

**Buffalo Section Board of Directors Meeting
10 February 2009
Bureau Veritas**

Attendees: Ashish Shah, Pete Capelli, Norm Schweitzer, Doug Hopkins, Jennifer Ziernheld, Phil Henderson, Kevin Burke, Tom Heckman, Jim Bates, Kent Roberts,

Visitors: Rebecca Whiteman, Engineering Society of Buffalo
Gene Saltzberg – IEEE Western Area Chair for Region 1

Minutes of last meeting

- Next meeting should be at 6pm, not 6pn
- Jim moved to accept with typo; Phil second; passes

Treasurers report

- Still transferring from Kent to Ashish
- L50 needs to go out soon

Committee reports

Program and arrangements

- Student night; 18th or 20th JZ has phone call to speaker to push out 1 week due to Engineers week (speaker to talk about career/networking). Open to all members
- March 26 TSC Joint meeting at Salvatores
- Still looking at April, May, June
 - Judy told Tom about Smartpill company; not available until fall
 - Guarantee building tour for April meeting
 - May 7th – Tour of WIVB outside towers
- Other ideas
 - Social event; Riviera theatre tour; a section member is a vintner
 - Tour of the wind farm
 - Talk/presentation from Medtronics engineer in Oct./Nov. (Ashish neighbor)

TSC

- Visitor - Rebecca Whiteman from the Engineering Society of Buffalo (just recently joined TSC) <http://www.tesb.org>
 - ESofB had joint meeting with IEEE in Jan
 - Would like to do more technical meetings; partner with IEEE
 - March 20th seminar- Carbon Policy at Transportation Museum
 - Would like to do a few joint meetings every year
 - Give their members opportunities
 - What would IEEE want from them?
 - More people to attend
 - Ideas for technical meetings
 - PDH credits

IEEE Board meeting minutes

- 3 person committee
- They could co-sponsor something the IEEE has scheduled, and they can setup one for this year
- As each group sets
 - They have an office and part time secretary in Kenmore
- BEAM update for BEAM trek
 - TSC is not donating \$7500 alone
 - Still planning to move forward with event
 - Would like the check for \$500 to be sent to TSC
 - BEAMtrek to be used to help sponsor BEAM
 - If BEAM trek doesn't go, then may close entire organization
 - ~400 kids will be affected
 - Why is TSC not contributing?
 - Possibly due to low member support
 - Jennifer to ask TSC for more information
 - Are they matching?
 - What is the total amount to give to BEAM?

Letterhead/Directory

- New IEEE logo – 125 years
- We are supposed to get approval to use the IEEE logo

Region 1

- Presentation by Gene Saltzberg – IEEE Western Area Chair for Region 1
- Supposed to visit each section on a regular basis
- 2 presentations to be sent out with the minutes
- Jim Bates attended Region 1 winter board of governors meeting this past weekend
 - Has a section report to share; passed around copies
- Need member numbers to fill out the board membership online
 - Need the member numbers to fill it out online – Judy has these

National

- IEEE-USA National meeting in Salt Lake City – Utah Feb. 26-Mar. 1
 - PACE program meeting
 - Focus this year on Green energy
- Summer meeting Aug 7-Aug 9
 - Open to 4 officers , membership chair
 - Springfield MA
 - Door prizes (eg. Free membership for 1 year)
 - Fair share partnership program
 - Bring a spouse; evening events paid for both
 - More to come

Societies

IEEE Board meeting minutes

- No update

Old Business

- No update

New Business

- Tom now has copy of bylaws from Judy
- Jim received a list of members who have not paid their dues for 2009
 - Will get a spreadsheet together grouped by society
- Jim is going to get in touch with Erie BOCES re: EE career fair
 - Has done this for 15 years
 - Does anyone want to take it over for him?

Next Board meeting 6:30pm March 11th at Bureau Veritas 100 Northpointe Amherst

Motion to adjourn by Jennifer; Second by Phil, passed