

# Rochester Section Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Time: 12:00 PM

Place: IEEE MGA Webex on-line meeting – host: Eric Brown

## Minutes

Meeting called to order at 12:05 4/7/20

Christine, Emmett, Ram, Lyle, Parisian, Ray Putcha, Mark Schrader, Kelly Robinson, Howard, Cristian, Dani Walters, Joe Ott, Frank Plavec, Eric Zeise, Alex Loui, Bill Fowlkes

### I. Section Officer Reports

#### A. Chair Report: Eric Brown

- A new volunteer is still needed to be the Young Professionals Chair.
- Also need newsletter editor, taking over Howard beginning next year.

#### B. Vice-Chair Report: Cristian Linte

- Spring JCM ([vTools # 220441](#))
  - Location: RIT
  - Date: Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Need volunteer to handle registration
  - No financial loss in the reschedule .

#### C. Treasurer Report: Harish Gupta

- Not able to participate due to a conflict with work schedule
- Audit completed, no issue discovered, report submitted to Region 1.

#### D. Secretary Report: Paul Lee

- Motion to approve previous ExCom Minutes:

- II. February '20 Minutes, motion by Ram, second Cristian, on-line poll collected - passed  
March '20 minutes, motion by Ram, Jean second, poll collected -12 ayes, 1 abstain, 5 no votes, passed

### III. Events

#### A. Past Events

#### B. Upcoming Events

- April 17-19. **Region 1 IEEE Student Conference.** @ The University of Maine is cancelled. Future date of the conference to be determined. <https://r1.ieee.org/r1-student-conference-2/> ([vTools Registration 204374](#))
- April 18, 2020 - **RES Gala** ([vTools # 217226](#)) @ Rochester Riverside Convention Center is cancelled. Additional details soon.
- May 18-20. **GRS UAV STRATUS Conference 2020.** @ the University at Buffalo is cancelled. [www.stratus-conference.com](http://www.stratus-conference.com)

### IV. Chapter Society and Group Reports/Discussion

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

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

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

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

E. Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society (GRS29): [Emmett Lentilucci](#)

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the organizing committee decided that we POSTPONE the 2020 STRATUS Conference to MAY 2021. Since person to person contact is an important part of the conference and having the conference delayed this summer has too many uncertainties and risks, we decided it is best to postpone the conference by a year with a May 2021 target date (we are looking at May 17-19 2021, but this still needs confirmation). Please continue to pre-register so that we can send you direct updates about the 2021 STRATUS Conference as soon as they come available. Please also note that we still go ahead as planned for the 2020 special issue.

F. Life Members Group: [Mark Schrader](#)

nothing to report

G. Microwave Theory & Techniques Society / Antennas & Propagation Society (MTT17/AP03):  
[Danielle Walters](#)

H. Photonics Society (PHO36): [Parsian Mohseni](#)

April 24 speaker from Hamilton, Ontario, being rescheduled at a later date (mid or end of summer), did not consider virtual, prefer in-person interactions

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

Will edit vtools event to reschedule meeting.

J. Signal Processing Society (SP01): [Ray Ptucha](#)

Closing book on 2019 workshop, went through an audit from IEEE finance, former student working at Harris looking into making company virtual conference tools available to IEEE meetings.

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

May 5 meeting postponed to the Fall, maybe still virtual or in-person

L. Young Professionals: [Eric Brown](#)

Last networking event cancelled, future ones to be decided

## V. Student Chapter Reports

A. Rochester Institute of Technology: dismissed, remote learning from home

B. University of Rochester: dismissed, remote learning from home

## VI. Committee Reports

A. Membership Development: [Bill Fowlkes](#)

Reaching out on renewals

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

C. Electronic Communications Coordinator: [Chris Freyda](#) & [Howard Bussey](#)

Met to discuss tracking website issues, no resolution on mismatch of meeting times, want to try setting up some events to debug.

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

- Newsletter articles due

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

- joint meetings being rescheduled

F. Region 1 Report: [Joseph Ott](#)

Virtual meetings for board of governors, infographics on membership, e-mail him to share. Section congress is still on but delegates are asked to postpone making travel arrangements

G. Rochester Engineering Society (RES) Report:

- RES Gala - April 18, 2020 is cancelled

H. Rochester Council of Scientific Societies (RCSS) Report:

## **VII. Old Business**

## **VIII. New Business**

Available options/resources for on-line meetings webex meeting, google conference, google hangout (chat), need to follow MGA guidelines in identifying IEEE events, Paul to forward links on conference organizer resources

## **IX. Open Discussion**

Mark schrader: Terra was held virtually, 56 presentations.

Jean Kendrick: 2020 E Cubed Fair (March 30) was Cancelled

Frank Plavec: looking to get involved

aa789/A: also want to connect

Joe Ott: more use of the chat option on recorded actions

## **X. Adjournment at 1:20PM**

## **XI. Attendance**

Participants (20) x

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- A aa789 🔇
- BF Bill Fowlkes
- 📞 Call-in User\_2 (585385\*\*\*\*)
- 📞 Call-in User\_3 (585298\*\*\*\*) 🔇
- CL Cristian Linte 🔇
- DW Dani Walters 🔇
- E Emmett 🗨️ 🔇
- EZ Eric Zeise 🔇
- FP Frank Plavec 🔇
- HB Howard Bussey 🔇
- JK Jean Kendrick 🔇
- KR Kelly Robinson 🔇
- LT Lyle Tague 🔇
- MS Mark Schrader 🗨️ 🔇
- MA MGA R1 West Area 🔇
- PM Parsian K. Mohseni 🔇
- R Ram 🗨️
- RP ray ptucha 🔇