

Buffalo Section Board of Directors Meeting
December 9th, 2008
332F Bonner Hall

Attendees: Ashish Shah, Pete Capelli, Jennifer Zirnheld, Norm Schweitzer, Kevin Burke, Mary Christ, Phil Henderson, Chris Mierzwa, Kent Roberts

Minutes of last meeting:

- Ashish did not report for Kent; only spoke to him about reporting electronically
- Phil was noted as motioning , but not on the attendee list
- Norm moved to accept minutes as amended; Mary seconded, carried

Treasurer's report

- Wrote 2 checks; between \$500-\$600
- Roughly \$60 in interest inbound
- Net result is roughly \$500 less than last week

Committee reports

- Meeting on Thursday; flyer out
- Flyer for January meeting is ready; wait till after December meeting to send out
- Web site reviewed
- May or June for channel 4 antenna visit
- Feb – student night
- TSC – gave them our commitment for funding of BEAM TREK project
- Membership – discussion of membership meetings
 - Jennifer recommended we remove Alfred from the directory and www site as they are now a part of the Rochester section
- Newsletter
 - Has gone out for November; IEEE election law followed
 - So far no other additional candidates
 - Most positions do not need to be elected
 - Bylaws should be posted on the www site
 - Should be reviewed for process
- PACE
 - Presentation at dinner meeting in November
 - IEEE to train patent examiners
 - PACE took first round of funding already
 - Get initial reaction from local community
 - Have a reception at the central library
 - 5:30-7:30pm?
 - Have a patent attorney give a talk on IP, etc
 - December is the next deadline
 - Letter to Al Reinhart – on IEEE letterhead to request \$750 to fund this from professional development

- Should we send to Roger Sullivan? Chris had a letter stating that
 - If interest, then apply for \$10,000 change the world grant
 - May not be able to pay anyone to write a grant
 - Ashish to research what we can pay for people to write grants
 - IEEE may have a staff of grant writers
 - Take 6 weeks-6 months for BSEE to train for exam
 - Need to develop computer based training and curriculum
 - Backlog at patent office; \$5-\$10k signing bonus for BSEE
 - IEEE Buffalo pay for testing fees
 - Do not have to work for the USPTO in DC
 - Can work for a IP office
 - Or for a patent attorney
- Motion by Jennifer: Authorize Mary to write a letter to Regional Pace to ask for \$750 to host a meeting to explore the interest of Buffalo section members to be patent examiners; Kevin seconds; passed

Old Business

Future Cities

- Will Buffalo section contribute again? Last year was between \$100-\$400
- Talked about our own award; requires \$450
- Phil moved to offer the same amount as last year (\$100); Mary seconded; passed

Rochester

- Can the check be cut for the Rochester expenses?
- Do we have the name/address? Emailed to Kent by Norm
- Was this approved in the October minutes? Not written in the November minutes
- Pete moved that we authorize the payment of our half of the Rochester expenses (\$287.69) and authorize Kent to write the check; Kevin seconds; passes

New Business

Elections

- Need to wait until Dec 23rd for all candidates
- If there are no other candidates, slate passes as presented
- Otherwise, we have to call for a vote and have a committee to count ballots
- L50 – Outgoing treasurer will fill these out
 - Transition period through March 1
 - Need to change signature cards
- L31 – Outgoing secretary will fill this out

Next Meeting January 13th 2009 Bonner Hall 332F