Minutes of the IEEE Buffalo Section Board Meeting March 10th, 2022

A meeting of the IEEE Buffalo Section Board was held via Webex on Thursday, March 10th, 2021, at 6:35 PM.

PRESENT: (Online)
Dave Odrobina
Samuel Kassey
Padma Kasthuranigan
Greg Koch
Marlin Gillette
Michael Wright
Jennifer Winikus
Vasili Perebeinos
Chris Mierzwa
Brian Hess
Joe Ott
Philip Henderson

Review of Minutes from Last Meeting: Meeting minutes for February were presented by Jen, and were reviewed by the board. A Motion to approve the Minutes for February as presented with corrections made by Marlin, the motion was 2nd by Greg, All Ayes; the Motion Carries.

Financial Reporting: The Treasurer’s Report for February 2022 was presented by Brian. A motion to approve the Treasurers Report for the Month of February as presented was made by Michael. The motion was 2nd by Marlin, All Ayes; the Motion Carries.

Membership Committee: The Measurement Report for February 2022 was presented by Michael W. Steep drop off, but similar to historical trends. Membership is up. Future50 is having positive impact, almost back to pre-covid.

Organizational Matters: A motion to approve the Audit Report for the Month of February as presented was made by Marlin. The motion was 2 by Greg, All Ayes; Motion Carries

Student Chapter News: No Report

Regional & National Updates: No Report

Societies:
AICN – No Report

ESD – Need 2 speakers to invite. Funding request to support symposium. Financial logistics to be worked out. DML lecturers come from the IEEE list to be funded as part of that programming. UB EE picking up most of the cost - it can be co-sponsored. Looking at May, room constraints at UB is a factor.

Computer – Event in the planning stages for the last week of May.

Control Systems – No Report
AP/MTT – No Report
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:
PACE – Kyle to attend virtual meeting on 3/11. PACE help support funding.

April – Judy Attended the Women In STEM Summit. Not the same as previous years.

April 4th – Topic for Education Week

Symposium for 2022 presented by Huamin and Vasili, still early on in the planning stages. More to come.

Website: No Report

New Business: April TBD- Women in STEM Summit. Skip sponsoring for 2022

Micro Mouse Competition sponsorship. There is a formula for scholarships in place. Section 9.2 in the Operations Manual (available on the website).

No new update on the Tesla Monument.

Awards Dinner that was set for February may be moved to a warmer month where the option is available to be outside or in a venue that allows for distancing, Padma is exploring alternative options.

Google account- 2 step verification activated, if you
need access, let Padma know to authorize access.

Return to in person – recommended to start with Ex-Com meetings in person when the summer starts, June.

Will still be able to attend via WebEx. Motion by Michael Wright, 2nd by Brian.

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Future Events:
March 14 - all the area section chairs are having a call – Padma to attend.

April 2nd & 3rd, 8AM – 1PM - Region Board of Governors meeting, virtual. Volunteer needed to attend (primary need for April 2).

April 4 – Topic for Education Week – Jenn coordinating

April 28, 6pm. Dr. Anthony Grbic, University of Michigan

September 22nd – MTT DML talk, more information coming – Marlin coordinating, aiming for in person

Date TBD - PES DL - Babak Enayati, Region 1 Dr. National Grid – Steve coordinating

Date TBD – Last week of May Computer Society talk on “Consensus using Blockchain”, University of Minnesota Anand Tripathi – Greg coordinating

Other Business:
The Digital Ops committee is still looking for a chair person.

Kyle – Future Cities PACE reimbursement/match – close matter and aim for support for next year

Members will be needed soon for a future Audit Committee for the 2021 fiscal year. Kyle volunteered, Brian is on the committee. Need 2 more volunteers.

Vitality report submitted by Padma.

Michael W received membership materials. Let him know if there is a use.

Dr. Kassey submitted application to be a Photonics Society DL.

IEEE Life Fellow Dr. Sargur Srihari from UB passed away on March 8.
https://www.buffalo.edu/ubnow/stories/2022/03/hari-srihari-obit.html

Meeting Ideas:
All members are welcome to pitch any ideas for meetings or events to the board.

Action Items:
1) Kevin – Etta Kappa Nu Funds Collection
2) Junaid – reach out to students at Fredonia
3) Judy/Ilya – reach out to ECC (Judy is awaiting word from her correspondence there)
4) Audit Committee – explore investment options
5) Jenn – nail out a couple fill-in talks with Judy & Marlin
6) All chairs: Explore DL Opportunities
7) What is in the storage unit? Volunteer needed to do inventory. Michael W willing to look into it. There is a key with Mike C and in the treasurer bag. Last inventory sheet was 2014.

Next Meeting Locations:
NOTE: We are playing meetings by ear with respect to in-person board meetings. Plan is to return to hybrid in June.
Thursday, 4/14/2022 @ 6:30PM – WebEx
Thursday, 5/12/2022 @ 6:30PM – WebEx
Thursday, 6/9/2022 @ 6:30PM – WebEx

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:01PM

Jennifer Winikus, Stand-In Secretary