

# Minutes of the IEEE Buffalo Section Board Meeting June 10th, 2021

A meeting of the IEEE Buffalo Section Board was held via Cisco Webex on Thursday, June 10h, 2021, at 6:30PM.

## PRESENT: (Online)

Tom Szumla  
Judy Moskal  
Joe Ott  
Samuel Kassey  
Kyle Nadolinski  
Mitch Fronczak  
Brian Hess  
Greg Koch  
Chris Meirzwa  
Padma Kasthurirangan  
Marlin Gillette  
Dave Odrobina  
Jennifer Zirnheld  
Michael Wright  
Mike Chirico

## Review of Minutes from Last Meeting:

Meeting minutes for May were presented by Mitch. A Motion to approve the minutes as approved for May was made by Marlin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy, all ayes, motion carries.

## Financial Report:

The Treasurer's Report was Presented by Brian. Brian was able to access the NextGen portal, more to come as he learns the system. A Motion to approve the treasurers report as presented was made by Michael Wright. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marlin, All Ayes; Motion Carries.

## Membership Committee Report: No Report

## Organizational Matters: No Report

## Student Chapter News: No Report

**Regional & National Updates:** August 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> BoG Meeting (in person), Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center, Southbridge, MA

## Societies:

**AICN** – No Report

**ESD** – No Report

**Computer** – No Report

**Control Systems** – No Report

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

September 18<sup>h</sup> – Dr. Bodhisatwa Sadhu, MTT DML,

**TEMS** – No Report

**P&ES/Industry Applications** – No Report

**Women In Engineering (WIE) Affinity Group** – No Report  
**Young Professionals (YPS) Affinity Group** – NR  
**Communications Society** – No Report  
**Life Member Affinity Group** – NR

## Old Business:

Apr 15<sup>th</sup> – ANSYS Talk, report presented by Marlin on behalf of MTT, great turnout from the Buffalo and Rochester sections. If you missed the talk and are interested in obtaining the presentation, contact Marlin.

Apr 22<sup>nd</sup> – IEEE PES Day.

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

Computer Society has a webinar, Insight of Blockchains Standards, content to be posted on the website.

May 19<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Ruonan Han, MTT DML

May 19<sup>th</sup> – ETA Kappa Nu Induction

## Website: No report

## New Business:

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

2021 Summer Social will be in person, please email Judy before June 20<sup>th</sup> if you have any suggestions for locations.

Audit Committee – Scheduled to meet Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

August 7<sup>th</sup>. – IEEE Open, the first IEEE meeting in person since March 2020. The event takes place in Endicott, NY. Will be available on the website.

September 18<sup>h</sup> – Dr. Bodhisatwa Sadhu, MTT DML, 12 noon (9 PST) is the planned time of the event.

Oct 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30PM - Talk presented by Frank Scharf, computational analytics of microwave electronics. More information to come.

STEM Savvy, June 26<sup>th</sup> – Greg has about 20 camps planned

A motion to support the funding of the Nikola Tesla Monument was made by Tom Szumla and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian, all ayes, the motion carries.

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**The meeting adjourned at 8:14PM**

**Mitch L Fronczak, Secretary**

## Other Business:

A Motion was made to sponsor the IEEE Open on August 7<sup>th</sup> for up to \$300 by Judy, the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennifer Z, All Ayes; Motion Carries.

A Motion was made for the Section to reimburse the cost of meals up to \$25 and travel expenses, per mile, for any exCom members who attend. by Mike Chirico. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian, All Ayes; The Motion Carries.

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

Senior Membership drive will be moved to a future date, yet to be determined. Tentative for July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

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

## Action Items:

- 1) Michael Wright and Brian to meet up to hammer out details for the membership committee
- 2) Mike/Tom –Senior Membership Drive for 2021.
- 3) Audit Committee – Scheduled to meet Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.
- 4) Kyle – Future Cities PACE reimbursement/ match
- 5) Greg – STEM Savvy committee
- 6) Jennifer Winikus – obtain details about the talk for Dr. Kevin Kwiat
- 7) Padma – send the Ed Soc to Jennifer and Kevin
- 8) Everyone – send any Ideas for the summer social to Judy before June 20<sup>th</sup>
- 9) Everyone – send Dave flyers/ information for any planned events so Dave can publish them on the website

## Next Meetings and Locations:

Thursday, 6/10/2021 @ 6:30PM – WebEx  
Thursday, 7/8/2021 @ 6:30PM – WebEx  
Thursday, 8/12/2021 @ 6:30PM – WebEx  
Thursday, 9/9/2021 @ 6:30PM – WebEx  
Thursday, 10/14/2021 @ 6:30PM – WebEx  
Thursday, 11/11/2021 @ 6:30PM – WebEx  
Thursday, 12/9/2021 @ 6:30PM – WebEx

Motion to adjourn by Greg ,  
The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mike W,  
All Ayes; Motion Carries