

Minutes of the IEEE Buffalo Section Board Meeting May 12th, 2022

A meeting of the IEEE Buffalo Section Board was held via Webex on Thursday, May 12th, 2021, at 6:38 PM.

PRESENT: (Online)

Dave Odrobina
Samuel Kassey
Greg Koch
Steve Rhoads
Thomas Szumla
Marlin Gillette
Michael Wright
Judy Moskal
Jennifer Winikus
Vasili Perebeinos
Chris Mierzwa
Brian Hess
Huamin Liu

Review of Minutes from Last Meeting:

Meeting minutes for March were presented by Mitch, and were reviewed by the board. A Motion to approve the Minutes for April as presented were made by Judy, The motion was 2nd by Marlin, All Ayes; Motion Carries.

Financial Reporting: The Treasurer's Report for March 2022 was presented by Brian. A motion to approve the Treasurers Report for the Month of April as presented was made by Chris. The motion was 2nd by Judy, All Ayes; the Motion Carries.

Membership Committee:

The Membership Report was presented by Micheal W. membership is up by 14 with 9 new joins from this time last year. A motion to approve the Membership Report for the Month of April as presented was made by Mitch. The motion was 2nd by Marlin, All Ayes; Motion Carries.

Organizational Matters: No Report

Student Chapter News: No Report

Regional & National Updates: Next Board of Governors meeting will be in-person, August 12th -14th in Southbridge MA.

Programs and Arrangements:

Updates presented by Judy, Judy presented as co-host a session on machine learning with the New Jersey section, 57 people had registered, but 29 had attended with 2 guests.

Societies:

AICN – No Report

ESD – Huamin & Vasili presented a status report on Symposium 2022. Need 2 speakers to invite. Funding request to support Symposium 2022. Financial logistics to be worked out. DML 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. More to come.

Computer – Event in the planning stages for the 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 – No Report

Old Business:

April 7th – Judy Attended the Women In STEM Summit virtually. Great topics, some of the topics were not available to all participants, not sure if that was due to remote accessibility. However the keynote was available.

April 4th – Topic for Education Week – Jenn coordinating

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

Website: No Report

New Business:

Last week of May, a talk will be hosted by Anand Tripathi, titled "Concensus using Blockchain" Presented by the computer society, contact Greg Koch if you're interested.

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the Buffalo Chapter will be returning to In-Person meetings with a hybrid option to attend remotely if desired. More to come.

Tesla Milestone Committee update presented by Tom Szumla, pursuing the idea of obtaining a 'shared' milestone as it was a combined effort. More to come

May19th @ 5:30PM, Bonner Hall and Virtual, a talk by Babak Enayati from Region 1 on the topic of Distributed energy resources, hosted by the PES. Contact Steve Rhoads for more information.

Tesla Monument update, work to be completed on around May18th @ 4PM, Greg Gadowski and Joe Ott may make an appearance at the unveiling at Riverside Park. All are welcome, contact Judy if you're interested.

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 ExCom Meetings – Likely around June or another summer month.

Will still be able to attend via WebEx. Motion by Michael Wright, 2nd by Brian.

Future Events:

April 28th, 6pm. MTT Dr. Anthony Grbic, University of Michigan. Excellent turn-out, 63 Attendees.

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

Other Business:

The Digital Ops committee is still looking for a chair.

~~Kyle—Future Cities PACE reimbursement/match—close matter and aim for support for next year-(verify?)~~

Kyle Met with PACE, who is meeting once a month. If anyone has ideas for PACE, let the board know.

Members will be needed soon for an Audit Committee for the 2021 fiscal year. Kyle volunteered, Brian is on the committee. Two more volunteers are needed.

Dr. Kasey submitted application to be a Photonics Society.

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 DML Opportunities

Next Meeting Locations:

Thursday, 6/9/2022 @ 6:30PM – WebEx

Motion to adjourn made by Chris,

The motion was 2nd: Judy,

All Ayes; Motion Carries

The meeting adjourned at 7:46PM

Mitch Fronczak, **Secretary**