

## IEEE Winnipeg Section Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2016

University of Manitoba Engineering Information Technology Complex (EITC) – E2 - 399, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, 5:30 PM

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**Attendance:** Ekram Hossain (EK), Trevor Brown (TB), Kevin Lamothe (KL), Steven Howell (SH), Nasim Abdollahi (NA), Eric Karr

**Regrets:** Dario Schor (DS)

### CALLED TO ORDER at 17:34

1. Approval of the agenda (SH/NA) Carried.
2. Approval of the minutes of the April meeting (SH/NA) Carried.
3. Chair Report (DS sent regrets)
  - a. Congratulations to Kevin Lamothe from the University of Manitoba Student Chapter for receiving the IEEE Canada Foundation (ICF) Scholarship
  - b. Congratulations to the UMSATS on receiving funding for the T-Sat3 project from ICF
  - c. DS informed IEEE Canada of our decision to not host the IEEE Humanitarian Conference for 2016
    - This does not prevent us from applying to host other conferences in the future
  - d. DS is currently reviewing information from ICF about moving the Ted Glass award funds
  - e. DS attended the IEEE Canada Board Meeting from May 13-15 in Vancouver, BC
    - Congratulations to the Life Members and YP affinity groups of the Winnipeg Section who were highlighted for their activities and reporting.
    - A number of new volunteer tools are available, and DS will organize a training session to cover these items
    - DS met with representatives from the IEEE Standards Association and there is a possibility of holding an event focused on specific standards of interest to some of our industry members
      - i. If any Chapter Chairs have any specific ideas, please contact DS
  - f. DS will be approaching a few members who are eligible for Senior Membership elevation to begin the process
4. Vice-Chair Report
  - a. Nothing to report
5. Treasurer Report
  - a. The Section received the rebate for the year (approx. \$7,700)
  - b. We need to discuss how to distribute the rebate to the individual chapters/groups
    - They had a part in the reporting process
    - Would be easier if a portion of money was allocated to each group, as opposed to having each group submit a formal request
    - Tabled until next meeting
  - c. Need to check if the Communications expenditures have been approved/approve them
    - Tabled until next meeting

6. Secretary Report
  - a. Send TB information by May 22 for events occurring in June
  - b. YP BBQ will be on July 6 this year
7. IEEE Canada President Update (Not in attendance)
8. IEEE Canada Foundation Report (Not in attendance)
9. Chapter and Affinity Group Reports
  - a. Communications (EK)
    - A seminar was held at the end of April
    - Upcoming seminar in June
  - b. Computer and Computational Intelligence (not in attendance)
  - c. EMBS – (Not in attendance)
  - d. EduManCom (Not in attendance)
  - e. PES (Not in attendance)
  - f. Waves (Not in attendance)
    - Recently held a Distinguished Lecturer talk
    - TB will check with Puyan about the Waves chapter rebate
  - g. RobConIM (Not in attendance)
  - h. GRSS-AES (Not in attendance)
    - 170 people attended the Journey to Mars talk
    - Thanks to Dr. Kinsner for helping to coordinate the event
  - i. YP (Not in attendance)
    - See Secretary’s report
  - j. Life Members (Not in attendance)
  - k. WIE (NA)
    - In touch with Dawn Nedohin-Macek from Manitoba Hydro to get access to the WIE website
    - Will be meeting with volunteers next week to discuss upcoming events
  - l. TISP (Not in attendance)
  - m. Newsletter (Not in attendance)
10. Reports from student branch chairs
  - a. University of Manitoba (KL)
    - The Chapter advisor (branch counselor) is supposed to get the section rebate, but it wasn’t received
      - i. IEEE Canada is sending another one
  - b. Lakehead University (Not in attendance)
  - c. Assiniboine College (Not in attendance)
  - d. Red River College (Not in attendance)

**ADJOURNED (SH/EK) at 17:57**