

Rochester Section Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2020

Time: 12:00 PM

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

Minutes (draft for approval)

I. Section Officer Reports

A. Chair Report: [Eric Brown](#) meeting called to order at 12:05, Quorum not established

- Sections Congress is cancelled - considering virtual Event
- 7/11 @ 10am - R1 Board Of Governors (BOG) WebEx meeting. All ExCom members are welcome to attend. Kate Duncan, IEEE-USA President and JCM speaker, will be presenting

B. Vice-Chair Report: [Cristian Linte](#)

- Joint Chapter Meeting (JCM) will be a virtual event with complimentary registration
- Additional details will be sorted out in the next 1-2 months

C. Treasurer Report: [Harish Gupta](#)

- Not able to attend – Eric Brown reported:
 - In a favorable budget so far because the spending is restrictive because of COVID-19
 - We received our rebate from IEEE
 - Waiting on section rebate which will come shortly
 - Issued the first student scholarship check of \$1500

D. Secretary Report: [Paul Lee](#)

- To consider minutes approval for the last 4 months by survey/polling on-line tool.

II. Old Business

• **Alternative Event Ideas and planning**

To date:

- 2 Technical
- 2 Networking

Cannot wait for a “return to normal.”

Need to plan virtual events.

III. New Business

- Discussion: Promoting Virtual Events as Region events

IV. Chapter Society and Group Reports/Discussion

- Aerospace and Electronic Systems Society and Communications Society (AES10/COMM19): [Cristiano Tapparelo](#) – no report, needs new Chair
- Computer Society and Computational Intelligence Society (C16/CIS11): [Bo Yuan](#) – no report

- Electron Devices and Circuits and Systems (ED15): [Sean Rommel](#), [Karl Hirschman](#), Rob Pearson – no report
- Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society (EMB18): [Cristian Linte](#) – no report
 - Ram Dhurjaty presented “Discussion of Affordable Ventilators” at joint-CES virtual meeting
- Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society (GRS29): [Emmett Ientilucci](#)
 - Conference re-scheduled to May 2021
 - Working on a speaker from Canada but need to hold meeting after border lockdown lifted
- Life Members Group: [Mark Schrader](#)
 - "Systems Physiology of Ventilation and Ventilators" talk by Ram Dhurjaty is in the planning stages. May be co-sponsored by EMBS and RES. Looking into PDH's.
- Microwave Theory & Techniques Society / Antennas & Propagation Society (MTT17/AP03): [Dani Walters](#), [Jayanti Venkataraman](#) – no report
- Photonics Society (PHO36): [Bruce Smith](#), [Parsian Mohseni](#) – Illumina Awards being held virtual
- Power and Energy Society / Industry Applications Society (PE31/IA34): [Jean Kendrick](#), Kelly Robinson.
 - In communication with someone at GreenSpark Solar, in Ontario, NY, trying to arrange a virtual meeting. It looks favorable. They are discussing internally who is best to present/speak, and will check their availability.
 - We will try to open the virtual meeting to other PES societies, especially in western NY.
- Signal Processing Society (SP01): [Ray Ptucha](#), no report, awaiting a new Chair, Ray is relocating to West Coast in June
 - Annual WNYSPWS to consider being held virtual on-line
- Technology and Engineering Management Society (TEM14): [Paul Lee](#)
 - JCM speaker currently still available to participate in virtual presentation/workshop
 - Will look into “virtual work” presentation following Region 1’s lead
- Young Professionals: [Eric Brown](#)
 - Co-sponsored a Virtual IEEE Trivia night organized by IEEE NYC YP

V. Student Chapter Reports

- Rochester Institute of Technology (Mark Schrader):
 - New Faculty Advisor: Jamison Heard
- University of Rochester:
 - Election of new officers – Rose McDonogh (Chair), Abrar Rahman Prottysha (Vice Chair), Jessica Wang (Business Manager)

VI. Committee Reports

- Membership Development: [Bill Fowlkes](#)
 - Membership trending down but strong in India
- Awards Report: [Jean Kendrick](#)
 - Submitted 3 Region 1 Award nominations
- Electronic Communications Coordinator: [Chris Freyda](#) & [Howard Bussey](#)
 - Content updates:

- Fixed & published scholarship page with link to RES scholarship
- Added SCR milestone pictures
 - Replaced Steven Sasson event
- Submitted missing newsletters
- Updated awards page
- Added Note about Cristiano Tapparello's work on COVID-19 chat bot
- Process updates:
 - Re-enabled more plugins including view of chapter officers and viewing of newsletters
 - Added Google map key, reactivated plugin, maps are functional again
 - Debugging automatic posts to LinkedIn from vTools
- Resolving issue with officer updates
- Newsletter Report: [Howard Bussey](#)
 - Need a new Newsletter Editor
 - August newsletter in process; it looks pretty sparse so far (I did not create a July issue, which would only have been published to our website.)
 - Website newsletter page has all 2020 newsletters
- PACE Report: [Alex Loui](#), [Bruce Rubin](#) – no report
- Region 1 Report: [Joseph Ott](#)
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- Rochester Engineering Society (RES): [Greg Gdowski](#)
- Rochester Council of Scientific Societies (RCSS): [William A. Brewer](#) – no report

VII. Open Discussion

VIII. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned 1:05PM

IX. Group Event Status

Society/Affinity Group	Technical Events	Non-Technical Events
Aerospace and Electronic Systems and Communications (AES10/COMM19) Cristiano Tapparello	0	0
Computer and Computational Intelligence (C16/CIS11) Bo Yuan	0	0
Electron Devices and Circuits and Systems (ED15) Sean Rommel , Karl Hirschman, Rob Pearson	0	0
Engineering in Medicine and Biology (EMB18) Cristian Linte	0	0
Geoscience and Remote Sensing (GRS29) Emmett Ientilucci	0	0
Life Members Group (LM) Mark Schrader	0	0
Microwave Theory & Techniques / Antennas & Propagation (MTT17/AP03) Jayanti Venkataraman	0	0
Photonics (PHO36) Bruce Smith , Parsian Mohseni	0	0
Power and Energy / Industry Applications (PE31/IA34) Jean Kendrick	0	0
Signal Processing (SP01) Ray Ptucha	1	0
Technology and Engineering Management (TM14) Paul Lee	0	0
Young Professionals (YP10033) Eric Brown	0	2
PACE Alex Loui , Bruce Rubin	0	0
Rochester Institute of Technology Student Branch	0	0
University of Rochester Student Branch	0	0

Participants (11)



Q Search

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MM MGA MGA-Rochester-Section Host

BF Bill Fowlkes

C chris

E Emmett

FP Frank Plavec

HB Howard Bussey

J Jean56

MS Mark Schrader

R Ram

RP Raymond Ptucha