



Rochester Section Executive Committee Meeting

5 April 2011 MEETING MINUTES

Shanghai Restaurant, 2920 West Henrietta Rd, Rochester, NY

Agenda and attendance list attached at end.

Meeting called to order at 12:00 pm

Section Officer Reports

Section Chair Report – Alex Loui

- Welcome to everyone.
- Gene Saltzberg made a special announcement: Alexander Loui was elected in March at the Region 1 Board of Governors meeting to be the next Western Area Chair for 2012 and 2013. He will start in his new position January 1, 2012. The Western Area consists of Rochester, Buffalo, Syracuse, Binghamton and Ithaca Sections. Congratulations Alexander!
- Congratulations to everyone (especially Bill Fowlkes) for an outstanding Joint Chapters Meeting (JCM) in held in March.
- Congratulations to the GOLD leadership for an outstanding panel session in held in March.
- A discussion was held regarding the timing of the May ExCom meeting. Since Region 1 Director Charles Rubenstein will be in town for the Student Design Contest on May 7, and has expressed an interest in attending the Rochester ExCom meeting, a proposal was made to hold the May meeting on Friday evening, May 6. Proposal was approved.

Section Vice-Chair Report – Bill Fowlkes

- Attendance at the 2011 JCM was 118 across 8 parallel technical sessions, with 101 staying for dinner and only 3 paid no-shows.
- Expenses were in line with budget.

Section Treasurer Report –George Sotak

- Presented the February financial report.
- Approval of February Report:
Motion to Accept – Bill Fowlkes
Seconded by – Andrew Gallagher
Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Section Secretary Report – John Kerekes

- Presented the March minutes.
- Approval of March Minutes:
Motion to Accept – Gene Saltzberg
Seconded by – Jayanti Venkataraman
Motion approved by unanimous vote

Chapter Society Reports

Communications / Aerospace and Electronic Systems Society Joint Chapter – Nirmala Shenoy

- No report.

Computer – Bruce Nelson

- Had a great speaker at the JCM. Nothing else scheduled for now.

Electromagnetic Compatibility / Product Safety Engineering Joint Chapter – Eugene Saltzberg

- Had a great speaker at the JCM.

Electron Devices – Sean Rommel

- No report.

Engineering in Medicine and Biology – Stephen McAleavey

- Planning a career fair to be held in the near future.

Geoscience and Remote Sensing – John Kerekes for Jan van Aardt

- Had a great speaker at the JCM.
- Planning a meeting of opportunity with Prof. Carey Rappaport of Northeastern University speaking at RIT on April 22 which will be co-sponsored with MTTTS.

Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) – Dhireesha Kudithipudi

- No report.

Life Members – Amedeo (Dave) Qualich

- Nothing to report today.

Microwave Theory and Techniques – Jayanti Venkataraman for Greg Pettis

- Had a great speaker at the JCM.
- Will co-sponsor meeting with GRSS on April 22.
- Continuing to work on transition to becoming a joint chapter with APS.

Photonics –

- No report.

Power & Energy / Industrial Applications –David Krispinsky

- Planning finalized for the Engineering Symposium in Rochester to be held April 26.

Signal Processing –Dhiraj Joshi

- Had a great speaker at the JCM.
- Will have a SP Distinguished Lecture on April 14 at the University of Rochester Laser Lab. James Johnston will be speaking on the “History of Perceptual Coding.”

Technology Management Council – Mark Schrader

- Had a very successful panel discussion at the JCM.
- Working with the Rochester Engineering Society to co-sponsor a workshop on technical writing.

Student Activities – Bill Fowlkes

- Announced Alfred University will be ending its EE program, transitioning it to a program on Renewable Energy Engineering.
- Confirmed that Alfred State has an active student branch.
- The University of Rochester has new officers.
- A group at RIT is looking to establish a Student Chapter of the Electron Device Society at RIT.

Student Branches

Alfred University

- No report.

