

IEEE Winnipeg Section Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2016

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

Attendance: Dario Schor (DS), Trevor Brown (TB), Ian Jeffrey (IJ), Eric Karr (EK), Kyle Boch (KB), Chris Henry (CH), Sean O'Brien (SO)

Regrets: Witold Kinsner, Nasim Abdollahi, Steven Howell

CALLED TO ORDER at 17:32

1. Approval of the agenda (EK/KB) Carried.
2. Approval of the minutes of the Feb. meeting (SO/CH) Carried.
3. Chair Report
 - a. DS is helping Nasim get set up with WIE information
 - b. Following up on ICF (moving Ted Glass award funds for better return)
 - DS sent information to the newly formed investment review committee
 - c. Next IEEE Canada meeting is in May in Vancouver
 - The Executive Committee will coordinate who to send
4. Vice-Chair Report (Not in attendance)
5. Treasurer Report (SH sent regrets)
 - a. Cheques have been delivered for the AGM expenses (DS), UMIEEEE (3D printer), and the Robot Games
 - b. Will deliver cheque to Puyan Mojabi for the Waves Chapter
6. Secretary Report
 - a. Update from WIE (Nasim Abdollahi)
 - Currently focused on finding volunteers and there has been a lot of interest
 - Students can join WIE for free
 - WIE provides scholarship opportunities
 - b. Dr. Kinsner's update
 - Section congress will take place in August 2017
 - i. IEEE Canada will pay for one delegate
 - a. Troy Denton went in 2014
 - ii. Delegate will attend workshops, events on collaboration, learn how to host events
 - iii. In 2014 we tried to submit a presentation, but it didn't go through in time
 - a. This time we can prepare in advance
7. IEEE Canada President Update (WK sent regrets)
 - a. See the Secretary Report
8. IEEE Canada Foundation Report (Not in attendance)

9. Chapter and Affinity Group Reports
 - a. Communications (Not in attendance)
 - b. Computer and Computational Intelligence (CH)
 - Currently working to organize more talks
 - i. Reached out to Sightline Innovations
 - ii. Things will pick up in April, thinking of having a remote speaker (via Skype)
 - a. An in-person follow-up would be very useful (from DS's experience)
 - iii. Attending NVIDIA GTC in May, may meet some potential speakers
 - iv. Will try to connect the next talk with the Lakehead student branch
 - a. Will check with the high performance computing lab for remote conference resources
 - c. EMBS (Not in attendance)
 - d. EduManCom (Not in attendance)
 - e. PES (Not in attendance)
 - Cancelled event for March
 - f. Waves (Not in attendance)
 - g. RobConIM (SO)
 - Currently planning four upcoming events for the Chapter
 - h. GRSS-AESS (DS)
 - Speaker coming on the 29th (DL)
 - i. YP (DS)
 - Held AGM, new executives for 2016 have been set
 - Sent out award information to Capstone groups
 - j. Life Members (Not in attendance)
 - Held event earlier in the month
 - k. WIE (NA sent regrets)
 - See secretary's report
 - l. TISP (WK sent regrets)
 - See secretary's report
 - m. Newsletter (Not in attendance)
 - New issue up on the website (March 2016)
 - Next issue will be in the summer or end of summer
 - i. Take pictures, include a short summary, highlights, and contact info and send that to Brent Schellenberg (schellenberg.brent@gmail.com)
10. Reports from student branch chairs
 - a. University of Manitoba (EK)
 - Circuit Maker workshop went well (10-15 people in attendance)
 - Advanced Arduino workshop has been pushed back because of shipping issue (April 2nd)
 - Purchased digital multimeter, logic analyzer, and function generator (covered by McNaughton Learning Center)
 - Still haven't received the cheque from IEEE Canada
 - i. EK will follow up with Dr. Kinsner
 - Will set up nominations and voting for 2016-2017 UMIEEE executives for end of March
 - b. Lakehead University (Not in attendance)
 - c. Assiniboine College (Not in attendance)

d. Red River College (Not in attendance)

11. New business

a. Region 7 conference discussion

- IEEE hosts 3 national conferences in Canada every year
 - i. CCECE, Power and Energy Conference, IHTC
- IEEE Canada needs to know if we would like to host IHTC 2018
- CCECE is academic-focused, mainly for developing graduate students
- PE is more industry-focused
- IHTC is much smaller and less focused
 - i. We need to respond by first week of May 2016
 - ii. There is skepticism about getting industry involvement because the conference is not very technical, also lack of ECE department involvement
 - iii. EWB might be interested, but they have not planned that far ahead
 - iv. Not enough interest in our Section, we would need a highly motivated person to organize the conference
 - a. DS will inform WK

ADJOURNED (TB) at 18:13