

**Buffalo Section Board of Directors Meeting
February 12, 2008**

Attendees: Jim Bates, Kevin Burke, Doug Hopkins, Jennifer Zirnheld, Phil Henderson, Kent Roberts, Tom Heckmann, Judy Moskal

Minutes of last meeting: Tom moved to accept the minutes of January 8. Seconded by Jim. Minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report Kent will send a report to Jennifer. Jennifer verified that Kent was aware of the Conflict of Interest and Principles of Business Conduct material from National. Tom moved to accept Treasurer's verbal report. Seconded by Jim. Accepted as presented.

Committee Reports

Gold Tom said the he was in contact with Danny Tung (Region 1 GOLD) about a joint meeting. Judy said that at Region 1 meeting there was a suggestion to combine GOLD and WIE meetings.

Program & Arrangements Student Night Jennifer will set up a panel discussion of working engineers. Hopefully during Engineers Week. **TSC** Joint meeting is March 20th at Shanghai Red's.

Judy said that Rochester Section is having a huge meeting on May 1st. She asked to be notified of details.

Jim got announcement of NSPE Feb 22 Training Day. Presented by Niagara Wind Power. There will be credits. Maybe they can put this on for us at some time.

Tom knows someone at Fisher Price. Phil suggested Main Mobility.

Newsletter If we send it via e-mail it saves us money.

Region Judy gave a summary of the Region 1 meeting. Emphasis on membership improvement. Volunteer leadership goals. Tom suggested that we provide a questionnaire at the Section Meeting asking membership about the value of membership. Doug reported that Region has professional writers who can write advertisements and press releases.

National Sections' Congress is in Quebec City, September 19-22. There is money available from Region for Section Chair to attend. (up to \$1600)

Student Chapters Jennifer notified Student Chapters that there is money available from Buffalo Section. We received a request from U.B. Student Chapter for monetary support. Tom moved to approve \$100. Seconded by Phil. Passed.

Old Business Jennifer passed around the Newsletter. She asked if we have a web-page person. She will try to find a volunteer.

New Business Jim got a letter from Russ Harrison regarding an article in the UB Spectrum regarding the H-1B program. Russ would like us to sign the response he wrote. Tom said that IEEE-USA has historically held this opinion. Tom made a motion for Jim to respond to the Spectrum article. Kevin suggested that the response should come from IEEE/USA. Jim will respond as a carrier of the message from IEEE. Jim wanted to know if anyone was interested in going to Washington, D.C. April 7 & 8 for "fly-in" to ask Congress to stop focusing on the H-1B program and start working toward the EB and F visa program to increase the number of green cards available for skilled foreigners.

Next Meeting Tuesday March 11 at 6 pm at 332F Bonner.