

**Albuquerque IEEE Section  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 28, 2004  
Monte Vista Fire Station Restaurant 11:00 AM**

Attendance: Ray Byrne (Secretary), Gerald Wood (Vice-Chair), Chris Scholz (Publicity Director), Mike Gruchalla (Elevations & Recommendations), Bill Everett (Program Activities), Judd Rohwer (Treasurer), Ed Szpindor (Student Coordinator).

After opening the meeting, Harjit brought up the conflict with the class he is teaching on Wednesday. Everyone agreed to move the regular meeting time to the last Thursday of every month at 11:30 AM, Monte Vista Fire Station Restaurant. Chris Scholz, a post-doc at CHTML, was introduced and expressed an interest in helping with the newsletter. After a discussion Chris was appointed as the Publicity Director.

Treasurer's report (Ray Byrne) – Ray gave the treasurer's report that included balances as of December 31, 2003.

IEEE Long Term Investment Fund balance:	\$13,479.93
Saving account balance:	\$103.34
Checking account balance:	\$1,260.74
Money market account balance:	\$12,180.78

Ray will do the financial report for last year and then hand over the duties to the incoming treasurer, Judd Rohwer. Ray will also coordinate with the Joint Chapter treasurer on the annual IEEE financial report.

Bill Everett gave an update on tours. The next one will be a tour of PNM's power distribution facilities in Albuquerque on February 19 at 3:00 PM. The tour will last approximately 1.5 hours. Bill also announced that the SPIN (Software Process Improvement Network) has been recently reactivated and that he will cross-advertise tours to SPIN members.

Harjit said that he had been contacted by Burt Krohn. Burt was requesting IEEE co-sponsorship of Ray Larson's (SLAC) talk on ethics during Engineer's Week (23-28 February). Burt wanted an immediate response (could not wait until the IEEE board meeting), so Harjit turned down the request.

Ed Szpindor then discussed the student paper contest status. New Mexico Tech has a few papers in progress, but he has been unable to contact UNM. Ed also brought up the topic of lobbying so there was a discussion about the legality of lobbying public officials.

Gerald then gave an update on the Joint Chapter activities – the next meeting will be held on February 19. Dave Giri will be giving a talk on mapping out underground facilities. Buddy Coffee will be giving the March talk. Gerald noted that students get free admission to their first talk, and half-price admission for subsequent talks.

During general discussion, Bill brought up the idea of doing a more social activity, e.g. attending an Isotopes game. The board agreed that this would be a good activity to pursue. Bill also noted that the old UNM student coordinator (Shlomo Karni) used to require seniors to do projects for the student paper contest.

Mike then announced that he was going to come up with a short promotional article to recruit Senior IEEE elevations.

Ed pointed out that the New Mexico Tech students would like to give an outstanding student and outstanding faculty award. The board agreed that this could be done.

The meeting was adjourned.

Ray Byrne  
Secretary