

IEEE Winnipeg Section Meeting Minutes – October 15, 2018

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

Attendance: Ian Jeffrey (IJ), Trevor Brown (TB), Blake Podaima (BP), Martin Rickey (MR), Chai Narendra (CN)

Regrets: Dave Kemp, Nuwan Perera

CALLED TO ORDER at 17:30

1. Approval of the agenda (MR/CN) Carried with the following addition:
 - a. Add WEC 2019 support follow up to new business
2. Approval of the minutes of the Sept. meeting (CN/MR) Carried
3. Acting Chair Report (IJ)
 - a. Fall Board of Directors meeting for IEEE Canada was held last weekend
 - We were represented by Dr. Kinsner
 - Our total membership has remained relatively even year-over-year
 - b. As per Dan Coode's email (West Area Chair), we have several Chapters/Groups that are considered inactive
 - YP had zero events in 2017, one event so far this year
 - i. This was known, new group of volunteers is now active
 - RobConIM had one event in 2017, none so far this year
 - i. They should be active, likely just poor reporting
 - EduManCom has not reported an event in over 4 years
 - i. IJ will follow up with Ken Ferens
 - c. IEEEExtreme
 - 8 or 9 teams registered, including one from the University of Winnipeg
 - d. Quick Hacks
 - Liam Sparling organized the first competition, but no one participated
 - No prizes yet, may add later
 - Need to get more people involved
 - i. Will advertise at IEEEExtreme
4. Treasurer Report (NP sent regrets)
5. Secretary Report (TB)
 - a. Much of the information on Section website is outdated
 - TB will follow up with the webmaster
6. IEEE Canada Past-President Update (Not in attendance)
7. IEEE Canadian Foundation Report (Dave Kemp sent regrets)
8. Membership Development Update (Not in attendance)

9. Chapter and Affinity Group Reports
 - a. Communications (Not in attendance)
 - b. Computer and Computational Intelligence (IJ)
 - Will be involved with IEEEExtreme
 - On pace for 2-3 events for 2018
 - Chris Henry will be speaking at a Winnipeg Data Science Meetup event next Tuesday
 - c. EMBS (Not in attendance)
 - d. EduManCom (Not in attendance)
 - e. PES (Not in attendance)
 - f. Waves (CN)
 - Hosted a DL talk on Sept. 27 (Dr. Fan Yang)
 - Helped with the IEEEExtreme info session
 - Trying to organize one more technical seminar this year
 - g. RobConIM (Not in attendance)
 - h. GRSS-AES (Not in attendance)
 - i. YP (Not in attendance)
 - j. Life Members (Dave Kemp sent regrets)
 - k. WIE (Not in attendance)
 - l. TISP (Vacant)
 - m. Newsletter (Vacant)
 - n. Webmaster (Not in attendance)
10. Reports from student branch chairs
 - a. University of Manitoba (MR)
 - Preparing an endowment fund application
 - b. Lakehead University (Not in attendance)
 - IJ will reach out to other student branches
 - c. Assiniboine College (Not in attendance)
 - d. Red River College (Not in attendance)
11. New business
 - a. 2019 AGM Planning
 - Will be held in late January
 - Mark Alexiuk (CTO, Sightline Innovation) has agreed to be the keynote speaker
 - Need to put together a nomination committee
 - b. WEC 2019 Support
 - TB: We did not sponsor WEC the last time it was held in Winnipeg (2010)
 - Will be held in Winnipeg from Jan. 16-20, 2019
 - Motion: To sponsor WEC 2019 with \$500, by purchasing a booth that UMIEEE will operate to promote IEEE and IEEE student membership (IJ/TB) Passed
 - c. Financial Review Committee
 - Need to form a committee to review the financial standing of each Chapter/Group
 - i. IJ nominates: Trevor Brown, Nuwan Perera, Dario Schor, Chaitanya Narendra
 - ii. TB nominates: Ian Jeffrey
 - iii. Motion to approve nominees will be via email or at the next meeting

ADJOURNED at 18:11