Minutes of the IEEE Buffalo Section Board Meeting October 13th, 2022

A meeting of the IEEE Buffalo Section Board was held via Webex and In Davis Hall at UB, on Thursday, October 13th, 2022, at 6:47 PM.

ONLINE:

Marlin Gillette
Chris Mierzwa
Brian Hess
Ed Luber
Kevin Burke
Jennifer Zirnheld
Tom Szumla

PRESENT:

Kyle Nadolinski
Jennifer Winikus
Greg Koch
Samuel Kassey
Judy Moskal
Mitch Fronczak
Vasili Perebeinos
Steve Rhoads
Michael Wright

Review of Minutes from Last Meeting:

Meeting minutes for September were presented by Mitch, and were reviewed by the board. A Motion to approve the minutes, as corrected, for September were made by Steve, a motion was 2nd by Micheal, All Ayes; Motion Carries.

Financial Reporting:
The treasurers report for the month of September was presented by Bryan, A Motion to approve the treasurers report for the month of September was made by Marlin, a motion was 2nd by Jennifer, All Ayes; Motion Carries.

Membership Committee:

The Membership report for the month of September was presented by Micheal, A Motion to approve the Membership Committee for September was made by Steve, a motion was 2nd by Sam, All Ayes; Motion Carries.

Organizational Matters:

Presented by Joe Ott, Region 2 is going to be merging with Region 1 due to population shifts. It won't be fully merging until 2028, so it will be a slow merge and there aren't any changes we need to worry about in the short term.

Student Chapter News: No report.

Regional & National Updates: No Report

Programs and Arrangements:
Updates presented by Judy, Judy presented as co-host a session on machine learning with the New Jersey section, 57 people had registered, but 29 had attended with 2 guests.

Societies:

AICN – No Report
ESD – Minor update from Huamin & Vasili for Nano Symposium 2022, will be a three day event. There will also be a light social event dates will be from September 21st to the 23rd. 75th Anniversary of the Transistor.
Computer – Thursday 17th (week before Thanksgiving). presenting from Austraila, 9AM their time, 6PM our time. Topic is Blockchain & proof of state.

Control Systems – No Report.
AP/MTT – There are 9 members at this current time.
TEMS – No Report.
P&ES/Industry Applications – No Report.
Women In Engineering (WIE) Affinity Group – No Report
Young Professionals (YPS) Affinity Group – No Report.
Communications Society – No Report.
Life Member Affinity Group – No Report.
Nano technology – No Report.

Old Business:
Nano Symposium 2022 Report, presented by Vasili, it was well attended, people were coming and going throughout the day.

September 22nd – Dr. Nanzer, MTT DML talk, it was well attended, 67 attendees signed up but only 49 had showed up.

September 15th, Talk The internet of things, applications, security and solutions, presented by the communication society. Both Virtual and Hybrid.

October 1st, The Engineers Alley Tailgate at UB.

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Website: The contact emails on the section website have been updated to remove personal email extensions in favor of IEEE emails.

New Business:
November 13th @ 1PM – Section Bills vs. Vikings Tailgate event, between the Buffalo and Rochester sections. Most Likely not happening. Reason being that the cost of tickets has increased. It may happen next year during preseason when it's warmer

Tesla Milestone Committee update presented by Tom Szumla, pursuing the idea of obtaining a 'shared' milestone as it was a combined effort. More to come.

Buffalo Section now has a Photonics Society, Samuel Kassey

Slate for the next group of Officers for the 2023 to 2025 terms.

Future Events:
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.

The Tunnel, At the Niagara Parks Power Station, will be slated until spring 2023, on the Canadian side of the border. More to come.

Other Business:
The November or December meeting potentially to be held at Buffalo State College.

The Digital Operations committee currently consists of Padma and Judy. They are still looking for additional members.

Kyle Met with PACE, who is meeting once a month. If anyone has ideas for PACE, let the board know.

Audit Committee for 2021 fiscal year did not happen in September, it is happening on October 18th. The committee consists of Brian, Kyle, Mitch, Mike Wright and Tom.

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, using NexGen now
2) Junaid – reach out to students at Fredonia about starting a student Fredonia
3) Judy/Ilya – reach out to ECC
4) Audit Committee – explore investment opportunities
5) Jennifer – nail out a couple fill-in talks with Judy & Marlin
6) All chairs: Explore DML Opportunities
7) Audit Committee – to meet October 18th
8) Brian – Student Rebates 2021 for UB
9) Brian – Resolve the returned check from IEEE from 2021
10) nominating committee – to meetings
11) Huamin Liu – Form for the nano technology
12) Judy – Make arrangements to get the tablecloth
13) Kyle – Follow up with PACE Application

Next Meeting Locations:
Thursday, 11/10/2022 @ 6:30PM – UB, Hybrid
Thursday, 12/8/2022 @ 6:30PM – UB, Hybrid

Motion to adjourn made by Judy,
The motion was 2nd by Greg,
All Ayes; Motion Carries

The meeting adjourned at 8:07PM

Mitch Fronczak, Secretary