

IEEE Winnipeg Section Meeting Minutes – October 14, 2011

University of Manitoba Engineering Information Technology Complex (EITC) - E2 - 361, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, 5:30 PM

Attendance: Andrew Roncin (AR), Sam Kovnats (SK), Witold Kinsner (WK), Shaahin Filizadeh (SF), Jordan Hiebert (JH), Majid Ostadrahimi (MO), Ali Mehrabani (AM), Arash Fazel Davbandi (AD), Mohammad Shafieipour (MS), Steven Howell (SH), Jacky Baltes (JB), Ekram Hossein (EH)

CALLED TO ORDER at 17:35

1. Approval of the Agenda (AD, MO) – Carried.
2. Approval of the minutes of the September 9, 2011 meeting (AD, JH) – Carried.
3. Chair's Report
 - a. EPEC had an excellent turnout – approximately 250 people. It appears that we will break even financially, plus some.
4. New Business
 - a. The U of M Department of Computer Science is preparing a *Winter School on Computational Intelligence in Humanoid Robots*. The event is to take place February 20-24, 2012 and will include lectures and practical sessions. The total budget for the event is targeted at \$32,000. Winnipeg Section's support is being sought in the amount of \$2500.
 - i. More time was needed to consider this proposal, to be revisited at the November meeting.
5. Treasurer's Report
 - a. We have received cheques and credit cards for the new concentration banking system, but have not switched over yet and the old system is still in place.
6. Secretary's Report
 - a. JH will be attending the IEEE Canada Fall board meeting, all are encouraged to contact him with issues and reports to bring.
7. Membership Development Officer's Report – TABLED
8. Reports from chapter and affinity group chairs
 - a. Communications
 - i. Two seminars are upcoming:
 1. A technical seminar on November 16
 2. A December seminar presented by a U of M grad student
 - b. Computer and Computational Intelligence
 1. A seminar on non-linear data mining was held on October 6. 20 attendees were present.
 2. The IEEE XTREME programming competition is upcoming (October 21-22). 7 teams are registered with 3 students on each team.
 3. Two workshops are being planned for the near future.
 - c. EMBS – TABLED

- d. EduManCom – TABLED
- e. PES
 - i. Jim Koop of WIRE Services (Manitoba Hydro International) gave a seminar on LIDAR surveying.
 - ii. An RTDS seminar is scheduled for November.
- f. Robotics and Control – TABLED
- g. Waves – TABLED
- h. GOLD
 - i. Julian Nedohin-Macek spoke on September 21 at an event called “EIT to PEng”. 65 people attended.
 - 1. MOTION – To have Winnipeg Section cover the cost overflow for the meeting in the amount of \$200 (SK, EH) – CARRIED.
- i. Life Members – TABLED
- j. WIE – TABLED
- k. TISP
 - i. Preparations continue for the Teaching Teachers workshop.
- l. Newsletter
 - i. The October issue is ready to be released.
- m. Student Branch Reports
 - i. University of Manitoba – TABLED
 - ii. Lakehead – TABLED
 - iii. Assiniboine – TABLED
 - iv. Red River College – TABLED
- 9. New Business
 - a. 2012 AGM
 - i. Currently working to secure a venue. Certain venues will require external catering and tables. If the meeting is to be held downtown, parking is a concern.
 - b. Nominating Committee
 - i. To be formed by SF by the end of October at the latest.
- 10. MOTION: To adjourn. – CARRIED.

ADJOURNED at 19:07