

Minutes of the IEEE Winnipeg Section meeting of 1 December 2009
South boardroom - 135 Innovation Drive - Winnipeg - Manitoba

Attendance: Julian Nedohin-Macek, Haider Al-Saidi, Liting Han, Lesley McFarlane, Rashed Minhaz, Wai-Keung Fung, Witold Kinsner, Rahul Thandi, Sherif Sherif, Evan Thompson, Nariman Sepehri.

Regrets:

Called to Order: 18:00

1) Motion to approve the agenda (Witold Kinsner, Rashed Minhaz). Carried.

2) Treasurer update.

- Haider and Leslie have signed off on the letter at the bank, Julian has yet to do so.
- All previous cheques were canceled and new cheques have been issued.
- It was recommended that concentrated banking be pursued as soon as possible in the new year. Everything is on line and IEEE Canada is dealt with as if they were the bank. IEEE Canada then contacts the bank so that section personnel do not need to hold accounts.
- Both cheques written to GOLD were from the same account, but different accounting books (GOLD, Section).
- The reasons for holding all GOLD, WIE, and Seciton funds in one account was for security and ease of management. In the past, separate accounts have had difficulty with accounting for each group's funds.
- It was noted that the transactions should be visible and transparent as the banking is moved from separate accounts to concentrated banking. The issue needs to be resolved.
- The bank has been asked to print out the section assets and liabilities.
- It was proposed that the past treasurer be called to the bank along with the present Chair to determine the status of the accounts.

3) Joint chapter of Robotics and Control.

MOTION that the IEEE Winnipeg Section establish a new chapter called Robotics and Control whose constituents are the members of the following three societies. (Witold Kinsner, Leslie McFarlane). Carried.

- It was noted that students are involved in local university based activities and that helps engagement of the students within the IEEE Section at large.
- The mechanical department has engaged students by offering to pay for annual dues of students in the IEEE.
- There are discussions with Manitoba Hydro on getting involved with various societies within the IEEE.
- Creation of chapters is an aid in retention of members from student status to full member status and beyond.
- Students could be encouraged to not just exist in a technical boundary but get a social aspect of IEEE membership.

4) University of Manitoba Student Branch report

-The information will require some follow up.

a) The Mark Roy and Paul Klassen won the Western Canada Life Members Award for the 2008 IEEE Canada Student Paper Competition and a plaque has been received by Witold Kinsner and is to be awarded at the upcoming AGM with a specific format suggested by IEEE Canada.

-The student chair will need to be in attendance at the AGM to receive the plaque to be placed at the McNaughton Center at the University of Manitoba.

b) The 2009 Telus Innovation competition was won by Mark Roy and Paul Klassen on September 18th 2009.

-The Telus Innovation award was formed 5 years ago and carries a prize of \$10,000 for the successful submitted project. 10 teams are selected from all of Canada for a verbal presentation and examination in Mississauga with the award going to the individuals of the winning projects. The projects are varied and not limited to Communications, but typically wireless is involved (but not required to be involved).

c) Two teams have participated in the IEEE Extreme Programming contest from the University of Manitoba. There were 1000 teams that took part in the competition comprising 3000 students. The teams placed 33rd and 43rd out of 236 teams that submitted solutions to the programming problem (1000 registered), so the teams did very well.

d) The IEEE Canadian Foundation Scholarship has been awarded to Matthew Sebastian on May 2nd, 2009.

e) Roberta Bondar was intercepted as the international space station passed over Winnipeg. A number of High School students from across the province were involved to make IEEE known at the secondary school level.

5) AGM Officer Nominations.

>>Nomination Chair Report ñ 2009

>>Submitted November 17, 2009 by Dawn Nedohin-Macek:

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>>The following positions and nominees are submitted to the section as follows:

>>Chair: Lesley MacFarlane

>>Vice Chair: Rashed Minhaz

>>Secretary: Julian Nedohin-Macek

>>Treasurer: Majid Ostadrahimi

>>Webmaster: none (note that this is an appointed position, no election is necessary)

>>Newsletter Editor: none (note that this is an appointed position, no election is necessary)

>>In past years we have met with potential applicants to redistribute the roles to fill positions.

Julian has indicated his willingness to step down if there is anyone interested >>in the secretary position.

>>Sincerely,

>>Dawn Nedohin-Macek

-All positions are by acclimation and voting takes place at the AGM in January.

- All membership is allowed to bring new candidates at the AGM, but historically it has not occurred.
- Newsletter editor and Webmaster are still vacant. Newsletter and webmaster candidates were discussed.
- Jennifer Jessop is interested in serving as student liaison and will be at the 7th of December meeting.
- Om Malik is incoming director of IEEE Canada and has indicated that he can attend a Thursday in January 7th, 14th, or 21st. He could be invited as a distinguished lecturer and costs of bringing Om to Winnipeg could be funded by the Distinguished Lecturer program and further talks could be given in his field to maximize the trip.
- The date of January 21st, 2009 is determined to be the date of the AGM.
- The Holiday Inn South has not been committed to and the University of Manitoba was discussed as an alternative. Sheriff Sheriff to investigate the logistics of 100 people and \$1000 budget at the U of M.

6) WIE

- The next event "Meet your next new hire" social and networking event on December 3rd at 7PM at Tripple B's billiards on Scurfield Drive. Industry members are needed to attend.
- WIE will be focusing on CCECE conference for 2010 and will be focused on that for the next six months.

NEXT MEETING:

AGM on January 21st, Location TBA

Ajorned at 19:25