

IEEE Winnipeg Section Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2015

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

Attendance: Puyan Mojabi (PM), Trevor Brown (TB), Dario Schor (DS), Alfonz Koncan (AK), Nozhan Bayat (NB)

Regrets: Witold Kinsner, Ian Jeffrey, Matt McQuaker, Eric Karr

CALLED TO ORDER at 17:39

1. Approval of the agenda (NB/AK) Carried.
2. Approval of the minutes of the Oct. meeting (AK/NB) Carried.
3. Chair Report
 - a. PM attended IEEE Canada Fall Meeting in October
 - IEEE USA has hired a lobbyist to work in Washington DC
 - IEEE is working towards unifying global policies
 - IEEE membership is down (both region 7 and all of IEEE)
 - Must submit the Section report by February 17
 - We need to be careful with the conversion rates (CAD to USD) when we make the switch to concentration banking
 - b. IHTC 2018
 - We need to inform IEEE Canada before the spring meeting of our intent
 - We will pass on the information to the next Section Chair
 - PM passed this on to other parties as well
 - c. PM formed a nomination committee for the 2016 executive committee
 - Dr. Gole, Dr. Kordi, and Dr. Filizadeh
 - If anyone is interested in serving on the executive committee let PM know
 - d. We have held 19 technical presentations since the spring meeting which is comparable with bigger sections
 - e. The Winnipeg Section membership is about 7% down for the year
4. Vice-Chair Report
 - a. AGM
 - DS contacted potential venues
 - Will be held on January 26 at the Viscount Gort
 - i. Relatively close to the university
 - ii. Free parking
 - APEGM Chair will be there
 - Keynote speaker has not been finalized
 - i. PM could ask David Barber
5. Treasurer Report (Not in attendance)
6. Secretary Report

- a. Send TB information about December events before Friday Nov. 27
 - b. Update from YP: Nothing to report, currently planning a workshop for January
 - c. PES is looking for a new chair for 2016 to replace Mike Sefton. He will be available to assist with the transition.
7. President-Elect Update (WK sent regrets)
8. IEEE Canada Foundation Report (Not in attendance)
9. Chapter and Affinity Group Reports
- a. Communications (Not in attendance)
 - b. Computer and Computational Intelligence (WK sent regrets)
 - c. EMBS – (Not in attendance)
 - d. EduManCom (Not in attendance)
 - e. PES (Not in attendance)
 - See Secretary’s Report
 - f. Waves (PM)
 - PM has invited 3 DLs for 2016, all said yes, dates TBA
 - g. RobConIM (Not in attendance)
 - Held a recent technical seminar
 - h. GRSS-AES (Not in attendance)
 - i. YP (MM sent regrets)
 - See Secretary’s Report
 - j. Life Members (Not in attendance)
 - k. WIE (Not in attendance)
 - l. TISP (WK sent regrets)
 - m. Newsletter (Not in attendance)
 - New issue has been posted
10. Reports from student branch chairs
- a. University of Manitoba (EK sent regrets)
 - b. Lakehead University (Not in attendance)
 - c. Assiniboine College (Not in attendance)
 - d. Red River College (Not in attendance)
11. New business
- a. IEEE Humanitarian Conference (IHTC 2018)
 - See the Chair’s Report
 - b. Industry Liaison responsibilities were attached to the October minutes
 - We used to have this position, but it was poorly defined
 - We will have this position for 2016

ADJOURNED (NB/DS) at 18:00