

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

June 24,, 2009
Maxwell's Restaurant in Brookfield

Attendees:

Section Officers:

Ram Bhatia (*Chairperson*)
Debra Longtin (*Secretary*)
Carl Crawford (*Vice-Chair*)

Chapter Chairs:

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

Section Directors & Others:

Sylvia Wrate (*Program Chair*)
Bill Henning (*Historical Chair*)

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Ram Bhatia.

The minutes of the April 16th meeting were distributed and reviewed. Motion was made to approve the minutes, seconded and passed. Deb will send the minutes to Chuck for posting.

The Treasurer's Report was discussed and approved. A question was raised concerning whether or not we should give the non-responsive (inactive) chapters (COM & Controls) their annual stipend. A motion was made to withhold the money, and then if the chapters come up with a plan to have a meeting and need money it could be given to them at that time. Motion seconded and passed.

An Education Chapter has been formed in our section. A motion was made to give them \$600. Motion seconded and passed. Eric was requested to set up an account for them.

Howard Haugstead is no longer chair of the COM chapter. Larry Hause has taken that role temporarily (1 year?). Ram will send an e-mail to anyone in the IEEE COM society from our section to try to find a chair and re-activate the chapter.

The following housekeeping items were discussed:

- The website upgrade has not yet been completed. Ram shared the planned upgrade. It was suggested that we migrate the website to VTools. Housekeeping Committee to handle.
- The topic of resuming a newsletter was again brought up. It was decided not to have a paper newsletter due to the costs and difficulty in keeping it going. It was suggested that we send an e-mail blast to members periodically pointing to the website. The Chairperson will be responsible for initiating the e-mail blasts.

125th Celebration Banquet:

- Will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at the Italian Community Center in Milwaukee
- The two main speakers (Don Bramlett and Russell Harrison) have been confirmed.
- The Anniversary Committee drafted a letter to local companies asking for histories of their companies and sponsorship of the banquet. It was suggested that the EC members solicit their companies with this letter. Ram will send the letter to the EC members.
- The Committee needs help with registration, logistics, nametags, etc. Jim's assistant will also help. Sylvia will handle the Hall.
- This will be a formal banquet. Food will be salads at the tables and an Italian buffet.
- It was suggested that we make sure any speeches are lively, since we will have spouses and guests attending.
- Company history information, photos, etc. should be funneled to Jim and his assistant (Teresa).
- Awards still need to be determined by the Committee. It was suggested that we recognize any new fellows at the meeting.
- Should we have a video for the banquet, perhaps from the photos, etc.?
- Bill Henning informed the group that the Milwaukee section was formed on February 12, 1906. (It was later verified that the section was officially formed on 2/11/1910.) Bill is gathering a list of Past Chairs.

The next EC meeting is planned for September (after Labor Day).

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

TO DO LIST:

1. Deb to send minutes for posting.
2. Eric to set up an account for the Education chapter and give them \$600.
3. Ram to send an e-mail to anyone in the IEEE COM society from our section to try to find a chair and re-activate the chapter.
4. 125th Anniversary committee to continue their planning efforts.