

**Buffalo Section Board of Directors Meeting
8 April 2009
Bureau Veritas**

Attendees: Ashish Shah, Pete Capelli, Norm Schweitzer, Doug Hopkins, Phil Henderson, Tom Heckman, Chris Mierzwa, Dr. Yoon

Minutes of last meeting

- Strike the balances from minutes posted on the Internet
- Phil moved to accept; Ashish second, passed

Treasurers report

- Consolidated banking moved from Kent to Ashish
 - Most of our money is held in a consolidated account by IEEE for all sections
- 6 checks; Food for meetings; section meeting; BEAMTrek, TSC
- M&T Bank signatures almost complete
- Phillips Lytle invoice review

Committee reports

Program and arrangements

- March 26 TSC Joint meeting at Salvatores Recap
 - Speaker discussion of systems modernization
 - Met Roger Tom (Leader of beamtrek); gave a video presentation
 - Sponsorships available for tables at banquet at Museum of Science
 - IEEE board member could site at TSC table
 - Saturday May 23rd
- April, May
 - Guarantee building tour flyer out
 - May 7th – Tour of WIVB outside towers joint with ESB
 - Flyer information sent to Jennifer today
 - 2 tours; 1 at 5:30 and 1 at 6:30
- June
 - June 2 – ASME Green Engineering presentation
 - Need a location; Chris to work with Judy
- 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

- ESofB joint meeting with IEEE May 7

Letterhead/Directory

IEEE Board meeting minutes

- Dr Yoon in attendance
- New IEEE logo – 125 years added
- 14 ads for directory (12 have paid, checks given to Ashish)
- Directory information has to be to Phil by May
- Layout person has retired; new one has to be found
- Board hopes that Jim Bates is available to take over duties for phil while he is out of the country

Region 1

National

- Summer meeting Aug 7-Aug 9
 - Ashish may not be able to go

Societies

- No update

Old Business

- Norm represented IEEE at NFIEC @BOCES campus on Harlem Rd.
 - Roughly 50 students stopped by and asked questions

New Business

- Discussion of creation of an awards and recognition committee
 - Three major Region awards; comes with a large stipend; highly competitive (Paragraph and resume per entrant)
 - Should also create section awards
 - Did millennium awards from national 9 years ago
 - Individual societies also have interests here
 - How would these awards be presented
- Moved and seconded, approved (motion below)
- Recognize companies that have supported the chapter over the past year

RECOMMENDATION as a motion at the next meeting by the Awards Committee. (No second needed since it is a committee motion)

So Move that

1. the seated Section Chairperson and First Past Section Chairperson be ex officio members of the Awards Committee.
2. the Awards committee strive to present the section executive board at least one nominee for a Region Award, and one nominee for a Section Award each year for approval.
3. up to \$300 be allocated each year for award materials and associates costs for presenting the awards to recipients. (This would include costs for plaques, meal costs for honorees, etc.)

IEEE Board meeting minutes

- Chris mentioned that there is \$1000 available through the PACE program for member recognition
- 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 May 12th at Bureau Veritas 100 Northpointe Amherst

Motion to adjourn by Phil; Second by Pete; Passed