Rochester Institute of Technology Student Branch – William Dorney

- The Branch made a formal request for support of \$2000 from the Rochester Section for the upcoming 2011 Student Design Contest. This is a one-time request to help cover a shortfall in funding created when a traditional sponsor did provide funds this year. Gene Saltzberg made a motion to accept the proposal which was seconded by Jayanti Venkataraman. The proposal passed with 10 for, 3 against, and 6 abstaining.

Rochester Institute of Technology Computer Society Student Branch – Chapter Representative

- No report

University of Rochester Student Branch – Chapter Representative

- No report.

Committee Reports

Membership Report - Jean Kendrick

- No report.

Awards Report – Andy Gallagher

- No report.

Information Management – Jim Ziobro

- Removed members in arrears (those who did not renew for 2011) from the mailing list for the February and subsequent issues of the Rochester Engineer. This saved the Section \$229 for February and March.
- Removed inactive and ineligible volunteers from the Section officers list on the Section website.
- Implemented an automated mechanism for the posting of Section Minutes on the website. Also suggested the possibility of posting the Treasurer's report in a similar manner.
- Suggested the Computer Society Chapter look into becoming joint with the Computational Intelligence Society which has 10 members in the Rochester Section. The chapter may accrue some benefits as a result.

Newsletter Report – Jacob Schanker

- The deadline for the May issue of the Newsletter is April 8. Please send your input to Jack by this date.

PACE Report – Joe DeVita

- Presented report on attendance at the 2011 IEEE USA meeting. Report is appended to minutes.
- Continuing the planning for the upcoming E3 Fair to be held April 27 at RIT. An activity involving tablet computing is being planned. Anyone who has contacts at tablet manufacturers/providers and could help arrange products for the activity, please contact Joe.

Liaison Reports

Rochester Engineering Society (RES) Report – Mark Schrader

- Two seats remain available for IEEE members for the upcoming Rochester Engineering Society Gala. Please contact Mark if interested.

Rochester Council of Scientific Societies (RCSS) Report – Bill Brewer

- No report.

Old Business

- Bruce Nelson reported for the AdHoc committee formed to review options for hosting of the Rochester Section website. After reviewing options, the committee recommended the Section transition the site from Section-owned hardware to IEEE-owned servers. The move would occur gradually over time and through the use of automatic redirects would be seamless and not apparent to visitors to the site. This recommendation was agreed to by all.

New Business

- Andy Gallagher made a proposal to provide \$500 in support to a local Rochester group of middle school students, known as Lego Lambs, to help with expenses associated with participating in the World's Robotics Festival in St. Louis, MO at the end of April. The proposal was seconded by Jim Ziobro. The proposal passed 10 for, 2 against, and 7 abstaining.

Open Discussion

- Alex Loui suggested we consider a boat cruise along the Genesee River or Erie Canal as a venue for the Rochester Section June Dinner Meeting. The suggestion received a favorable response.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:12 pm

Minutes compiled by John Kerekes

Attachments

1. Meeting agenda
2. 2011 IEEE USA Meeting Report
3. Attendee list



Rochester Section Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Time: 12:00 PM

Place: *Shanghai Restaurant, 2920 West Henrietta Rd (at Townline Rd.)*
[Menu & Directions: www.shanghaichinese.com]

Welcome and Introductions – Alex Loui, Chair

Reports

Chair Report – Alex Loui [5 minutes]

Vice Chair Report – Bill Fowlkes [5 minutes]

Treasurer Report – George Sotak [5 minutes]

Secretary Report – John Kerekes [5 minutes]

Society Chapter/Council/Group Reports [10 minutes]

Communications/Aerospace and Electronics Systems – Nirmala Shenoy

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Signal Processing – Dhiraj Joshi

Technology Management Council – Mark Schrader/AD Cropper/Tom Pian

Student Branch Reports – Bill Fowlkes [5 minutes]

Alfred University

Rochester Institute of Technology

Rochester Institute of Technology Computer Society

University of Rochester

Membership Report – Jean Kendrick [2 minutes]

Awards Report – Andy Gallagher [2 minutes]

Electronic Communications – Jim Ziobro [2 minutes]

Newsletter Report – Jacob Schanker [2 minutes]

PACE Report – Joe DeVita [2 minutes]

RES Report – Mark Schrader [2 minutes]

RCSS Report – Bill Brewer [2 minutes]

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Open Discussion

IEEE Rochester, NY Section PACE Report, April 2011

The 2011 IEEE Annual Meeting, was held 3-6 March 2011 in Austin Texas. The Rochester Section was represented by Joseph DeVita, PACE Chair and Alexander Loui, Section Chair.

The theme of this year's meeting was "Engineering in Motion" with a focus on engineering automobiles and transportation systems to make better use of available energy resources and to implement innovative energy solutions.

Beside transportation and energy topics, sessions were provided on basic volunteer and leadership training, group workshops, special interest break-out groups for regions and committees, exhibits hosted by IEEE and corporations in related industries, and poster presentations.

Keynote speakers were featured in opening, closing and luncheon meetings as well as at the awards ceremony. Candidate forums gave IEEE and IEEE-USA president elect candidates venues to present their views on the institute's direction, membership and industry needs. A panel discussion from the Region Directors and VPs of IEEE-USA focused on their perspectives of pressing issues and needed actions for Regions 1-6.

Parallel sessions were executed on Friday and Saturday to cover a variety of content. Friday's presentations were devoted to informational meetings with energy topics including infrastructure, electrical vehicles, business models, grid management and policy issues.

The emphasis changed to training on Saturday with parallel sessions focused on Resources, Projects and Members.

Resource sessions covered IEEE career tools, GOLD STEP, Volunteer Impact, Entrepreneur and Consultant Networks, and a program directed to managing member's continuing education and learning programs.

Projects sessions covered IEEE committee work related to legislative lobbying, grass root section efforts, PACE / quick start training modules and PACE/GOLD poster presentation/competition.

Members sessions looked at Career-Life balance, resume writing, mentoring, VTools and member retention.

Sunday's sessions looked at the upcoming Sections Congress and PACE best practices. The Sections Congress is in San Francisco this August and each region presented their working list of suggestion items. A similar region by region presentation was made in another session highlighting some unique regional PACE projects/efforts.

Some blogs from the sessions can be found at - <http://ieee-usa.blogspot.com/>

Recordings of the keynote speaker presentation can be found at - <http://www.ieeeusa.org/calendar/conferences/annualmeeting/2011/video/default.asp>

Joseph DeVita

PACE Chair

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Attendee List
30 in Attendance**

Name	Position
De Vita, Joseph	Section-PACE Chair
Dorney, William	stud-rit-Chair
Fowlkes, William	Section-Vice Chair
Gallagher, Andrew	Section-Awards Chair
Ganson, Patrick	stud-rit-cs-events chair
Joshi, Dhiraj	sps-Chair
Kerekes, John	Section-Secretary/ grs-Secretary
Krispinsky, David	pes-Chair
Lee, Paul	Section-Junior Past Chair
Lin, Pinyen	IEEE member
Loui, Alexander	Section-Chair
Mcaleavey, Stephen	embs-Chair
McDonough, Sean	stud-ur-vice chair
Nelson, Bruce	cs-Chair
Park, Minwoo	sps-Treasurer
Qualich, Amedeo	Im-Chair
Richardson, Carol	vol-Student Awards
Saltzberg, Eugene	emc-pse-Chair/ reg-Region 1 Western Area Chair
Schanker, Jacob	Section-Newsletter Editor
Scheeren, Larry	vol-Member at Large
Schrader, Mark	Section-RES Representative/ tmc-Vice Chair
Shipkowski, James	emc-pse-Vice Chair
Sotak, George	Section Treasurer
Tague, Lyle	vol-Member
Tan, Pueywei	stud-rit-cs- Chair
Torres, Myra	vol-Industrial Liaison
Tsouri, Gill	stud-rit-Faculty Advisor
Venkataraman, Jayanti	Section-Senior Past Chair
Ziobro, James	Section-Chief Information Officer
Ziobro, Tom	Guest