

**IEEE Milwaukee Section
2006 Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of IEEE Executive Meeting
February 21, 2006
At Pallas Restaurant

Attendees:

Section Officers: Brian Cunningham, Glen Wrate, Tom Smith

Chapter Chairs: Val Werner (Power), Ram Bhatia (Industrial Apps.), Jim Blaha (EMC and Director)

Section Directors and Other Chairs: Robert Molthen, Paul Tindall

Other: Bill Henning, Mircea Voskerilian

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Brian Cunningham

The minutes of the January 24, 2006 meeting were approved as published and corrected by email.

The treasurer's report was presented and discussed.

Old Business:

1. The April 12 section meeting arrangements were discussed. Industry Applications, Power, and Magnetics will have speakers. Brian Cunningham discussed having a speaker on Milwaukee history for a keynote. This speaker costs \$300. Glenn Wrate will check with MSOE food service to see if a less expensive meal could be provided to help defray the speaker cost. Other options would be a speaker from IEEE-USA, or a staffer from a local congressional office. Another possibility that was discussed was a speaker on college financial aid. Other possibilities would be a speaker from IEEE headquarters or region 4 to talk about what it means to be an IEEE member and member benefits. The plan is to have all the arrangements complete by March 1 with coordination by email.
2. Member mailing notification by postcard, newsletter or refrigerator magnet was discussed. A refrigerator magnet could be provided for about 67 cents each, we would have to provide color separated artwork. The decision was made to send out a postcard notification now advising members to check the website for 2006 activities and to look into having a refrigerator magnet ready to distribute at the Christmas party. Brian will get the postcards. Brian and Glenn will get them printed. Jim Blaha has the addresses in electronic format from a mailing for the EMC chapter, he will email the addressees to Marilyn Searing and Glenn Wrate.

3. The Milwaukee Section website was discussed. It was suggested that we could run a contest for Student Chapters to provide proposals to enhance the website, with a prize for the best idea. This could be tied into the awards dinner, Jim Blaha is still working on a date for the awards dinner.

New Business:

1. Mircea Voskerilian has applied to become a Senior Member and came to the Milwaukee Section board to help find references. Paul Tindall and Ram Bhatia agreed to review Mircea's application and, if appropriate, provide references as senior members.
2. Dr. Srinuivas Joshi has been nominated for elevation to IEEE Fellow. The Board passed a motion to endorse Dr. Joshi's nomination.
3. The 2006 board roster was discussed:
 - a. There is vacancy for a director with term expiring after 2006, Ram Bhatia was appointed to fill this vacancy for the remainder of 2006.
 - b. The Membership Development position is vacant and will be left vacant for now.
 - c. The Newsletter Editor position is vacant. Since we will not publish a newsletter, this position will also remain vacant.
 - d. The GOLD program chair is vacant. Mircea Voskerician will be the GOLD program chair.
 - e. The program chair position is vacant. In the past, this has been the vice chair as ex officio. There was some discussion that it should be the person setting up the fall seminar. After further discussion, it was decided to ask Sylvia Wrate if she would accept the position since she is arranging the Christmas party. Sylvia was contacted by telephone and agreed to fill the position.
 - f. Historian Bill Henning – there was discussion about the role of the historian and the location of the IEEE Milwaukee Section files. Recollection was that they were stored at MSOE, Glenn Wrate will verify this.
4. Brian Cunningham provided an update on the Region 4 meeting:
 - a. Membership in the US has leveled off following several years of decline. Membership has drastically increased in the far east and China.
 - b. One section reported that they did a "virtual membership drive" for Senior Members. They had a room set up where members could apply on line and make contacts with Senior Members for references.
 - c. Money is available from IEEE for awards. There is a "Friends of IEEE" award for people who aren't IEEE members but have helped IEEE. Marilyn Searing was mentioned as a candidate for this award due to her support to the Milwaukee Section making arrangements for meetings, taking reservations, etc.
 - d. Life Member/Retired Member chapters are becoming more popular.
 - e. One section reported success with an attendance award for meetings. Each member attending a meeting was given an opportunity to put his

name in a box. At the end of the year a name was drawn and the winner received a prize.

5. Following discussion of the attendance award described in item e above, the Board approved a resolution to establish an attendance award for the Milwaukee Section in 2006 with the following terms:
 - a. The Board voted to authorize the expenditure of up to \$300.00 for prizes. Tom Smith will research prizes. Suggestions were a portable DVD player for first, an IPOD shuffle for second, and a gift card for third.
 - b. Officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer) are not eligible to participate. Other Board members and Chapter Chairs are eligible.
 - c. The treasurer will collect and accumulate all of the entries from meetings for the rest of the year. Each member that attends a function is allowed to enter his name once for a function.
 - d. The winners will be drawn at the Christmas party at the end of the year. You must be present at the Christmas party drawing to win.
6. Brian Cunningham reported that he is working with the Madison Section to help them "recover". One of the activities is arranging joint tours. He is working to set up a tour to Argonne National Labs. Another possibility is a seminar on project management. Mircea Voskerilian offered to see if General Electric Medical Systems would be able to accommodate a tour in May.
7. The next Board meeting will be at the April 12 Section meeting.
8. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.