - a. UofM
 - b. Lakehead University
 - c. Assiniboine College
 - d. Red River College
8. New business
 - a. IEEE Canada election is coming. Dr WK is one of three candidates.
 - b. Suggestion of providing short video clips for promoting him (SS).
 - c. Publishing a conversation with WK in newsletter (AM).
 - d. SK: executives should be determined by end of June.
 - e. SR talked about his business with MB-Hydro. Potential cooperation with Dr B.Kordi & Dr. Swatek

ADJOURNED at 18:50

Minutes recorded by Hamid Hassanzadeh in the absence of Jordan Hiebert.