

IEEE Winnipeg Section Meeting - TR Labs (135 Innovation Drive)
03 September 2008

Attendance:

Rasit Eskicioglu, Julian Nedohin-Macek, Dawn Nedohin-Macek, Jason Kuyp, Hilmi Turanli, Lesley McFarlane, Ronnie Minhaz, Ken Ferens, Haider Al-Saidi.

Regrets:

Dave Kemp, Witold Kinsner, Zhara Moussavi, Stephen Dueck, Jagdish Chand, George Pasieka.

Called to order: 18:33

1) Approval of the Agenda

MOTION to approve the agenda as amended. (Ronnie Minhaz, Lesley McFarlane) Carried.

2) Approval of the 03 June 2008 minutes.

MOTION to approve the minutes of 11 March 2008.

-Minutes not sent out from last meeting.

-Need to send minutes out to approve.

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3.1) Chair

-No Report.

3.2) Vice Chair.

-Tabled.

3.3) Secretary

-All L31s will be submitted to become up to date.

-Will send out the minutes from last meeting.

3.4) Treasurer

-Tabled.

3.5) Webmaster/Newsletter

-Haven't put out a newsletter due to illness, but have one ready to go out. Deadline is Friday Sept 26th for next issue so Sections Congress can be included.

3.6) Chapter Chairs and Affinity Groups

WIE:

WIE met once since last meeting.

- Planning some events for October 2nd and partner with APEGM Womens Action Committee. To be held at Holiday Inn South on the topic related to Seven Habbits of effective managers. This will also be a social mingling evening.
- Will be doing an event at Motor Coach Industries with Jason Paulmark and the SAE Winnipeg Chapter on the new Hybrid coach in January.
- Would like to partner with GOLD to hold an event.
- Rasit to meet with Susan the national WIE Chair at Sections Congress.
- Working on getting an E.I.T. to work on the WIE website.
- We are well within the budget for all events.

GOLD:

- Ronnie was not on the winnipegexcomm list so didn't get meeting notices for the Section.
- Had a Pawels tour attended by 60 people.
- Had a tour of the Air traffic control tower at Winnipeg International that had an interest of 180, but only 32 were allowed due to security restrictions.
- Investigating a tour of Fort Garry Brewery.
- Created a database of attendees to contact for future events.
- Created a network of contacts for advertizing at RRC, U of M, and several companies.
- Running short of people and need to recruit new members for the GOLD committee to help with events.
- Money cannot be given to anyone but the section treasurer to deposit into GOLD's account.

3.7) Voting for IEEE president.

- Ballots are now online and paper ballots can still be submitted.

3.8) Member and Geographic Activities.

- Formerly RAB has several awards to give out and the Winnipeg Section should be applying for it's members that have provided outstanding or notable service and achivements in various areas.
- Dave was on track for an award, but the nominator is no longer available. This nomination should be resumed.

3.7)

Computer Society

- Jay Diamond is being courted to come to give a talk. Mr. Diamond is in the executive of Intel Corp.
- Kent Yoshida is being contacted. He presently works in Silicon Valley on several large holywood animation projects.
- Delbert Dueck of the University of Toronto is also being contacted to come back to give a talk on a new way of Data Mining.
- Chris Urmson from Carnage Mellon University is also being invited to discuss robotics.

3.8)

APEGM

-No Report.

4) Matters of Information

4.1) Sections Congress Discussion

MOTION: To send four people from the IEEE Winnipeg Section to Sections Congress at a cost of \$4000. (Dawn Nedohin-Macek, Lesley McFarlane). Carried unanimously.

-This is a triannual (every three years) event for training of Seciton officers and would be officers.

-Haider has booked his flight and hotel.

-This should be planned several months in advance to take advantage of lower airfares.

-This is the premier conference and is the only one attended by so many people.

-Regional meetings are twice a year in Canada.

-Other airfare options include bulk ticket purchases.

-The \$4000 is not the total for four delegates. It is in addition to the Region and IEEE portions.

4.2) GOLD Summit.

-Every region needs to come up with their own poster and report to display to the delegates at the Sections Congress.

-From Region 7, there are four Secitons sending representatives.

-Had a teleconference about the GOLD summit in preparation.

-A progress report on each region activities and progress is submitted to the summit.

-Ronnie has agreed to bring a report back from the summit.

-There will be presentations on the humanitarian aspects of GOLD as well as other simultaneous presentations.

5) Current Business

5.1) Nominations for MGA awards.

-Senior Members discussed.

5.2) Audit report.

-The report had some interesting points and should be discussed to address deficiencies the report noted.

5.3) Canadian Conference of Electrical and Computer Engineers.

-Received two phone calls about hosting CCECE 2010. One from Destination Winnipeg, and the other from a Xerox representative.

-Typically the CCECE is held in conjunction with the Region 7 meeting although they are not tied together explicitly.

-This is a labor intensive task to hold the Conference.

-Much legwork in the way of hotel negotiation, etc. would need to be done.

-Rasit to send out information on CCECE hosting to winnipegexcomm list serve.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 07 October 2008 18:30 (6:30 PM) at TR Labs (135 Innovation Drive).

Adjourned: 19:26