

IEEE Winnipeg Section Meeting Minutes – November 16, 2016

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

Attendance: Dario Schor (DS), Trevor Brown (TB), Chris Henry (CH), Sean O'Brien (SO), Chelsea Taylor (CT), Kevin Lamothe (KL), Ian Jeffrey (IJ), Lakehead student branch via WebEx

Regrets: Nasim Abdollahi, Chaitanya Narendra

CALLED TO ORDER at 17:41

1. Approval of the agenda (CH/CT) Carried.
2. Approval of the minutes of the September meeting (KL/CH) Carried.
3. Chair Report
 - a. Major activities held since the last meeting:
 - IEEEExtreme programming competition
 - Canadian Space Summit
 - b. We need a keynote speaker for the AGM
 - Broad topic (speaker does not have to be an IEEE member)
 - 20-30 minutes talk
 - Send suggestions to EH or DS
 - One possibility is Dr. Jeff Martin from the Physics Department at the University of Winnipeg
4. Vice-Chair Report (Not in attendance)
5. Treasurer Report (Not in attendance)
6. Secretary Report
 - a. Nothing to report
7. IEEE Canada President Update (Not in attendance)
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)
 - IEEEExtreme took place in October
 - 8 teams competed from the U of M, 1 team from Lakehead
 - The top ranked team from the Section was 172 (out of ~2000)
 - Many thanks to the proctors, U of M Engineering Dean's office, ECE department, Ian Jeffrey
 - c. Intel Altera talk went very well
 - d. IJ applied for \$200 from IEEE Computational Intelligence Society for outreach events
 - Funding is for seminars

- 1-2 potential upcoming talks in 2016
- e. EMBS (Not in attendance)
 - Will try to host an event (maybe partnered with Computation Intelligence chapter)
 - f. EduManCom (Not in attendance)
 - g. PES (Not in attendance)
 - Still extremely active
 - Dr. Kordi presented at the most recent luncheon
 - h. Waves (Not in attendance)
 - i. RobConIM (SO)
 - Held 7 seminars so far this fall
 - One more in 2 weeks time
 - Planning 2 or 3 industry presentations (robotics focused) in early 2017
 - i. Computer vision for robotics (speaker from Quebec)
 - ii. Standard Aero
 - iii. Robot operating systems
 - DS suggests registering events with EGM so members can claim hours
 - j. GRSS-AES (DS)
 - Involved with the Canadian Space Summit
 - k. YP (Not in attendance)
 - l. Life Members (Not in attendance)
 - Recently held another event at the EGM head office
 - m. WIE (NA sent regrets)
 - WIE is organizing a seminar on robotics for November 21
 - i. The event will be sponsored by UMGSA
 - NA is still waiting for the concentration banking account to be finalized
 - n. TISP (WK)
 - WK is looking for a replacement as TISP chair
 - o. Newsletter (Not in attendance)
 - New issue is available on the Section website
 - Articles about IEEEExtreme, DL Seminars, students visiting from Region 4
10. Reports from student branch chairs
- a. University of Manitoba (KL)
 - LaTeX workshop last week (15 attendees)
 - Report submitted to IEEE Canada
 - i. Expecting the rebate to go to concentration banking
 - ii. Still waiting on the rebate from last year
 - iii. Received 'Maker' seed funding (\$500 USD), will plan an interactive workshop
 - b. Lakehead University
 - 1 team participated in IEEEExtreme
 - Will try to include them at the AGM via WebEx
 - c. Assiniboine College (Not in attendance)
 - d. Red River College (Not in attendance)
11. New business
- a. New webmaster beginning in Jan. 2017
 - Kevin Brown

- b. Allocation of Section rebate
 - Section rebate depends on number of activities held
 - i. 2 events: \$200 rebate
 - ii. 6+ events: bonus of \$75 (not completely sure of this amount)
 - Reporting period is the calendar year, report must be submitted by sometime in February
 - Try to keep L31 forms up to date (form for reporting events)

- c. Hack Central 2017 sponsorship (Gary, Logistics Coordinator for Hack Central 2017)
 - February 17-19, 2017
 - 'Hackathon' where students from different Universities or high school come together to create an app, website, product (hardware as well)
 - Aiming for ~450 students, will decrease the number of people if the funding is insufficient
 - 36 hour event at U of M, the MPR room is already booked (food will not be provided by Aramark)
 - Providing food, meals, snacks
 - IJ: Other possible funding sources could include departments, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Engineering, Canadian Tire, NVIDIA's outreach program, etc.
 - Mechanical engineering students would be interested if there is a 3D printer or CNC
 - Trying to raise \$45,000, raised about \$1,000 so far
 - A 12 hour smaller hacking event is coming up in 3 weeks
 - Asking for \$3,000
 - There is a sponsorship package depending on the contribution amount
 - The Section will evaluate the request and make a decision by the next meeting (via e-mail)

- d. 2017 AGM discussion
 - Tuesday January 24, 2017
 - Earlier might be better because of the U of M strike, such as January 17
 - We will wait a few days to see what happens
 - Similar budget to previous years (~\$2000)
 - We could donate the money instead (or another cause)
 - Motion: To approve up to \$2100 for the AGM (IJ/CH) Passed.
 - CCI chapter wants to know the status of their account so they can consider contributing to the Hack Central

ADJOURNED (DS) at 18:54