

IEEE Winnipeg Section Meeting Minutes – September 24, 2018

University of Manitoba Engineering and Information Technology Complex – E2-351, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, 5:30 PM

Attendance: Ian Jeffrey (IJ), Nuwan Perera (NP), Trevor Brown (TB), Blake Podaima (BP), Keeley Edwards (KE), Martin Rickey (MR), Adam Brown (AB), Chai Narendra (CN), Hannah Fogel (HF),

Regrets: Witold Kinsner, Dario Schor, Dave Kemp, Dustin Isleifson

CALLED TO ORDER at 17:30

1. Approval of the agenda (KE/CN) Carried
2. Approval of the minutes of the June meeting (CN/MR) Carried
3. Chair Report (Not in attendance)
 - Steven Howell moved to New Zealand
4. Vice-Chair Report (IJ)
 - a. Motion: To appoint IJ as 'Acting Chair' for the remainder of the year (TB/CN) Passed
 - b. IEEEExtreme 12.0 will take place on Oct. 19-20
 - Funding from the Dean's office has been secured, IJ will ask the ECE Department as well
 - Motion: To support IEEEExtreme with the same amount of funding as last year (Up to \$200 for pizza at the U of M, and up to \$100 for pizza at Lakehead) (IJ/KE) Passed
 - Student Chapter please promote the event
 - An info session will be held by CN prior to the registration deadline
 - c. Liam Sparling is organizing a local programming competition
 - Virtual competition on HackerRank
 - First competition will be Oct. 5
 - Planning to make this a regular event, perhaps once or twice a month
 - May ask IEEE for support if the initial event goes well
 - d. Jillian Seniuk-Cicek is resigning from her position as TISP Chair
 - Position is considered vacant
5. Treasurer Report (NP)
 - a. Payment has been made to YP to support the BBQ held in July
 - b. NP will not seek re-election as Treasurer for 2019
 - NP will continue to the end of the year, and assist with the transition of a new Treasurer as needed
 - c. Before 2019 we need to review the financial standing of each Chapter, and provide an amount that each Chapter can spend yearly without a formal funding request
6. Secretary Report (TB)
 - a. Nothing to report
7. IEEE Canada Past-President Update (Witold Kinsner sent regrets)

8. IEEE Canadian Foundation Report (Dave Kemp sent regrets)
9. Membership Development Update (Dario Schor sent regrets)
10. Chapter and Affinity Group Reports
 - a. Communications (Not in attendance)
 - Jun Cai is awaiting reimbursement for seminar expenses, TB will get copies of receipts for NP to write cheques
 - b. Computer and Computational Intelligence (IJ)
 - i. Working on brining in a few speakers
 - ii. Will be involved with IEEEExtreme
 - a. A team from U of W may participate
 - c. EMBS (Not in attendance)
 - IJ will reach out to Sergio
 - d. EduManCom (Not in attendance)
 - e. PES (Not in attendance)
 - f. Waves (CN)
 - Hosting a DL talk on Sept. 27 (Dr. Fan Yang)
 - g. RobConIM (Not in attendance)
 - h. GRSS-AES (Dustin Isleifson sent regrets)
 - The Section website needs to be updated with currents Chapter executives
 - Technical talk organized for Nov. 9 (Diane Kotelko, Magellan)
 - i. Motion: To support the talk with up to \$50 for coffee and donuts (IJ/CN)
Passed
 - Organizing the IEEE Arctic and Northern Ocean Forum (ANOF)
 - i. Will be a series of special sessions at the ArcticNet Annual Scientific Meeting
 - ii. Website is in development: <https://anof2018.ieee.org>
 - i. YP (KE)
 - 20+ people attended the BBQ in July
 - i. The Capstone team that won the YP Award gave a short talk
 - Adam Brown attended the YP Congress
 - i. Learned about marketing, recruitment
 - ii. Ideas for workshops: financial planning, becoming a P.Eng., brewery visit
 - Want to host a joint event with the student branch
 - YP could try to improve the connection between the Section and industry
 - i. Industry representatives could come present a technical talk, students/young professionals would be motivated to attend
 - j. Life Members (Dave Kemp sent regrets)
 - Continuing to hold monthly events
 - k. WIE (HF)
 - HF attended the WIE national leadership summit in Mississauga
 - Motion: To support Hannah Fogel's attendance at the leadership summit with \$400 (IJ/KE) Passed
 - i. We strongly recommend that the local WIE group matches the funding
 - l. TISP (Vacant)
 - m. Newsletter (Vacant)
 - n. Webmaster (Not in attendance)

11. Reports from student branch chairs
 - a. University of Manitoba (MR)
 - LaTeX workshop will be held soon
 - b. Lakehead University (Not in attendance)
 - Laura Curiel is now at the University of Calgary, we are unsure who the new student branch advisor is
 - c. Assiniboine College (Not in attendance)
 - d. Red River College (Not in attendance)

12. New business
 - a. 2019 AGM Planning
 - We will pick a date by Oct. 12, likely during the last two weeks of January
 - The same location as last year should work
 - Start thinking about possibilities for the keynote speaker
 - b. WEC 2019 Support
 - The organizing committee for the Western Engineering Competition is asking for sponsorship support
 - The \$1000 sponsorship level might be feasible
 - TB: We could also buy a booth for \$500 for UMIEEE or YP
 - No one is opposed to sponsoring the competition
 - i. We will review the sponsorship package
 - ii. TB will look through minutes to see if we have sponsored WEC before
 - c. BP: There is an active data science meetup group (40+ attendees)
 - We could collaborate with this group, either through financial support or by sharing speakers, etc.

ADJOURNED at 18:26