

IEEE Milwaukee Section
Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting
October 14, 2008

Maxwell's Restaurant in Brookfield, Wisconsin

Attendees: Ram Bhatia (Section Vice-Chair), Jim Blaha (EMC Chair), Rickki Green (GOLD Chair), Justin Holder (GOLD Chair Nominee), Shrinivas Joshi (AP, IM, MTT, & ED Chair), Mark Juds (Mag Chair), Adel Nasiri (IAS/IES Chair), Paul Tindall (PES Chair), Eric Waydick (Treasurer), Glenn Wrate (Past Section Chair), Sylvia Wrate (Program Chair)

Note: in Debra Longtin's absence, minutes were recorded by Glenn Wrate

- Meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by Ram Bhatia (acting in place of Section Chair Tom Smith)
- Due to the presence of a potential new officer, introductions were made
- Approval of the minutes of the May meeting was tabled (PT, MJ, unanimous)
- Treasurer's Report
 - The section's financial status is good, but not as favorable as last year at this time
 - No changes due to the Wachovia Bank takeover
 - For current balance, refer to the CBR or contact the Executive Board
 - \$9.4k rebate received from IEEE National for seven chapters
 - Motion to allocate \$600 each for our three Affinity Groups (PACE, GOLD, & WIE) from the section rebate (RG, JB, unanimous)
 - An difference of approximately \$90 is being tracked between the checkbook balance and our bank statement
 - **Reminder to please use the IEEE expense report form to request reimbursement from the Section Treasurer. The form is available at: http://www.ieee.org/portal/cms_docs_iportals/iportals/volunteers/resources/2008_Expense_report_form_Jul-Dec.xls**
 - Treasurer's report approved (PT, MJ, unanimous)
- Chapter Meetings

- EMC and Mag still need one more meeting this year
- Mark Juds has a speaker lined up for November meeting – he will work with Glenn Wrate to finalize the date (November 18th or 20th suggested)
- AP, IM, MTT, & ED has a meeting scheduled for October 28, 2008 at Marquette University – see the section web page for details
- IAS/IES meeting on October 1, 2008 attended by 66 members
- Ram B. will inquire if John Safar, Chair Computer Chapter, is maintaining the L31 requirements
- GOLD Chair
 - Current GOLD Chair is stepping down due to relocation
 - Duties and responsibilities of GOLD Chair discussed
 - Justin Holder nominated and elected Chair
 - Rickki Green thanked for her service in creating the GOLD Affinity Chapter for the Milwaukee Section and wished well in her future endeavors in North Carolina
 - Ram B. will contact IEEE national and inquire how to notify them of the GOLD chapter new chair.
- E-mail Concerns
 - Some members are not receiving e-mails on section events
 - We already have a link on the section web page to e-mail preferences page to include messages from local section – what else can we do?
- Section Winter Party
 - Motion to move the section party to after the holidays (JB, GW, unanimous)
 - Program chair to look into party at the Mitchell Park Conservatory (The Domes) during the toy train show – January 17 through March 22, 2009
 - Party should not be held the same week as the Engineers and Scientist of Milwaukee Annual Banquet
- IEEE Sections Congress
 - Jim Blaha and Paul Tindall reported on the 2008 Section's Congress
 - ✓ Over 1100 attendees
 - ✓ Presentation on V-tools for meeting registration

- ✓ Good presentation by Larry Hause on Section Activities – note: we will try to post his presentation on the Milwaukee web page
 - ✓ Jim Blaha note some problems with data – some meetings always have the same small group of members attended, but, when aggregated, it appears as though many members attended while other meetings included required attendees, i.e., graduate students
 - ✓ What are the top ten issues face the IEEE?
 - ✓ Recruiting new members
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- Membership Issues
 - Feedback on a “Career Day” will be sought at the November Meeting
 - A presentation on myIEEE suggested
 - Student and recent graduate fee structure discussed
 - Power Electronics Society Chapter
 - Interest in starting a local chapter for PE was discussed
 - Student Chapters
 - UW-Milwaukee student chapter wants to hold seminars on MATLAB, soldering, etc.
 - They would like to hold joint events with the Milwaukee Section
 - Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM (GW, AN, unanimous)