

Rochester Section Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Time: 12:00 PM

Place: China Buffet, 376 Jefferson Rd, Rochester, NY 14623

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 12:08. Quorum was established with 9 ExCom members in attendance.

I. Section Officer Reports

A. Chair Report: Sreeram Dhurjaty

- The Ballot for the next Section ExCom members is live and will conclude on December 9th.
- No ExCom for December
- December 11th will be the Volunteer Recognition Dinner (see VC Report)

B. Vice-Chair Report: Cristian Linte

- Fall Volunteer Recognition Dinner
 - a) Location: NextCorps @ Sibley Building
 - b) Date: December 11, 5-8 pm
 - c) No charge for ExCom members, volunteers, and award recipients. Small fee for spouses and general members.
 - d) Program:
 - (1) Chris Frayda has kindly offered and agreed to lead an interactive activity that will engage all attendees (45-50 mins)
 - (2) Speaker – Mark Schrader has been talking to Roger Easton & gang to come speak on some of their work on the multi-spectral imaging of historical documents (30-45 mins)
 - (3) Ram will host the awards presentation and volunteer appreciation (30-45 mins)
 - e) The order of the three events still needs to be determined – perhaps the best approach would be to start with the interactive gig at 5:30 – 5:45, then followed it with the lecture on multi-spectral imaging, and then the volunteer appreciation gig and award presentation. Thoughts?
 - f) The whole event will end around 8-8:30 PM, so on the order of 3 hours altogether.
 - g) Bill – we will need to get a contract in place by next Wed – I am out the rest of the week and back n Mon night but on email – will be in touch with you to sort that out and get things to them on Wed, Nov. 21st at the latest.
 - h) Alex L moved: Spouses/significant others of volunteers/Award recipients receive free admission. 2nd by Eric Brown. Motion passed unanimously.
- See New Business for Society activity
- This will be Ram's last ExCom Meeting

C. Treasurer Report: Bill Fowlkes

- Last year we fell short in IEEE Rebate because of reduced
- Almost \$2000 in income from Sections or Councils
- No activity from UR or RIT. Need to reach out to the faculty advisors.

D. Secretary Report: Eric Brown

- Motion to approve previous ExCom Minutes:
 - a) October '19 Minutes. 2nd by Bill Fowlkes. Unanimous approval.

II. Chapter Society and Group Reports

A. Aerospace and Electronic Systems Society and Communications Society (AES10/COMM19): Cristiano Tapparello

- Upcoming Events:

- a) December 4, Noon-1pm. UofR Wegmans Hall room 1400. Prof. Halim Yanikomeroglu from Carleton University. The talk will be on 5G/6G networks and aerial networks.

B. Computer Society and Computational Intelligence Society (C16/CIS11): Bo Yuan

- Upcoming Events:

- a) November 25, 2019. Justin Cappos (NYU) Location: "Protecting Vehicular Over-the-air Software Updates From Nation-state Actors." 11 am – 12:00 pm @ RIT GOL 2455

C. Electron Devices and Circuits and Systems (ED15): Sean Rommel, Karl Hirschman, Rob Pearson

- 43rd EDS Activities in WNY Conference

- a) November 7th, 10:30am - 5pm @ RIT University Gallery in James E. Booth Hall (Building 7A)
- b) The focus of this conference is to bring engineers and researchers together to share information on a wide variety of topics related to microelectronic devices and systems.

D. Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society (EMB18): Cristian Linte

- Nothing to report

E. Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society (GRS29): Emmett Ientilucci

- UAV STRATUS Conference 2020: www.stratus-conference.com

- a) May 18-20, 2020 at the University at Buffalo.

