

Minutes of the IEEE Winnipeg Section meeting of 4 August 2009
North boardroom - 135 Innovation Drive - Winnipeg - Manitoba

Attendance: Julian Nedohin-Macek, Haider Al-Saidi, Liting Han, Hilmi Turanli, .

Regrets: Dave Kemp, Witold Kinsner, Jason Kuyp.

Called to Order: 18:10

EPE Conference 2011:

-As soon as everyone is back in early September, Haider will book a room at Red River College and have a special meeting to invite the sponsors of the conference and select a steering committee for the Conference.

-There are 10 letters of support received so far, including RRC, U of M, Manitoba Hydro, Teshmont, etc.

-Haider will attend both conferences to advertise our conference and to observe how the conference is run by others (to see what works and what doesn't).

-Will need to have a vote to support expenditure for two conference trips (one in 2009 and one in 2010).

-Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by IEEE Canada.

-The other conferences have profits split 50/50 with IEEE Canada. Montreal was different in their proposal in that 50% of the seed funds were supplied by IEEE Canada.

-With two years, the Winnipeg Section should have an easier effort since there is more time to plan the conference.

-This year the conference is in Toronto with Hydro One being the sponsor.

-The planning will be collaborative with the University of Manitoba and it is hoped that APEGM will also play a part.

-Destination Winnipeg has been very helpful in hotel and accommodation planning.

-It was noted that the conference should not conflict with the Cigre conference or other similar conferences.

-Montreal started late and was only expecting 100 papers and ended up receiving over 200 papers.

-Have seven quotations for hotels, but at the moment have not committed because the authority does not yet exist to commit to a hotel.

NEXT MEETING:

September 1st, 18:00 at TRILabs South Boardroom (135 Innovation Drive).

Ajourned: 18:38