

Minutes of the IEEE Winnipeg Section meeting of 03 March 2009  
South boardroom - 135 Innovation Drive - Winnipeg - Manitoba

Attendance: Julian Nedohin-Macek, Haider Al-Saidi, Witold Kinsner, Lesley McFarlane, Jagdish Chand, Hilmi Turanli, Liting Han, W. K. Fung, Zhara Moussavi, Nusrat Masood, Burke Libbey, Azadeh Yadollahi, Ryan Neufeld, Stefan Penner.

Regrets: George Pasioka, Ken Ferens, Jason Kuyp, Sandra Ingram, Ekram Hossain, Dave Kemp

Called to Order: 18:00

Approval of the minutes of 03 February 2009. (W. Kinsner, J. Chand) carried.

#### 1) Chair's Report

1.1 ) Haider met with the representative of the Manitoba Robot Games.

-MRG has provided a letter of thanks for the contribution of \$500 for last year.

-The amount to contribute was determined to be \$300 for this year.

#### 2) TISP (Pre-University teacher in service program)

-There is a program for secondary and primary students interested in becoming teachers that was developed two years ago.

-It was suggested to contact the Manitoba Teachers Society to advertise the program.

-The IEEE is funding a position to go to Montreal to attend the program.

-The names of the students that are put forward to go or that show interest in going should be noted for future communications.

#### 3) Professor W. K. Fung was introduced from the University of Manitoba Electrical and Computer Engineering Faculty.

-Dr. Fung wants to create a new chapter in Robotics, Automation, and Control Systems.

-Haider will search SAMIEEE to locate Robotics and Automation and Control Systems Society members in the Section.

#### 4) Students branches, their foundingís and how can we support them?

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#### 5) Becoming a registered charity.

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#### 6) RFP: 2010 IEEE Electrical power and energy conference.

-A request from the Region has been sent to the section to hold the conference.

-This is not to be confused with the PES meeting.

-This was a small meeting in Ottawa and began to grow over the last few years.

-This is the Canada Conference on Power and Energy and is typically in October.

-The conference was in Vancouver last year.

- It was noted that this would be an enormous undertaking.
- The last conference the Section hosted was CCECE.
- Haider to look into interest in hosting the conference.
- April 20th is the deadline.

7) Motion: The Winnipeg section to provide \$200 in funding for WIE to support CTTAM/APEGM event. (L. McFarlane, W. Kinsner) carried.

- WIE has held a number of events in the last year and has been very successful thus far.
- The next event is the APEGM/CTTAM event that explains the process of getting a P.Eng. or a C.E.T. designation.
- The costs are about \$1000 for the event and WIE has raised \$700 so far.
- WIE is requesting \$200 for the event from the Section.
- The Section funds need not be in advance.
- The major cost is the wine and cheese and the location chosen was the most economical as compared to numerous other venues.
- The value to the IEEE was commented on about how to conduct more members into the IEEE.
- It was pointed out that in the past there has been an attendance in the hundreds and is a good way to get new members and new volunteers.
- Zhara Moussavi was tasked with providing a list of past and upcoming EMBS seminars.
- It was pointed out that the potential Robotics and Automation and Controls Systems Society may be promoted there.

8) Website and heritage site updates.

- It was put forward for opinion that the website development may require some external professional development.
- The student branch was suggested to be utilized to do the work.
- It was noted that students could do it quickly.
- It was also noted that students are also quite busy with their studies and may not be able to fully complete the work.
- There is a computer science option to get a full credit for the work under an industrial project by Dr. Al Marshal. This would be a full semester course.
- The time line would be as soon as possible, but the next start of an industrial project will next be in September.

9) 911 as an IEEE milestone.

- Dave Kemp would like to start the process of designating the 911 system as a milestone.
- Manitoba Hydro and MTS have many good projects that could be considered for the milestone process as well. The past history could be examined to provide ideas for this award.

10) EMBS

- Had several events last year.
- EMBS would like to provide a small token of appreciation for its event speakers and is uncertain of it's finances.
- Nusraat Masood is passing the chair to Azadeh Yadollahi.

#### Computer Chapter:

- Computer Chapter had a seminar on How complex is complex.
- The president of Tomcorp computer Tom Kaminski is going to give a talk tomorrow.
- Witold Kinsner has been involved with the Aerospace industry recently and has noted that space camp has been revived for this year. It is a one week event to be held during Mini-U at the faculty of Engineering.
- It was noted that IEEE should be represented at the space camp.
- Marsville is being developed across the country in many Canadian Secondary Schools. These projects start in January and go to the end of the summer. The IEEE presence could be made prominent at these events.
- It was noted that the Region could provide promotional materials for a Secondary School audience.
- Dr. Kinsner can provide information on what should be presented to the audience.

#### 11) Round table discussions.

- The major event for the Section is on hold until Haider has some more time to look into the event.
- Can the Section provide small monies or promotional items for the Canada Science Council as per Minutes of 2009 Feb 03? It was noted that the IEEE could provide a class of medals for an award at a minimal cost.
- National Engineering week will begin next week. Does IEEE have a presence at NEW? Witold Kinsner can provide the contact names for the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Engineering booth. Lesley McFarlane can provide the online address for ordering promotional material. Burke Libbey to deliver materials to Witold Kinsner's office at the University of Manitoba.
- RRC is having a seminar on structural health monitoring Hugh Logo on realtime dataloggers on Friday.
- It was noted that all events should be copied to Jason Kyup to place on the website.
- Student's noted that the e-notice's do not reach them.

#### NEXT MEETING:

18:00 at TRILabs South Boardroom (135 Innovation Drive).

Ajourned: 19:25