

Minutes of the IEEE Buffalo Section Board Meeting April 8th, 2021

A meeting of the IEEE Buffalo Section Board was held via Cisco Webex on Thursday, April 8th, 2021, at 6:34PM.

PRESENT: (Online)

Judy Moskal
Kyle Nadolinski
Mike Chirico
Mitch Fronczak
Brian Hess
Kevin Burke
Greg Koch
Padma Kasthurirangan
Marlin Gillette
Vasili Perebeinos
Dave Odrobina
Jennifer Winikus
Jennifer Zirnheld
Tom Szumla
Michael Wright

Review of Minutes from Last Meeting:

Meeting minutes for February were presented by Mitch. A Motion to approve the minutes as approved for March was made by Judy, and 2nd by Marlin, all ayes, motion carries.

Financial Report:

The Treasurer's Report was Presented by Brian. A Motion to approve the treasurers report and the Budget for 2021, as presented was made by Jennifer, The motion was 2nd by Judy, All Ayes; Motion Carries.

Membership Committee Report: No Report, the Position is still available. If anyone is interested in the position, contact Judy.

Organizational Matters: No Report

Student Chapter News: No Report

Regional & National Updates: Sections Congress will be taking place on April 9th - 11th, of this year, the event will be Fully Virtual. More to come.

Part 2 of the Board of Governors Meeting was on March 13th, Judy and Kyle Attended.

Sections congress is this weekend. Contact Padma for links if you're interested.

Societies:

AICN – No Report
EDS – Formal Letter has arrived
Computer – No Report
Control Systems – No Report

AP/MTT – May 19th – Dr. Hanz, joint with the New Jersey Section, more info coming soon from Marlin, this will be a virtual event.

Another DML talk in September is being planned, speaker from IBM Watson, more information to come.

TEMS – No Report

P&ES/Industry Applications – No Report

Women In Engineering (WIE) Affinity Group – Meeting was held, keynote speaker & breakout sessions, it was a great event

Young Professionals (YPS) Affinity Group - NR
Communications Society - No Report

Old Business:

Mar 14th – Section Life affinity group officially formed and headed by Judy.

Mar 20th – Covid Technologies, MIT Lecture, a few people attended from the section.

Mar 27th – PES Distinguished Lecture, Dr. Balog of Texas A&M. Steve, Judy, Padma, and Marlin attended. Very Well done event.

Website: No report

New Business:

Apr 15th – ANSYS Talk, presented by MTT, event will be held virtually.

Apr 22nd – IEEE PES Day.

May 1st - Moving away from NetSuite on April 30th towards NextGen Banking, more to come

June/July – Dr. Kevin Kwiat UB CS Dept, More information to come.

A Motion was made by Jenifer Zirnheld, to nominate Michael wright as membership chair for the Buffalo Section. The motion was 2nd by Jennifer Winikus, All Ayes; The Motion Carries.

Audit Committee formed for 2020, Consisting Kyle, Brian, Mike and Mitch. Will meet online to discuss

Other Business:

Digital Presence Committee had their first meeting this week. More to come. The potential committee consists of Dave Odrobina, Greg Koch, Padma Kasthurirangan, Judy Moskal, and Michael Burke.

PACE, Kyle reached out to Harold, the regional coordinator. More to come on a verdict from PACE.

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Senior Membership drive will be moved to a future date, yet to be determined. Tentative for May 20th 2021.

Further information to come from Kevin and Jennifer Winikus on the Educational Society. In progress, More to come.

Action Items:

- 1) Judy – Contact vTools about attendees list from vTools from previous meetings/virtual events?
- 2) Mike/Tom –Senior Membership Drive for 2021.
- 3) Padma – find out how to transfer membership committee forms/docs to Mike Wright
- 4) Kyle – Future Cities PACE reimbursement/ match
- 5) Greg – STEM Savvy committee
- 6) Tom - May 20th
- 7) Jennifer Winikus – obtain details about the talk for Dr. Kevin Kwiat
- 8) Padma – send the EdSoc to Jennifer and Kevin

Next Meetings and Locations:

Thursday, 5/13/2021 @ 6:30PM – WebEx
Thursday, 6/10/2021 @ 6:30PM – WebEx

Motion to adjourn by Marlin,
The motion was 2nd: Judy,
All Ayes; Motion Carries

The meeting adjourned at 8:34PM

■ Mitch L Fronczak, **Secretary**