

IEEE Missouri Slope Section Meeting
April 24th 2008
Jack's Steakhouse, Bismarck, ND

General Business Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Robert Frank, Jeremy Butman, Hoa Nguyen, Jacob Zettel, Eric Swenson, Chad Kuntz, Mark Sherman, Al Jirges, Dan Johnson, Tanner Seibel, Jeremy Severson, Vahram Stepanyan, Chad Heidt, Charles Foy, Art Carlson, David Charles, Lynn Strombeck, Keith Wise, Don Raveling

Meeting called to order 12:00 pm

Meeting Minutes for previous meeting

Motion made to approve the minutes by Jeremy Severson

Motion seconded by Charles Foy

Motion approved unanimously

Reports

Treasurer Report

IEEE Concentrated banking: \$3,038.23

Capital checking: \$4,543.87

Capital savings: \$5,780.37

Total Missouri Slope Section Funds: \$13,362.47

This balance does not include any rebates from 2007.

Missouri Slope section will pay Brian Fettig approximately \$800 for travel expenses to the IEEE annual meeting.

Old Business

Dan Johnson will represent the Missouri Slope Section at the IEEE Sections Congress in Quebec City. There will be no secondary representative as Rob Frank withdrew.

Motion made by Hoa Nguyen that Missouri Slope Section will pay 10% of Dan's travel expenses that IEEE USA will not pay.

Motion seconded by Jeremy Severson

Motion approved unanimously

New Business

Al Jirges reported on the Red River Valley Section he attended. They have 285 members and there were 35 in attendance. As a technical presentation they had a speaker on Project Management on 4/1/08. Also the speaker at the meeting Al attended stated that ND is #1 in science scores in K-12.

Jake announced there will be a speaker coming to talk about Emerging Issues Facing the Power Industry. The speaker is Mark G. Lauby, Manager, Reliability Assessments for the North American Electric Reliability Corporation.

Details on the meeting time and place will be forwarded in the future.

Art Carlson and Al Jirges spoke about the "Visiting Scientist Series"

Dr. Roy Spencer will be the keynote speaker at the Energy Generation Conference in January 2009. The topic is Global warming and Dr. Spencer has written a book titled "Climate Confusion: How Global Warming Hysteria Leads to Bad Science, Pandering Politicians and Misguided Policies that Hurt the Poor" He will also be doing a presentation for the public.

Also a group from the University of Minnesota called "Physics Force" will be coming to Bismarck.

Art and Al requested that Missouri Slope section would contribute \$1000 to the cost of these speakers and they will work on getting matching PACE funds. Of the \$2000, \$1500 will be for Dr. Spencer and \$500 will be for Physics Force.

Motion made by Art Carlson to contribute \$1000

Motion seconded by Al Jirges

Motion approved unanimously

Dave Charles stated that while at BSC for another purpose IEEE was extended an invitation to tour the new power plant operations training facility. We will look at doing this sometime in the fall and details will be worked out in late summer.

Presentation by Al Jirges on Automatic Meter Reading.

Vahram Stepanyan won a \$20 door prize.

Motion made by Art Carlson to adjourn the meeting

Motion seconded by Charles Foy

Motion approved unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm