



Rochester Section Executive Committee Meeting

9 December 2011 MEETING MINUTES

Shanghai Restaurant, 2920 West Henrietta Rd, Rochester, NY

Agenda and attendance list attached at end.

Meeting called to order at 12:03 pm.

NOTE: Only 12 voting members (or their representatives) of the ExCom were present, falling short of the 14 required for a quorum, so no official actions were taken.

Section Officer Reports

Section Chair Report – Alex Loui

- Reminder to everyone to vote in the Section Election.
- Last call for RSVP's for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner scheduled for December 14.
- Region 1 has committed to funding two iSTEP meetings in 2012. One is to be hosted by the Rochester Section.

Section Vice-Chair Report – Bill Fowlkes

- Deferred to Eugene Saltzberg, nominee for Section Vice-Chair in 2012, who announced the date of the 2012 Joint Chapters Meeting (JCM) as April 4. Gene asked that if anyone has concerns about this date they contact him today. Gene also announced the Keynote Speaker will be Mark Gabriel who recently published a book entitled “Visions for a Sustainable Energy Future.”

Section Treasurer Report – Bill Fowlkes

- Presented the October and November financial statements. Due to lack of quorum, no approval vote was taken.
- Presented the 2012 Budget. Bill noted he created a specific entry under “Income” for the transfer of principal from the long term account so the budget is now explicitly balanced. Without a quorum, no vote for approval was taken. However, due to the desire to have a budget in place prior to the start of the year, it was suggested the vote be taken at the December 14 volunteer dinner. [Editor: later it was decided to defer this vote to the January ExCom meeting.]
- A question was asked if units could spend money not explicitly budgeted after the budget has been approved. Bill replied yes, but that if it was for an amount larger than ~10% of the unit annual budget, it should be brought forward to the ExCom.

Section Secretary Report – John Kerekes

- The November meeting minutes were presented, but not approved due to the lack of quorum. They will be presented for approval, along with the December minutes, in January.

Chapter Society Reports

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

- Lining up speakers for next year as well as new officers for the chapter.

Computer/Computational Intelligence Societies Joint Chapter – Bruce Nelson

- Had a successful meeting on November 10 with Prof. Richard Zanibbi of RIT speaking. Attendance was about 18 to 20, all IEEE members.
- Starting to plan for next year, including a special event to commemorate the chapter's 40th anniversary.

Electromagnetic Compatibility / Product Safety Engineering Joint Chapter – Eugene Saltzberg

- Will have a meeting December 15 hosted by Chomerics Test Services with a tour of their facility. The event will also include networking time and the election of officers for 2012.

Electron Devices – Sean Rommel

- No report.

Engineering in Medicine and Biology – Stephen McAleavey

- No report.

Geoscience and Remote Sensing – Jan van Aardt

- Conducting an election for new officers.
- Finalizing details for a meeting with a talk by GRSS Distinguished Lecturer Robert Bindschadler for sometime around April to be held at the University at Buffalo.

Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) – Dhireesha Kudithipudi

- No report.

Life Members – Amedeo (Dave) Qualich

- Nothing new to report at this time.

Microwave Theory and Techniques – Greg Pettis via e-mail

- Nothing new to report at this time.

Photonics –

- No report.

Power & Energy / Industrial Applications –David Krispinsky

- No report.

Signal Processing – Alex Loui for Dhiraj Joshi

- The Annual Western New York Image Processing Workshop took place on November 14, 2011. It was well attended, although attendance was a bit down from last year. There were excellent plenary talks and a best student paper award was presented. Original papers will be deposited in the IEEE Xplore library. The workshop will report an income greater than expenses.

Technology Management Council – Mark Schrader

- Held elections with Paul Lee as new Chair, Ken Li as Vice-Chair, and Mark Schrader as Secretary. Tom Pian will be a Volunteer at Large
- Will continue to co-sponsor the Immigration Policy Seminar Series at RIT.
- Arranging a meeting for early next year (possibly at the JCM) with Paul Tolley of the New York state Center of Excellence in Microsystems and Photonics in Canandaigua.

Student Activities – Bill Fowlkes

- Bill reported there was a successful GOLD/Rochester Student Chapters event held at the Memorial Art Gallery last night. Six student members attended. Thanks to Jim Ziobro for organizing the event.

Student Branches

Alfred University

- No report.

Rochester Institute of Technology Student Branch – William Dorney

- No report.

Rochester Institute of Technology Computer Society Student Branch – Pueywei Tan

- Nothing new to report.

University of Rochester Student Branch – Chapter Representative

- No report.

Committee Reports

Membership Report – Jean Kendrick

- Received an order of the laser pointers for use as speaker's gifts. Contact Jean if you need one for your event.

Awards Report – Andy Gallagher

- No report.

Information Management – Jim Ziobro

- No report.

Newsletter Report – Jacob Schanker

- Today is the deadline for the January newsletter.

PACE Report – Joe DeVita

- Looking to arrange a meeting for January with a career coach.

Liaison Reports

Rochester Engineering Society (RES) Report – Mark Schrader

- Keep RES in mind as a possible joint sponsor if you are organizing a networking event in the Rochester area.

Rochester Council of Scientific Societies (RCSS) Report – Bill Brewer via e-mail

- Next meeting will be December 12 at 7:45 pm the RES suite at 150 Main St.
- No minigrant applications were received by the October 31 deadline.
- RCSS is working with the IRS to clear up status in wake of new reporting requirements.

Old Business

- None.

New Business

- Renewal Incentive Program Proposal – no action as proposer was not present.
- 2012 Section Chair Candidate Statements

William Fowlkes referred us to his statement/bio on the ballot, but added that he shares his opponent's interest in growing membership. He also pointed to a need to engage new volunteers and would be interested in hearing ideas for this.

James Ziobro was not present at the meeting.

Open Discussion

- Various ideas were put forward to encourage membership growth and increase membership value including organizing more subsidized events for members, such as a member appreciation picnic.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm

Minutes compiled by John Kerekes

Attachments

1. Meeting agenda
2. Attendee list



Rochester Section Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

Date: Friday, December 9, 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 – Bill Fowlkes [5 minutes]

Secretary Report – John Kerekes [5 minutes]

Society Chapter/Council/Group Reports [10 minutes]

Communications/Aerospace and Electronics Systems – Nirmala Shenoy

Computer/Computational Intelligence – Bruce Nelson

Electromagnetic Compatibility/Product Safety Engineering – Eugene Saltzberg

Electron Devices/Circuits and Systems – Sean Rommel

Engineering in Medicine and Biology – Steve McAleavey

Geoscience and Remote Sensing – Jan van Aardt

Graduates of the Last Decade – Dhiresha Kudithipudi

Life Members – Amedeo Qualich

Microwave Theory and Techniques – Greg Pettis

Photonics –

Power Engineering/Industry Applications – David Krispinsky

Signal Processing – Dhiraj Joshi

Technology Management Council – Mark Schrader/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

Renewal Incentive Program Proposal

2012 Section Chair Candidate Statements

Open Discussion

**IEEE Rochester Section Meeting
9 December 2011
Attendee List
14 in Attendance**

Name	Position
De Vita, Joeseeph	Section-PACE Chair
Fowlkes, William	Section-Vice Chair
Kendrick, Jean	Section-Membership Chair
Kerekes, John	Section-Secretary/grs-Secretary
Loui, Alexander	Section-Chair
Nelson, Bruce	cs/cis-Chair
Qualich, Amedeo	Im-Chair
Saltzberg, Eugene	emc-pse-Chair/ reg-Region 1 Western Area Chair
Schanker, Jacob	Newsletter Editor
Scheerens, Larry	vol-Member at Large
Schrader, Mark	vol-RES Representative; tmc-Vice Chair
Shenoy, Nirmala	caes-Chair
Tan, Pueywei	stud-rit-cs-Chair
van Aardt, Jan	grs-Chair