

IEEE Winnipeg Section Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2016

University of Manitoba Engineering Information Technology Complex (EITC) – E2 - 304, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, 5:30 PM

Attendance: Dario Schor (DS), Witold Kinsner (WK), Trevor Brown (TB), Chris Henry (CH), Sean O'Brien (SO), Nasim Abdollahi (NA), Ian Jeffrey (IJ), Chelsea Taylor (CT), Matt McQuaker (MM), Mark Roy (MR), Kevin Lamothe (KL), Kevin Brown (KB), Chaitanya Narendra (CN), Puyan Mojabi (PM), Lakehead student branch via WebEx

Regrets: Dave Kemp, Ken Ferens

CALLED TO ORDER at 17:34

1. Approval of the agenda (IJ/PM) Carried.
2. Approval of the minutes of the May meeting (KL/IJ) Carried.
3. Chair Report
 - a. Many events were held over the summer
 - YP BBQ at Assiniboine Park
 - WIE kick-off event
 - Manitoba Space Adventure Camp
 - Waves Chapter Distinguished Lecture by Dr. Edmund Miller
 - Computer Chapter Distinguished Lecture by Dr. Andre Oboler
 - Life Members seminars
 - Collaboration between student groups from the University of Manitoba and North Dakota State University
 - b. The Lakehead student branch is now involved and joining talks remotely
 - c. We sent members to a multi-generational workshop in Mississauga
 - Life members, 3 of 4 student chapters, WIE, YP
 - d. Planning on dealing with the allocation of the annual Section rebate
4. Vice-Chair Report (Not in attendance)
5. Treasurer Report (Not in attendance)
6. Secretary Report
 - a. Please send events for October 2016 to TB by September 22
7. IEEE Canada President Update
 - a. IEEE Canada is attempting to bridge the gap between industry and academia
 - b. Attended international IEEE board meeting in Singapore on Aug. 29
 - c. Attended the multi-generational workshop in Mississauga
 - Student congress, WIE congress, YP congress
 - d. IEEE board meeting coming up in October
 - e. Ceremony planned for General McNaughton in Ottawa
 - f. Talk upcoming on the September 22 on MRI (former student currently at Harvard)

- g. IEEE membership has decreased in Canada
- 8. IEEE Canada Foundation Report (Not in attendance)
- 9. Chapter and Affinity Group Reports
 - a. Communications (Not in attendance)
 - b. Computer and Computational Intelligence (IJ)
 - Hosted Dr. Andre Oboler in August
 - i. One talk at U of W (20+ people, plus 10 from Lakehead via WebEx)
 - ii. One talk at U of M (~15 people attended)
 - iii. IEEEExtreme 10 will take place on October 21-22
 - a. IJ has asked the ECE department to schedule midterms around it to facilitate student participation
 - b. Lakehead could be involved
 - c. We could also ask Red River to create a team
 - iv. Two talks are planned for the coming months
 - c. EMBS (Not in attendance)
 - New chair: Dr. Sergio Camorlinga
 - Planning on holding a seminar soon
 - d. EduManCom (Not in attendance)
 - e. PES (Not in attendance)
 - Continue to be very active with luncheon talks
 - f. Waves (PM)
 - Looking to bring in 3 DLs (APS), two have already agreed
 - Applied for funding from the 3 societies
 - Waiting for \$200 from Section (last year and this year)
 - i. Do not have access to concentration banking (Section-controlled)
 - ii. Waves needs to be informed about account updates
 - iii. DS will check with SH about including account updates in the monthly report
 - a. PM agrees that Chapters should have responsibility of keeping financial records
 - g. RobConIM (SO)
 - Six talks planned, held every second Wednesday
 - Could broadcast the talks to the ECE seminar list, computer science
 - DS: Can broadcast events to EGM as well
 - PM: Waves chapter could co-sponsor a DL from IMS
 - We can also share DLs with Lakehead, Regina, and/or Saskatoon
 - h. GRSS-AES (DS)
 - Held an event (University of Manitoba nanosatellite seminar)
 - Upcoming conference in Winnipeg in November (Canadian Space Summit)
 - i. YP (MR)
 - Held YP BBQ in July, was well attended
 - Two workshops planned at the Millennium Library
 - i. How to build a PC
 - ii. 3D printing workshop
 - May hold a 3D printing workshop at the U of M, student chapter has a 3D printer
 - j. Life Members (Not in attendance)
 - Held a seminar on the technology behind the Canadian Museum of Human Rights

- k. WIE (NA)
 - Successful kick-off event in June (50+ attendees and two speakers)
 - Updated the WIE website
 - Working on opening a concentration banking account
 - Interested in forming an advisory committee for WIE, with industry members and professors
 - Would like to plan outreach workshops for younger kids
 - i. IJ: Talk to UMES and possibly join their outreach events
 - l. TISP (WK)
 - Yearly space camps
 - Aboriginal student event
 - Teaching teachers workshop
 - WK is urgently looking for a replacement as Chair of TISP
 - m. Newsletter (Not in attendance)
 - Deadline for submissions for the next issue is October 3rd
 - i. 2-3 paragraphs, include pictures
10. Reports from student branch chairs
- a. University of Manitoba (KL)
 - Recruited at the orientation
 - Planning workshops for the year, will advertise as well
 - Attended student congress, made connections with RRC and Lakehead
 - 14 students from North Dakota State University came for a tour (Region 4)
 - b. Lakehead University
 - Revitalized the local chapter
 - 60+ participants in a local event
 - One member attended student congress, will share the experience in a presentation
 - c. Assiniboine College (Not in attendance)
 - Currently holding elections for executives
 - d. Red River College (Not in attendance)
 - We will try to connect with them more (IEEEExtreme)
11. New business
- a. Allocation of Section rebate
 - Tabled until next meeting (DS will talk with SH)
 - b. Funding for IEEEExtreme
 - Motion: To cover up to \$100 for pizza/refreshments for IEEE Xtreme (CH/KL)
Passed
 - Also ask the Dean of U of M Engineering, and head of ECE Department
 - Student chapter will also help with fridge, chairs, and couch
 - c. Funding for Computer and Computational Intelligence Chapter DVP (Aug. 24/25)
 - Motion: to reimburse Computer and Computational Intelligence Chapter for \$293.55 for the two seminars (WK/KL) Passed
 - Next time the funding request will be submitted before the event
 - We also need hardcopies of receipts

- d. IEEE Executive training session
 - Will be held following the meeting
- e. IEEE Canada review magazine
 - Can submit articles about the many activities that are happening

ADJOURNED (DS/TB) at 18:55