

# Minutes of the IEEE Buffalo Section Board Meeting March 10th, 2022

A meeting of the IEEE Buffalo Section Board was held via Webex on Thursday, March 10th, 2021, at 6:35 PM.

## PRESENT: (Online)

Dave Odrobina  
Samuel Kassey  
Padma Kasthuranigan  
Greg Koch  
Marlin Gillette  
Michael Wright  
Jennifer Winikus  
Vasili Perebeinos  
Chris Mierzwa  
Brian Hess  
MGA R1 Representative - Joe  
Philip Henderson

## Review of Minutes from Last Meeting:

Meeting minutes for February were presented by Mitch, and were reviewed by the board. A Motion to approve the Minutes for February as presented with corrections made by Marlin, the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg, All Ayes; Motion Carries.

Corrections: Dr. Mansour – Waterloo is in Ontario, not Toronto.

## Financial Reporting:

The Treasurer's Report for February 2022 was presented by Brian. A motion to approve the Treasurers Report for the Month of February as presented was made by Michael. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marlin, All Ayes; Motion Carries.

## Membership Committee:

The Measurement Report for February 2022 was presented by Michael W. Steep drop off, but similar to historical trends. Membership is up. Future50 is having positive impact, almost back to pre-covid.

## Organizational Matters:

A motion to approve the Audit Report for the Month of February as presented was made by Marlin. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg, All Ayes; Motion Carries

**Student Chapter News:** No Report

**Regional & National Updates:** No Report

## Societies:

**AICN** – No Report

**ESD** – Need 2 speakers to invite. Funding request to support symposium. Financial logistics to be worked out. DL lecturers come from the IEEE list to be funded as part of that programming. UB EE picking up most of the cost- it can be co-sponsored. Looking at May, room constraints at UB is a factor.

**Computer** – Event in planning stage for talk for last week of May.

**Control Systems** – No Report

**AP/MTT** – No Report

**TEMS** – No Report

**P&ES/Industry Applications** – No Report

**Women In Engineering (WIE) Affinity Group** – No Report

**Young Professionals (YPS) Affinity Group** – NR

**Communications Society** – No Report

**Life Member Affinity Group** – NR

## Old Business:

February 17<sup>th</sup> Dr. Raafat R. Monsour – Univeristy of Waterloo in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. MTT DML 16 registered. 14 attended.

**Website:** No Report

## New Business:

April TBD- Women in STEM Summit. Skip sponsoring for 2022

Micro Mouse Competition sponsorship. There is a formula for scholarships in place. Section 9.2 in the Operations Manual (available on the website).

No new update on the Tesla Monument.

Awards Dinner that was set for February may be moved to a warmer month where the option is available to be outside or in a venue that allows for distancing, Padma is exploring alternative options.

Google account- 2 step verification activated, if you need access, let Padma know to authorize access.

Return to in person – recommended to start with Ex-Com meetings in person when the summer starts, June. Will still be able to attend via WebEx. Motion by Michael W 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian.

**PACE** – Kyle to attend virtual meeting on 3/11. PACE help support funding.

## Future Events:

March 14- all the area section chairs are having a call – Padma to attend.

April 2 (Saturday) and 3 (Sunday), 8am – 1pm - Region Board of Governors meeting, virtual. Volunteer needed to attend (primary need for April 2).

April 4<sup>th</sup> – Topic for Education Week – Jenn coordinating

April 28, 6pm. Dr. Anthony Grbic, University of Michigan

September 22<sup>nd</sup> – MTT DML talk, more information coming – Marlin coordinating, aiming for in person

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Date TBD - PES DL - Babak Enayati, Region 1 Dr.  
National Grid – Steve coordinating

Thursday, 5/12/2022 @ 6:30PM – WebEx  
Thursday, 6/9/2022 @ 6:30PM – WebEx

Date TBD – Last week of May Computer Society talk on  
“Consensus using Blockchain”, University of Minnesota  
Anand Tripathi – Greg coordinating

Motion to adjourn by Marlin ,  
The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup>: Greg ,  
All Ayes; Motion Carries

**The meeting adjourned at 8:01PM**

■ Jennifer Winikus, PhD

## Other Business:

The Digital Ops committee is still looking for a chair person.

Kyle – Future Cities PACE reimbursement/  
match – close matter and aim for support for  
next year

Members will be needed soon for a future Audit  
Committee for the 2021 fiscal year. Kyle volunteered,  
Brian is on the committee. Need 2 more volunteers.

Vitality report submitted by Padma.

Michael W received membership materials. Let him  
know if there is a use.

Dr. Kassey submitted application to be a Photonics  
Society DL.

IEEE Life Fellow Dr. Sargur Srihari from UB passed  
away on March 8.

<https://www.buffalo.edu/ubnow/stories/2022/03/hari-srihari-obit.html>

## Meeting Ideas:

All members are welcome to pitch any ideas  
for meetings or events to the board.

## Action Items:

- 1) Kevin – Etta Kappa Nu Funds Collection
- 2) Junaid – reach out to students at Fredonia
- 3) Judy/Ilya – reach out to ECC (Judy is awaiting word from her correspondence there)
- 4) Audit Committee – explore investment options
- 5) Jenn – nail out a couple fill-in talks with Judy & Marlin
- 6) All chairs: Explore DL Opportunities
- 7) What is in the storage unit? Volunteer needed to do inventory. Michael W willing to look into it. There is a key with Mike C and in the treasurer bag. Last inventory sheet was 2014.

## Next Meetings and Locations:

**NOTE: We are playing meetings by ear with respect to in-person board meetings. Plan is to return to hybrid in June.**

Thursday, 4/14/2022 @ 6:30PM – WebEx