IEEE Rochester Section

Executive Committee (ExCom) Meeting Minutes – 2026

Meeting Information

Meeting: IEEE Rochester Section Executive Committee (ExCom)

Date: January 6, 2026

Location: 376 Jefferson Rd, Rochester, NY 14623

Agenda

1. Call to Order / Recording & Screen Sharing Setup
2. Section Officer Reports
    - Section Chair Report – Gene Saltzberg
    - Section Vice Chair Report – Emmett Lentilucci
    - Section Treasurer Report – Eric Zeise
    - Section Secretary Report – Danny Lai
3. Committee Reports
4. Upcoming Events
5. Old Business
6. New Business
7. Open Discussion
8. Adjournment

Attendees

Officers and Members Present:

- Gene Saltzberg – Section Chair
- Emmett Lentilucci – Section Vice Chair; Region 1 Western Area Chair; Chair, Geo Science & Remote Sensing (GRS29)
- Eric Zeise – Treasurer; Sustainability and Climate Change Group; Chair, Signal Processing (SP01)
- Danny Lai - Secretary
- Jean Kendrick – Awards Chair; Chair, Life Member Committee
- Howard Bussey – Member at Large

- David Krispinsky – Member at Large
- Lyle Tague – Member at Large
- Mark Schrader – Newsletter/Historian
- Joe Ott – Region 1
- Joseph DeVita

Call to Order

The meeting began following resolution of recording and screen-sharing technical issues.

Reports and Discussions

2025 Events Review

A review of 2025 activities was presented, including 16 technical events, 18 administrative meetings, and 21 non-technical events.

2026 Sections Congress and Chapter Activities

Planning for the 2026 Sections Congress was discussed, including chapter activity requirements, potential attendees, and coordination of vTools, OU Analytics, and section website data. An update on the joint chapters meeting was also provided.

Financial and Sponsorship Updates

The Treasurer reported a checking balance of approximately $30,000 and investment returns exceeding 2%. A proposed $10,000 budget increase and sponsorship opportunities for the Joint Chapters Meeting were discussed.

Engineering Symposium and Reporting

Engineering symposium planning, preparation of the 2025 financial statement due in February, and completion of IEEE attendance reports were reviewed.

Committees, Awards, and Membership

Committee roles, Region 1 Awards nominations, membership trends, and progress toward the Labyrinth Radio milestone were discussed.

Leadership and Engagement

Section leadership structure and declining meeting attendance were discussed, along with potential strategies to improve member engagement.

Elections and Newsletter

Election results were reported, with approximately 33 votes per candidate, 1–3 abstentions, and no write-in candidates. Newsletter planning and officer announcements were also reviewed.

Administrative Items

Website and email alias updates, collection of officer headshots, and confirmation of the next meeting location were discussed.

Action Items

Action items were reviewed as listed in the meeting “Next Steps.”

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned after completion of all agenda items.

Recorded by:
Danny Lai
Secretary, IEEE Rochester Section