- Dr. Craig Coburn from the University of Lethbridge, Canada (chair Geography Department) presenting "HOW YOU LOOK AT IT MATTERS: INVESTIGATIONS IN HYPERSPECTRAL BRDF AND THE ROLE OF SERENDIPITY IN RESEARCH." November 13, 3:30-4:30pm @ RIT Building 76, Room 1125 (vTools # [209687](#))

F. Life Members Group: Mark Schrader

- Will submit keynote from JCM as a Life Member Event
- A general audience presentation is being organized as a keynote for the Fall Award Dinner.
- Jean Kendrick will be the newest Life Member for the Rochester Section.

G. Microwave Theory & Techniques Society / Antennas & Propagation Society (MTT17/AP03): Jayanti Venkataraman

- No report

H. Photonics Society (PHO36): Bruce Smith, Parsian Mohseni

- See 43rd EDS Activities in WNY Conference (vTools: [209535](#))
- LUMINATE NY LIGHTNING AWARDS - Nov. 7, 4-8:30pm @ The Strong Museum of Play (vTools: [209496](#))

I. Power and Energy Society / Industry Applications Society (PE31/IA34): Jean Kendrick

- Recently received an email about distinguished lecturers for PE that they will pursue for next year. Most societies pay for the travel and incidental expenses for Distinguished Lecturers.

J. Signal Processing Society (SP01): Ray Ptucha

- Past Events:

- a) **Western NY Image & Signal Processing Workshop** was on Fri, Oct 4th at RIT campus, building 78.
 - (1) We had 150 registrants from industry, faculty, and students. There were 4 invited speakers, keynotes by David Doermann from University at Buffalo and Andy Gallagher from Google, 2 tutorials, 1 invited student presentation, 10 oral presentations, and 20 posters. Most of the invited presentations are available on the website: (<https://ewh.ieee.org/r1/rochester/sp/WNYISPW2019.html>).
 - (2) Best Paper Award: Miguel Dominguez for his paper entitled "Evolution of Graph Classifiers"
 - (3) Best Poster Award: Anjali Jogeshwar for her poster entitled "Hand Localization for Hand Grasp Analysis in Natural Tasks"

K. Technology and Engineering Management Society (TEM14): Paul Lee

- No report

L. Young Professionals: Eric Brown

- Past Events:
 - a) [NYS Innovation Summit](#) October 7-8. 4 IEEE members took advantage of the 50% registration discount. The event sold out so last minute registrations were put on a wait list.
- Upcoming Events:
 - a) **Rochester Maker Faire-Student STEAM Fest.** Fri. November 22nd, 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM @ Rochester Riverside Convention Center
 - (1) Expecting over 1,000 3rd-8th graders in attendance from all over the region.
 - (2) Request for volunteers: Setup & Maker Load-in, Volunteer & Maker Check-in, Teaching soldering, Running Hands-on activities, Maker Liaisons, Load-out
 - b) **Rochester Maker Faire.** Sat. November 23rd, 8:30am - 5pm @ Rochester Riverside Convention Center
 - (1) Looking for volunteers to work an IEEE Table/activity booth
 - (2) Can also volunteer for other activities: Setup & Maker Load-in, Volunteer & Maker Check-in, Teaching soldering, Running Hands-on activities, Maker Liaisons, Load-out.
 - (3) Ray currently has the banner
 - (a) Volunteers: Mark S.

III. Student Chapter Reports

A. Rochester Institute of Technology: [Gill Tsouri](#)

- No report

B. University of Rochester: [Tom Howard](#)

- No Report

IV. Committee Reports

A. Membership Report: [Howard Bussey](#)

- No report

B. Awards Report: [Jean Kendrick](#)

- Only 5 tumblers left. Then will be using IEEE branded power banks
- Would like to get a customized Rochester Section IEEE Banner

C. Electronic Communications Coordinator: [Greg Gdowski](#)

- We need a new volunteer to help manage the website.

D. Newsletter Report: [Howard Bussey](#)

- Newsletter articles were due on November 11.

