

## IEEE Winnipeg Section

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the IEEE Winnipeg Section Held  
on 08 May 2006 at 17:30, South Boardroom, TRILabs (135 Innovation Drive).

**Attendees:**

D.Nedohin-Macek, J.Nedohin-Macek, A. Roncin, J. Kuyp.

**Regrets:**

Hilmi Turanli, Ekram Hossain, Abdelhamid Tayebi, Anne Parker, Shaahin Filizsdeh, Sandra Ingram, Owen Preston.

Called to Order: 17:52

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Added Student Branch Councilors as item under Reports.

J. Kuyp/A. Roncin - Approved as amended

**2. Approval of minutes of the meeting held on 03 April 2006**

Under Other Business strike "The contact list should be limited to only occasionally."

Add Dr. Kinsner to Regrets Section.

J. Nedohin-Macek/J. Kuyp - Carried

**3. Matters of Information**

- a. Changes to banking procedures to conform with IEEE international requirements (O. Preston in Absentia)
  - See Treasurer's report.
- b. Members at Large
  - Tabled.
- c. Red River College Student Branch Councilor
  - After 9 years Bob Dueck has decided to retire from this position and we welcome Andrew Roncin to the RRC Student Branch Councilor position.
- d. Donations Sub-Committee
  - Tabled.
- e. Manitoba Robot Games
  - a. Tabled.
- f. Manitoba Science School symposium
  - a. See attached report from John Rooney.

**4. Reports**

- a. Secretary (J. Nedohin-Macek)
  - L31 reports are up to date.
- b. Treasurer (O. Preston in absentia)
  - See Treasurer's report.
  - Motion: To accept the treasurer's report as presented.**
  - J. Nedohin-Macek/J. Kuyp – carried.
- c. Chapter Chairs
  1. See Reports in Absentia (part e of this section).
  2. Red River College Student Branch Councilor Andrew Roncin
    - Bob Dueck will finish up the current year, I will be doing up the paper work and in June I will be looking for new members. We are hoping that we can send one of the student executive to Toronto in the fall to the student leadership workshop.

See attached report on Student papers competition.

- d. Affinity Groups
  - 1. None.
- e. Reports in Absentia:

**MANCOM:**

MANCOM now has an official website (thanks to Brad Friesen):  
<http://ewh.ieee.org/r7/winnipeg/mancom/index.htm>

MANCOM co-sponsored a conference on 'Technology and People', held at Red River College, Princess Street, on April 6 and 7. MANCOM/IEEE Winnipeg section provided the refreshments for an afternoon reception at a cost of \$150.00. The conference was attended by members of MANCOM, the Society for Technical Communication (Winnipeg Chapter) and the Technical Communication Diploma Program, Red River College.

MANCOM hosted an event on Tuesday, May 2, held at the TRILabs Board room. Sixteen people attended to hear Frank Franczyk, P.Eng, M.B.A., speak about the development of a unique device (OTTO). The IEEE Winnipeg section provided the refreshments.

MANCOM will have one more meeting before the summer in order to discuss possible events for the fall of 2006.

**Communications:**

We had another seminar on Apr. 13 - we had around 15 attendees. Upcoming event is TITLE: End-to-End Performance of ARQ Cooperative Diversity in Multihop Wireless Networks, SPEAKER: Long Bao Le of the University of Manitoba DATE: Friday, May 12, 2006.

**PES:**

The PES Chapter had its monthly luncheon meeting on April 27. The meeting had 42 attendees and was partially sponsored by the Manitoba HVDC Research Center.

**MSSS (sponsorship result):**

Everything went well, although we only had 5 judges for the APEGM awards and so we really had to work to get through everything.

