

Minutes of the IEEE Winnipeg Section meeting of 14 April 2009  
North boardroom - 135 Innovation Drive - Winnipeg - Manitoba

Attendance: Julian Nedohin-Macek, Haider Al-Saidi, Witold Kinsner, Lesley McFarlane, Liting Han, Rashed Minhaz, Jason Kuyp, Ryan Neufeld, Stefan Penner, Burke Libbey, Len Bateman.

Called to Order: 18:00

Approval of the minutes of 03 March 2009.

1) Registered charity requirements.

- Requires auditing by the CRA and be giving a significant amount of money to the charity.
- A specific justification for requesting registered charity status should be given.

2) RFP for 2010 Electrical Power and Energy Conference

- Contacted Destination Winnipeg organization and awaiting results of proposals from local hotels.
- Vancouver reports that there were between 200 and 250 delegates attended the conference. There are 150 registered this year for Montreal so far.
- HVDC as a topic was recommended and expanded to application of power electronics to power systems.
- Contacted a number of power utility related companies and organizations in the province for letters of support and am receiving them on an ongoing basis.
- It was suggested that chairs of the conference should be identified and given responsibility for planning and running the conference so that this large task does not fall to the IEEE Winnipeg Section Executive Committee.
- Spoke with Kash Hossain who has provided information on how to plan and run a conference.
- PES is quite supportive and has a significant interest in this conference. The Section should facilitate, but not run the conference.
- Dr. Gole is reported to also be very interested in helping with the conference.
- CIGRE was a huge success last year and this conference could be a similar.
- The proposal is almost complete.

3) Nomination of Mathiew Sabastion for a \$3500 scholarship has been successful.

- Congratulations to Mathiew.

4) Telus awards

- Last year two thesis were submitted and there are high quality capstone projects this year as well.
- There are no other contenders
- This would require moral support and not financial support.
- The award is only \$10000.
- This is a cross Canada award.

MOTION: To support the submission of one thesis project to the Telus award. (Witold Kinsner, Len Bateman) carried.

#### 5) Thesis

- Witold Kinsner has brought five thesis for review by volunteers of the committee.
- Rochester IEEE Competition has requested \$900 to send one thesis award candidate to Rochester. Information is to be circulated by email.

#### 6) Manitoba space adventure camp.

- July 13 to 17th, 2009.
- For grade 9 to 12.
- It was suggested that the IEEE logo could be placed on all documents.
- The goal of this space camp is to make similar experiences to Montreal and Huntsville, Alabama available to Winnipeg.

#### 7) Canada Science Fair.

- IEEE Awards could be a way to get maximum exposure at minimal cost.
- Information is to be circulated by email.

#### 8) Computer and Computational Intelligence Chapter

- Witold Kinsner had a seminar How complex is complex Feb 9th.
- Tom Kaminski gave a seminar on clones games development showcase, March 4th.
- Bob McLeod had a seminar on agent based models April 3rd.

#### 9) Website.

- Sandra is sending pictures to Jason Kuyp for the website.
- Looking into calendars, document management, and the heritage sections of the website -- including the archives.
- There is a lot of valuable history for the IEEE Winnipeg Section to be used in the website.
- bringing the old information on the website into the new format is a large task. The volume of work needs to be ascertained before coming up with a solution to the issue of moving the old information forward.

#### 10) WIE

- Had the APEGM/CTTAM why get your professional designation event.
- Next event is around Ron Bliq plays. The event will be dinner then attendance at the play on April 25th.
- After that Liting Han is holding an event on Civionics in intelligent structures.

#### 11) GOLD

- Had an event at a winery with a maximum 20 people at \$5/person.
- This month the focus is on recruitment to the GOLD committee.
- \$200 is from last year and is being held in reserve for future events.
- All events should be sent to Haider for reporting purposes.

12) Summer shutdown

-To be discussed in May.

-Typically there is a June meeting and July and August held no meetings.

NEXT MEETING:

May 26th, 18:00 at TR Labs South Boardroom (135 Innovation Drive).

Ajourned: 19:30