

**IEEE Milwaukee Section  
2009 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

April 16, 2009  
Miller Inn, Milwaukee

**Attendees:**

**Section Officers:**

Ram Bhatia (*Chairperson*)  
Debra Longtin (*Secretary*)  
Eric Waydick (*Treasurer*)

**Chapter Chairs:**

Mark Juds (*Magnetics*)  
Paul Tindall (*Power*)  
John Safar (*Computer*)  
Jim Blaha (*EMC*)

**Section Directors & Others:**

Sylvia Wrate (*Program Chair*)  
Robert Molthen (*Director*)  
Tom Smith (*Past Chair*)  
Justin Holder (*GOLD Chair*)

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM by Ram Bhatia.

The minutes of the February 24th meeting were distributed and reviewed. Motion was made to approve the minutes, seconded and passed. Deb will send the minutes to Chuck for posting.

Travel reports were given by Justin and Sylvia. Justin attended the IEEE annual meeting in Salt Lake City in late February. He sent a trip report to the Executive Committee. He felt that the meeting was very informative, especially the technical topics. The administrative topics were a bit dry. Sylvia attended the region 4 meeting in Detroit in the latter part of January. She met many folks and felt it was nice to be able to finally put faces to names for the folks we correspond with on a regular basis. She attended a VTools presentation. One take-away she had in general from the meeting was everyone's frustration level with the lack of increasing participation by women. It is a challenge to figure out how to get girls and women involved in IEEE and Math/Science. One issue is the choices they have to make to join multiple organizations. Many companies only pay for one membership – do they choose SWE or IEEE?

The myIEEE committee sent out a survey in February to obtain feedback on 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration ideas. The results will be shared via e-mail. The committee suggested Russ from IEEE USA for the Keynote speaker, a late afternoon to evening banquet, and a time frame of either Saturday September 19 or September 26. Motion was made to accept the committee's recommendations. Motion passed. The committee will continue with their planning efforts.

The following housekeeping items were discussed:

- Officer names on website – should we include contact information, just name and position, or nothing at all? Presently the information is on the website but only available to the EC. A motion was made to include only the officers' names and position on the public website. Motion carried.
- Should we resume a newsletter? This topic was tabled for a future date.
- A VTools discussion was also tabled for a future meeting.

Spring Social Report: The party went very well and was enjoyed by all in attendance. There were approximately 83 attendees, so we lost a bit of money. The treasurer's report will be e-mailed to the Executive Committee.

The IEEE Milwaukee historical documents have been temporarily moved to Tom Smith's office. There are two full cabinets plus three boxes. The oldest record appears to be from around 1939. The historical chair should review these documents for items to use for the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

A question was raised concerning the status of the COM and Controls chapters. Can we have some joint meetings so that they aren't disabled? The discussion was tabled for a future meeting. It was suggested that we put a note on the website asking for a volunteer to chair the COM chapter.

A question was raised concerning how we should handle (and encourage) new attendees at meetings interested in volunteering. Some suggestions were:

- Ask them to help out with arranging meetings and social events.
- If they are interested in joining the Executive Committee, ask them to attend to get a feel for what their commitment would be.
- Post a question on the website asking for volunteers.

The next EC meeting is planned for the latter part of June.

Meeting adjourned at 5:57 PM.

**TO DO LIST:**

1. Deb to send minutes for posting.
2. 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee to send results of survey to EC.
3. Housekeeping Committee to post officer names and positions on website.
4. Eric to e-mail treasurer's report to EC.
5. Historical Chair (Bill) to review historical documents for items to use at the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration this fall.
6. Housekeeping Committee to post a note on the website asking for a volunteer to chair the COM chapter.

**IEEE Milwaukee, List of Meetings/ Activities, excluding Chapters Technical Meetings**

<b>2009- Proposed / Planned Meetings/ Social Events</b>	<b>Schedule</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Executive Committee (EC) Meeting	Wed. Jan 14	
Region 4 meeting, Detroit	Jan. 23-25	Sylvia Wrate will be participating
ESM banquet	Thurs, Feb. 12	IEEE table approved
Section meeting, Dinner speaker	Tues., Feb. 24	at MSOE. Dinner Speaker, Carl Crawford
IEEE Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City	Feb. 26- Mar. 1	Justin Holder, GOLD Chair, will be attending
Holiday Party- Spring Bash	Sat. March 14	At the Domes
EMC Seminar	Tues., April 21	Jim Blaha, chapter Chair
My IEEE Day ( 125 years celebrations)	TBD	Committee formed to plan the event
Student poster	Thurs., April 16	Committee formed to plan the event
Spring Section meeting	Thurs., April 16	To be held with the Student Poster meeting
IEEE Day	TBD	
Section Congress	TBD	
EC Meeting, September	TBD	
EC Meeting, November	TBD	
EC Meeting, Dec.- Dinner speaker	TBD	