IEEE AKRON/CANTON SECTION
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 2011

Date March 8, 2011
Place Waterloo Restaurant, Akron, Ohio

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The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Gary Lanier, Chair of the IEEE-A/C Chapter.

The first order of business was to have all present introduce themselves and to provide their e-mail addresses. Shannon Pisarsky was also recognized as the Computer Society Chair for the organization.

The second order of business concerned the minutes for the month of February 2011. Rick Buchanan moved that the minutes be approved, and Malissa Clingman seconded it. All approved.

The third order of business concerned the treasurer’s report. Buchanan let the board know that IEEE-A/C had an income of $430 for the Canton and Akron Engineers Week events. The net cost to IEEE-A/C for the banquets held in both cities was $330. Of the two events, expenses against revenues, Akron came out even, and the Canton event cost IEEE-A/C $110. Walter Pechenuk moved that the treasurer’s report be approved, and Rob Voss seconded it. All approved.

The fourth order of business was notification that student board member Courtney Gras was the recipient of IEEE-A/C’s scholarship at the Akron Engineers Week Banquet. Lanier presented Gras with a $1,000 check.

The board meeting recessed at 6:17 pm for dinner and resumed at 6:56 pm.

The fifth order of business was notification that both the Canton (February 23 at Skyland Pines) and the Akron (February 24 at Emidio and Sons Banquet Center) were well attended with excellent guest speakers.
The sixth order of business was notification that the website has been updated, but that there still was no student webmaster. IEEE-UA has asked EE faculty members to advertise the position among their students. Buchanan notified that Brandon Beall, the initially selected webmaster, has been paid $25.00 for his efforts. Since Beall’s departure, Buchanan assumed Beall’s position. Pisarsky volunteered to assume the duties of the webmaster, and Buchanan said that he would send to her the requisite non-public information needed to get into the website.

The seventh order of business concerned the Cisco meeting. Voss requested a date from the board so that he could set up a meeting. The board selected April 7.

The eighth order of business was the Western Reserve Science Fair on March 19 at the Student Center of the University of Akron. Board members Clingman, Pisarsky, and Pechenuk said that they would be judges at the fair. A few others said they may go too.

The ninth order of business concerned the Student Prize Paper Contest. The winner was John Baluch. Unfortunately he cannot attend the regional contest on Saturday, April 16, because his mother is getting married on that day.

The tenth order of business was old business. Buchanan mentioned that a tour of Diebold could be arranged in late April. The board decided against arranging a group tour at this time. Buchanan moved that the board’s decision be accepted, and Osterhout seconded it. All approved.

Further old business concerned the results of which Ohio Light Opera presentation the members would like to see. Seven people responded. Four were in favor of The Pirates of Penzance, one in favor of The Merry Widow, and two said that they did not care which musical was selected. The group get-together will be on Saturday, August 13 at the College of Wooster, the summer home of the Ohio Light Opera Company. IEEE-A/C will charge its members as last year – $25.00 per ticket. Voss moved that we accept this decision, and Vernon Sprout seconded it.

Another old business item was the amendments to the CJEC ByLaws. Buchanan suggested that the board approve the amendments and motioned so; Voss seconded it. All approved.

The last piece of old business concerned Lanier’s reminder that the Akron Chemical Society is having a tour of the Thirsty Dog Brewery on Thursday, March 10, and that there is a joint ACESS Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, March 31, at 5:30 pm in Room 107-411, Wolf Ledges Parkway. IEEE-A/C members are encouraged to attend them.

The eleventh order of business was adjournment. Lanier moved that the board recess until April 12 at 6:00 pm at the Waterloo Restaurant, and Pisarsky seconded the motion. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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Walter Pechenuk
March 31, 2011