

IEEE Winnipeg Section Annual General Meeting Minutes January 16, 2018

Best Western Plus Winnipeg Airport Hotel, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

CALLED TO ORDER at 18:20

1. Approval of the agenda (Witold Kinsner/Dario Schor) Carried
2. Approval of the minutes of the 2017 AGM (Dario Schor/Dave Kemp) Carried
3. Dr. Witold Kinsner, IEEE Canada Past President, gave a welcome address
4. Dr. Philip Ferguson delivered the keynote presentation on “Industrial Technology Adoption: Bridging the gap from publications to commercialization”
5. Dinner
6. Review of 2017 Activities (Ekram Hossain)
 - a. Membership has decreased slightly year-over-year (600 to 584)
 - 14 Senior Member elevations during 2017, thank you to Dario Schor for his hard work
 - The Section received a certificate of recognition for outstanding membership retention during 2017
 - b. More than 40 technical events were held in 2017
 - Including four events sponsored by the various Distinguished Lecturer programs
 - Life Members was the most active Chapter/Group with 8 events held in 2017
 - c. The website has been updated: sites.ieee.org/Winnipeg
 - New public event calendar on the website, Chapters/Groups can submit events for all members to see
 - New twitter account: [@IEEEWPG](https://twitter.com/IEEEWPG)
 - New Facebook page: facebook.com/ieeewinnipeg/
 - d. One issue of the Section newsletter, the “Carrier Wave”, was published in 2017
 - e. An IEEE Canada Foundation Grant (\$1000) was awarded to a project organized by the Manitoba Association of Physics Teachers (MAPT) for high school students to design and construct an Iridium satellite transceiver for high-altitude balloon payload release
 - f. Awards
 - Kevin Brown received a research grant from the Antennas and Propagation Society
 - Alex Poersch and Lukas Unruh received scholarships from the Power and Energy Society
 - Nasim Abdollahi received an Emerging Leader Award for her contributions as Chair of the local IEEE Women in Engineering group
7. Treasurer’s Report (Nuwan Perera)
 - a. Financial overview was presented
 - b. \$8620.52 Section rebate was received for 2017
 - c. The TD chequing account isn’t being used, will see if closing the account and transferring the funds is an option

8. IEEE Canadian Foundation presentation delivered by Dave Kemp
9. Announcement of the 2018 Executive Committee
 - a. Nominated candidates were presented
 - b. No extra nominations were received, nominated candidates confirmed
 - c. Ekram Hossain presented the 2018 Executive committee
 - Chair: Steven Howell
 - Vice-Chair: Ian Jeffrey
 - Treasurer: Nuwan Perera
 - Secretary: Trevor Brown
10. Closing comments by Witold Kinsner
 - a. Congratulations to Brent Schellenberg for his excellent work with the newsletter
 - b. Len Bateman, Chair of the Life Members group, recently turned 99
 - c. Dr. Edmund Kuffel, an IEEE Fellow and longtime member of the IEEE Winnipeg Section, passed away last week at the age of 93

ADJOURNED at 20:47