

IEEE Milwaukee Section 2008 Meeting Minutes

Minutes of IEEE Executive Meeting
February 27, 2008
Maxwell's Restaurant in Brookfield

Attendees:

Section Officers:

Tom Smith (*Chairperson*)
Ram Bhatia (*Vice-Chairperson*)
Debra Longtin (*Secretary*)
Eric Waydick (*Treasurer*)

Chapter Chairs:

Jim Blaha (*Electromagnetic Compatibility*)
Larry Hause (*EMBS*)
Mark Juds (*Magnetics*)

Section Directors and Others:

Rikki Green (*GOLD Chair*)

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Tom Smith.

The minutes of the January 23rd meeting were distributed and reviewed. Motion was made to approve the minutes. Motion seconded and passed. Deb will send the minutes to Chuck for posting.

The first order of old business was the status of the transfer of the historical records from Joe Battocletti. The MSOE student chapter can accept the care of the records as long as they are contained in only one cabinet. Tom will call Joe and find out how much space they take up and when we need to pick them up. If they accept the challenge, we will provide a yearly \$100 stipend to the MSOE student chapter for their service.

The next order of old business was the ESM banquet on February 13th. Thanks were given to Jim (and spouse), Larry, and Adel (and spouse) for attending. Eric will get the banquet payment out promptly. (It was discovered that the earlier payment we made was actually for last year's banquet.) The group felt that ESM probably had the wrong contact information and thus the earlier bills were lost. Eric will send Tom's contact information to ESM along with the payment. It was also suggested that maybe we should pursue the possibility of providing a short talk at the next banquet to help get the word out as to who IEEE is.

The next order of business concerned the student night. We need to get a date, time and location picked. Late April at the Miller Inn was discussed. Tom will contact Sylvia to see what she has planned.

Our GOLD chapter is now official. Rikki gave a brief update on the chapter. They will be allowed to hold events without elections. Elections will need to take place after the group is organized and running. GOLD would like to be a co-sponsor of Paul's suggested PES meeting along with IAS/IES and Magnetics. Rikki will be organizing a volunteer meeting for GOLD in March. Eric has the \$400 GOLD check from IEEE in the account.

The 2008 Holiday Party was briefly discussed. Tom will contact Sylvia and get an update on her planning efforts. Jim discussed his museum idea with the group – dinner on the Streets of Milwaukee then IMAX. Discovery World was also brought up as a possibility. More discussion will take place at the next meeting.

The group expressed a concern that past chairs fall off the radar after retiring from the board. We need to figure out how to get the past chairs to attend meetings, at least for a couple of years to help transition the new volunteers.

Eric gave the treasurer's report and discussed the financial status of the organization. There were a few L50 hiccups concerning a CD that was cashed in and thus somehow counted twice. Eric and Tom are working through the issues with IEEE. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report. Motion seconded and approved.

Both the Controls and the Communications & Signals have been inactive for several years. Since they have not had the required meetings, IEEE no longer recognizes them as a chapter. A motion was made to roll their monies back into the Section. Motion seconded and carried. Our section has 7 active chapters plus WIE, GOLD, and PACE.

The first order of new business was the sections congress in Quebec City later this year. No detailed information has been received yet. A motion was made to make Jim Blaha our voting delegate. Motion seconded and carried. The group also debated whether to partially sponsor the GOLD chair (Rikki). Motion proposed and passed. Larry will investigate getting PACE money to help sponsor Rikki.

Tom attended the Region 4 officer training via web conferencing, part on each of the two weekends. Tom put together a couple of slides discussing our activities last year and the slides were presented at the meeting. The meeting information is still on the Region 4 website in case anyone is interested in looking at the training material. Tom will e-mail the link to the Executive Committee.

Tom mentioned that the Ex-Com leadership Conference will be in Indianapolis on April 25-27, and asked if anyone was interested in attending. Tom will send out an e-mail to the Executive Committee with the information.

Jim reminded the group that the next EMC chapter meeting (seminar) is scheduled for April 1st. Mark Steffka from General Motors Powertrain will be the featured speaker. Information is on the IEEE Milwaukee website. (<http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r4/milwaukee/EMC08.pdf>)

An announcement was also made that the EMBS Chapter's 32nd Annual Great Lakes Biomedical conference will be Friday, April 18th for anyone who is interested. More information is located on the website: <http://www.eng.mu.edu/glbc/>

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.