The judging occurred from 9 till noon on Saturday. There were 4 divisions: Elementary, Junior, Intermediate and Senior. We reviewed 27 projects in each of the Elementary and Junior divisions and 11 in total for Intermediate and Senior combined. We gave out 9 awards to 7 projects in the Elementary division, 6 awards for 6 projects in the Junior division, 3 awards to 2 projects in the Intermediate divisions, and 3 awards to 2 projects in the Senior division. I have attached the names of the winners and awards for your reference. There were many deserving electrical projects by the way. We didn't specifically call our awards first, second, third, etc. although we did give out the higher value prizes to what we felt were the best projects, factoring in the age difference. Overall it was our goal to recognize and encourage participation.

The winner of the IEEE award was Isaac Wiebe for his project Cool Conductors (Cool as in "neat" he explained). He was in the Elementary division (Grades 4-6). He looked into the conductance of various fluids and surmised that his work might be useful in creating a method to determine the purity of fluids. He thought

that the presence of more ions might indicate less purity. He demonstrated for instance that Ketchup is more conductive than Gatorade.

I found the effort put in by these kids and their enthusiasm and knowledge to be inspiring and energizing. All of the judges were amazed and impressed. This made all the effort and running around worthwhile. Thanks again for your donation; the recognition you and all the other sponsors provided to the children was truly appreciated.

John Rooney, P.Eng

f. Webmaster

1. Received the user name and password from Dr. Kinsner, but haven't had any opportunity to update it yet.
2. Logo issues to be fixed by Dr. Kinsner.
3. Update of the online roster is almost done, but has reverted to it's previous state. Will inquire about odd change back to previous page.
4. Thank you for the message from the chair, it will be updated as soon as Dr. Kinsner completes updates.
5. Dr. Kinsner pointed out a secretary email address on the website can be pointed to both current Secretaries (Z. Zhang and J. Nedohin-Macek).
6. Need to know who made the report from the IEEE Canada Foundation that D. Nedohin-Macek sent. D. NEDOHIN-MACEK indicates that the report came from Bob Alden.
7. Working on finding out about the specifications of the EWH service. It was indicated that Khanh Luu is the person to contact.

g. Newsletter

1. Did not meet the deadline of 24 April 2006.
2. Have SamIEEE access so will build mailing list from that.
3. Most submissions came in about the time of the deadline and now is only needing a few small touch ups then can be sent out shortly.
4. Need to consider when issues would come out. Summer is a slow period so would suggest not doing one in the summer months.
5. It was pointed out that the newsletter can be sent out as a link or attachment to mailing list to draw people to the website. Also that the newsletter should be mailed to Active members that do not have email addresses as well as key non-IEEE members, such as the APEGM president, etc.
6. Costs for printing are approximately \$50 for 50 copies in Black and White plus postage and envelopes, over \$100 for 50 copies in Color.
7. An envelope stuffing party will be put on to help do the mailing chore.
8. Looked into advertising via coffee news and Uncle Bob's publications. Business cards cost \$20/week for 8 newsletters through Uncle Bob's.
9. It was pointed out that the Sections Congress had a seminar about newsletters. D. NEDOHIN-MACEK will forward seminar notes to J. Kuyp. Om Malik is the Editor of the IEEE Canada Review and could be of Assistance.

5. Activities

a. Section Event

1. Fall Distinguished Lecturer event (D. Nedohin-Macek)
  - i. Section chairs from Alberta, Saskatchewan, and B.C. all support a Distinguished lecturer tour of Western Canada.
  - ii. Looking for a Distinguished Lecturer that is accessible to a majority of members in each Section.
  - iii. Dave Kemp and D. Nedohin-Macek will be working on this tour.

2. Evening of Excellence (D. Nedohin-Macek)
  - i. A black-tie gala for award winners and volunteers should be held similar to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Winnipeg Section held at the Hotel Fort Gary several years ago.
  - ii. Hilmi Turanli and Steven Woodrow have both won awards, and we need a date to have the event.
  - iii. Suggestions for September or later were noted.
  - iv. D. Nedohin-Macek will look in to prices and details for the excellence event.

7. Next Meeting

**Tuesday, 06 June 2006, 18:00, TRILabs South boardroom (135 Innovation Drive)**

8. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn (A. Roncin / J. Kuyp) – Carried at 18:57