

**Buffalo Section Board of Directors Meeting  
September 16, 2008**

**Attendees:** Jim Bates, Kevin Burke, Jennifer Zirnheld, Norm Schweitzer, Doug Hopkins, Chris Mierzwa, Judy Moskal

**Minutes of last meeting:** Minutes of the August 12, 2008 were presented. Jim moved to accept the minutes. Seconded by Kevin.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tabled.

**Committee Reports**

**Program and Arrangements** Norm has a speaker on software safety for Oct 31<sup>st</sup>. The speaker will be in Rochester on Thursday and will do a presentation for students here on Friday at 2 & for the Section that evening. We will split the cost with Rochester Section, which made the arrangements.

Judy reported that we will tour Main Mobility on Sept 25<sup>th</sup>.

Chris would like to have a presentation on the Canadian Power tunnel project.

Jennifer reported that Mary has an idea for a seminar to train IEEE members to become patent reviewers. Doug said that we need a plan or summary and suggested we talk to the Binghamton Section and do it on an Area level. We may be able to get some special funding.

Jim suggested we put out a questionnaire regarding topics of interest.

**TSC** We have a bill for 7-1-2008 to 6-30-2009 TSC Membership. Judy moved to pay the bill. Seconded by Kevin. All voted yes. Chris noted that since TSC is no longer involved with Future Cities we might consider participating as a Society.

**Old Business** Jennifer said that we need to update the **Webpage**. She mentioned that V-Tools are supposed to help with that. She is waiting for them to become available. Doug said that he uses G-mail for his webpage. Jim will take a crack at it.

**New Business** Chris will be attending **Sections Congress** and asked for topics to bring up. V-Tools is one. He handed out suggestions he is taking to the Congress for inclusion in the "Leadership Training and Handbook for Section Chairs. Gene Sautzberg new Western Area Chair is sponsoring the handbook. Doug said that there is talk about training on an Area level rather than at Region level.

Karen Armstrong was must be contacted regarding **Future Cities**. Kevin asked if is a national program and, if so, does IEEE National support it. Jennifer would like to know the cost of a special award & if we'd like to sponsor one and what are the tax rules.

Next meeting Tues October 14, 2008 at 6pm at 332F Bonner.