A meeting of the IEEE Buffalo Section Board was held via Webex on Thursday, April 14th, 2021, at 6:38 PM.

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

Review of Minutes from Last Meeting:
Meeting minutes for March were presented by Mitch, and were reviewed by the board. A Motion to approve the Minutes for March as presented were made by Marlin, The motion was 2nd by Judy, All Ayes; Motion Carries.

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

Membership Committee: Mike W sent along the membership report for the Month. A motion to approve the Membership Report for the Month of March as presented was made by Mitch. The motion was 2nd by Marlin, All Ayes; Motion Carries.

Organizational Matters: No Report

Student Chapter News: No Report

Regional & National Updates: No Report

Societies:
AICN – No Report
ESD – Huamin & Vasili presented a status report on Symposium 2022. Need 2 speakers to invite. Funding request to support Symposium 2022. 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. More to come.

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 – No Report

Old Business:
PACE – Kyle to attend virtual meeting on 3/11. PACE help support funding.

April 7th – Judy Attended the Women In STEM Summit virtually. Great topics, some of the topics were not available to all participants, not sure if that was due to remote accessibility. However the keynote was available.

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 4th – Topic for Education Week – Jenn coordinating

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).

Tesla Monument update, work to be completed on around May18th, Judy will have more information next meeting.
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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 ExCom Meetings – Likely around June or another summer month.

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

Future Events:
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 an Audit Committee for the 2021 fiscal year. Kyle volunteered, Brian is on the committee. Two more volunteers are needed.

Vitality report has been 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 DML Opportunities
7) What is in the storage unit? Volunteer still 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.
8) Judy – Obtain more information on Tesla Monument
9) Padma – Advertise Marlins Event
10) Padma- remind Steve about the PES Talk

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, 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 7:53PM

Mitch Fronczak, Secretary