

Albuquerque IEEE Section
Board Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2004

Attendees: Ray Byrne, Aaron Lund, Jonathan Deming, Bill Everett, Gerald Wood, Nathan Goulding, Harjit Ahluwalia, Keith Morris, Clint James, Chandra Bales and Chris Smith (via email).

The first topic for discussion was the meeting date – there are several conflicts on Thursday. It was agreed that Wednesday would be a better date. The board meetings will now be held on the last Wednesday of the month at 11:30AM at Scalo.

Harjit announced that Evelyn Hirt (Region 6 Director) will be in Albuquerque the week of September 10. Harjit will coordinate a lunch or dinner meeting with the board. Harjit also went over the latest membership numbers – there are 1267 members in the Albuquerque Section. Harjit attended the Region 6 meeting. A list of the highlights includes:

- the region bylaws are being updated (many items really belonged in the operations manual)
- the region budget was approved for next year (~250K), with reserve funds of ~\$238K
- WESCON is losing money (~\$300K per year for the last two years) and the event might be in trouble
- section bylaws will probably be deleted next year (operations are covered under the new region bylaws)

Harjit brought up the topic of section officer elections. He proposed that the same slate be proposed for next year. Bill Everett and Gerald Wood agreed to serve as the nominating committee and coordinate the call for nomination via email. Bill Everett and Clint James volunteered to serve as the election committee and count the ballots.

The next IEEE/Sigma Xi Meeting is Thursday, March 9. The talk is “Ethical Dilemmas in Forecasting for Public Policy” by Martin Wachs.

Judd provided the following Treasurer’s report:

Savings	\$103.62
Checking	\$9532.42
Money Market	\$10229.64

Gerald gave an update on the Joint Chapter. The last meeting was well attended with 24 people (5 guests). The next meeting is scheduled for September 16. The Engineer of the Year award will give a talk at the October meeting on the 14th. Gerald also mentioned that the Section still owed the Joint Chapter the rebate for this year.

Bill announced that the webmaster, Harold Wilson, is interested in helping out with tours. Bill also mentioned that the SPIN meetings have been attended by IEEE members, so the announcements have been worthwhile.

The board then discussed providing lunch for board meeting attendees. In the past, only student members were provided lunch. After discussion, a motion was made to provide lunch for all meeting attendees (excluding alcoholic beverages) for the rest of the calendar year. The motion passed unanimously.

The next topic for discussion was student activities. Chris spoke with Harjit about the student leadership conference hosted by UNM this Fall. The UNM student union was unavailable, so he is working on reserving the computer engineering building. He is also looking into catering options. The NM Tech student branch chair, Keith, mentioned that the previous chair had prepared a lot of material when the student leadership conference was held at NM Tech. He will forward the materials to Chris. Keith then gave a summary of the NM Tech activities. He would like the section to find a new student activities coordinator since Ed Spindor has moved to the East coast. In addition, the NM Tech branch was requesting support for the student paper contest this year. Bill moved that the section provide \$600 per student branch to support the student paper contest. The motion passed unanimously.

Chandra handed out a draft of the newsletter and requested comments or suggestions.

The meeting adjourned.

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