E. PACE Report: [Alex Loui](#), [Bruce Rubin](#)

- Nothing to report

F. Region 1 Report: Greg Gdowski

- [IEEE Region 1 elections](#) are complete. Greg Gdowski is now Region 1 Director Elect! Congrats Greg.
- Ed Palacio (new incoming Director) and Greg (Director-Elect) are now filling roles at the Regional level. Need someone to fill ½ of Greg's prior role as the vtools/Information Management Coordinator. Already have someone to take over the other ½ of my prior role as the new webmaster. There may be other opportunities. Those interested should contact Greg Gdowski.
- Greg will be attending a few of the IEEE Board meetings next week in Boston.

G. Rochester Engineering Society (RES) Report: Greg Gdowski

- RES Gala - April 18, 2020
 - a) Currently in the process of putting together the Gala Event.
 - b) Entertainment will be VocalPoint (women's group from UofR) and the MC will be Stacey Pensgen from WHEC.
 - c) A few items that should be discussed.
 - (1) IEEE should try to select and nominate an Engineer of the Year candidate or a Young Engineer of the Year candidate for the Gala.

- (2) We should make sure that the notice for IEEE scholarships has gone out to members (I don't think it has and it's getting late).
- (3) We should decide whether we need 1 or 2 tables at the Gala. Prices will be the same. We typically have the two scholarship recipients (with two guests), the Section Leaders (4 officers + 4 spouses) and room for a few others. That is 12+... We probably need 2 tables – we should check if that is in the budget.

H. Rochester Council of Scientific Societies (RCSS) Report: [William A. Brewer](#)

- No report

V. Old Business

A. Elections Nominating Committee - Greg Gdowski

- The official Rochester Section ExCom Officer candidates are:
 - a) Chair - Eric Brown
 - b) Vice Chair - Cristian Linte
 - c) Treasurer - Harish Gupta
 - d) Secretary - Paul Lee
- We did not have any petition candidates over the last month. The election ballot with the candidates selected by the Nominating Committee is now setup and the first email notice should go out today.
- The ballot will open on November 15th and will close on December 9th.
- Since all positions have only one candidate, we will not really need another Excom meeting to disclose the new officers. We should be able to introduce the new officers at the upcoming meeting/dinner on December 11th. Please encourage everyone at the Excom to vote even though there is only 1 candidate for each position. It would not look good to have an election with no votes.

VI. New Business

A. 2019 Society/Affinity Group Event reports to date:

Aerospace and Electronic Systems Society and Communications Society (AES10/COMM19)	0
Computer Society and Computational Intelligence Society (C16/CIS11)	2
Electron Devices and Circuits and Systems (ED15)	3
Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society (EMB18)	1
Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society (GRS29)	1
Life Members Group (LM)	0
Microwave Theory & Techniques Society / Antennas & Propagation Society (MTT17/AP03)	2
Photonics Society (PHO36)	2
Power and Energy Society / Industry Applications Society (PE31/IA34)	2
Signal Processing Society (SP01)	4
Technology and Engineering Management Society (TEM14)	0
Young Professionals (YP10033)	10
PACE	?
Rochester Institute of Technology	0

- Since GRS is a joint Section Society, there is no reporting for Rochester Section's local GRS activities.
 - a) Does the section receive a rebate for GRS?
 - b) If not, should a separate local Society be created/petitioned?
- 4 of 6 JCM presentations have not been created or submitted by the sponsoring Society/Affinity Group.
- Does the section get credit for Student Branch activities?

B. IEEE Scholarships

- Need to advertise the IEEE Student Scholarships that are awards at the RES Gala
- Budget for IEEE Scholarships will be included in next year's (2020) budget.

VII. Open Discussion

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned with the completion of the agenda at 1:00.

No ExCom meeting for December.

IX. Attendance

ExCom Members	IEEE Members
Dhurjaty, Sreeram	Krispinsky, David
Brown, Eric	Tague, Lyle
Fowlkes, William	Zeise, Eric
Kendrick, Jean	Nelson, Bruce
Schrader, Mark	Sojda, Alex
Loui, Alex	