

## **IEEE Winnipeg Section Meeting Minutes – November 4, 2011**

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

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Attendance: Majid Ostadrahimi, Hilmi Turanli, Witold Kinsner, Frank Serafin, Behzad Kordi, Ben Gustave, Sam Kovnats, Dario Schor, Andrew Roncin, Mohammad Shafieipour

### **CALLED TO ORDER at 17:35**

1. Approve agenda (Dario/Sam) – Carried
2. Approval of the Minutes of the October 14, 2011 meeting (Sam/Majid) – Carried
  - a. 9.b.i – Should read announced by Oct 21 not end of October
3. Chair Report
  - a. Nomination Committee
    - i. Haider Al-Saidi, Ani Gole, Cyrus Shafai
  - b. Shafai's Killam Prize
    - i. Need award description and other information in writing before approving this request.
  - c. Lakehead Request
    - i. Should be going through Denard Lynch to get information from IEEE Canadian Foundation.
  - d. Computer Science Department Funding Request
    - i. Information arrived very last minute.
    - ii. How is IEEE going to be recognized?
    - iii. Motion to table (Dario/Sam) – Carried
  - e. Gerard Dunphy has resigned as IEEE Canada Treasurer and Kash will be taking over starting in January 2012.
4. Treasurer Report
  - a. See attached Financial Report.
  - b. Interest on last year's account was 0.3%
    - i. Should look at GIC (Sam/Dario) – Carried
5. Membership
  - a. A member from Hydro was asking for references for Senior Member
    - i. MOTION: to nominate Lorne Midford to elevate to a Senior Member as a Section Recommendation (Kordi/Sam) – Carried
  - b. Received posters from Computer Society Membership Drive and posted them in Student Group
6. Reports
  - a. Computer and Computational Intelligence
    - i. Seminars/Courses
      1. October 4, 2011, Radio Course Session 2: Rules & Regulations
      2. October 11, 2011, Radio Course Session 3: Ham Radio Bands & Bandwidth
      3. October 18, 2011, Radio Course Session 4: Operating Practices

4. October 25, 2011, Radio Course Session 5: Passive Components & Electric Circuits
  5. November 1, 2011, Radio Course Session 6: Active Components & Amplifiers
- ii. Contests
    1. IEEE Xtreme Programming Contest, October 21-22, 2011 (24 hours)
    2. Seven teams registered in the contests;
    3. Each team consisted of three graduate and undergraduate students;
    4. Seven sponsors (professors);
    5. Twelve proctors (professors and one engineer from industry).
    6. All teams completed the contest, and placed well among 1,000 other teams
  - iii. Best Capstone Project Paper Award
    1. The best paper award has been given by IEEE Canada to Kane Anderson, Tahir Diop and Yin Fei Meng for their capstone project entitled "Variable Lift Controls in Weather Balloons for Near-Space Application" (with Professor W. Kinsner as project advisor). The award should be given to the students at the Annual General Meeting.
- b. EduManCom
    - i. Organized an Industrial Forum for CEAB visit
      1. October 20, 2011
      2. Attended by many professionals
      3. Lots of good input
  - c. Waves
    - i. One seminar was held on November 1
    - ii. Another seminar for end of November planned
  - d. GOLD
    - i. Report attached
  - e. Newsletter
    - i. Volume 59, Issue 1 released today
  - f. TISP
    - i. A number of presentations were delivered to high school students
    - ii. Space Camp is being planned for July 15 to 21, 2012.
  - g. UMIEEE
    - i. Motion to hand out awards to people that participated in the IEEE Xtreme at the AGM Frank/Kinsner
    - ii. Events held in September/October:
      1. September 22, 2011 - ECE Information Session
      2. September 24, 2011 - C Programming Tutorial
      3. September 28, 2011 - Matlab Tutorial
      4. October 3, 2011 - Beginners Embedded Systems Workshop

- iii. MOTION: To give up to \$100 for reimbursement for the IEEE Xtreme Programming Competition pizza. (Frank/Sam) – Carried
- iv. Special thanks to Winnipeg Old Country Sausage for their contribution to the event
- h. Old Business
  - i. Computer Science Department Funding Request - TABLED
  - ii. AGM 2012
    - 1. Currently set for January 13, 2012 at Manitoba Hydro (360 Portage) or Winnipeg Technical College on Scurfield
    - 2. Catering will be from Winnipeg Technical College
      - a. Buffet style dinner for \$10 per head
      - b. Several options for different days and locations were discussed. Red River College Princess Campus and Winnipeg Technical College were identified as alternate venues.
      - c. At this time Manitoba Hydro (360 Portage) is the preferred venue for the event.
- i. New Business
  - i. Investment Accounts
    - 1. MOTION - To strike a committee to provide information to the Section on better options for higher interest on investment accounts. (Sam/Frank) – Carried.
      - a. Recommended Hilmi as Chair, he accepted
      - b. Recommend Sam to be on the committee, he accepted
      - c. Recommend Majid to be on the committee, he accepted
      - d. Recommend Derek Oliver, Jagdiish Chan (auditor for years)
  - ii. Recommendation to look at quorum issues in the bylaws and ensuring no items conflict with one another. A thorough review of the bylaws should take place before the AGM.
    - 1. Dr. Jagdiish Chan will be approached for help on this issue and feedback on the implications of the changes
    - 2. Sam will help on this matter
    - 3. Dr. Kinsner will help as an advisor on this matter.
    - 4. Legal implications should be checked.
    - 5. Can be obtained from IEEE or/and IEEE Canada
  - iii. Encourage the membership to run and willing to be nominated
    - 1. Nominations should be ready before the AGM
    - 2. Sam - would prefer to have nominations in advance and will put this in writing
  - iv. Adjournment

*Minutes recorded by Dario Schor in the absence of Jordan Hiebert*