A meeting of the IEEE Buffalo Section Board was held via Webex on Thursday, June 9th, 2022, at 6:33 PM.

PRESENT:

Greg Gdowski

Kyle Nadolinski

Padma Kasthurirangan

Jennifer Winikus

Brian Hess

Steve Rhoads

Samuel Kassey

Vasili Perebeinos

Marlin Gillette

Michael Wright

Judy Moskal

Thomas Szumla

Mitch Fronczak

Kevin Burke

Greg Koch

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 May as presented were made by Marlin, The motion was 2nd by Tom, All Ayes; Motion Carries.

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

Investment opportunities have presented themselves. Audit Committee to further investigate options, as of now the number of 30,000 was proposed. No action being made at this time. More to come.

Membership Committee:

The Membership Report was presented by Micheal W. Student membership has been driving a lot of the recent upward trends. A motion to approve the Membership Report for the Month of May as presented was made by Jennifer. The motion was 2nd by Tom, All Ayes; Motion Carries.

Organizational Matters: Steve Welby, Region one Executive Director is stepping down after his 5 years term. The Board is looking for his replacement. As well as the Regions are changing their geographical borders due to global population changes, more to come.

Student Chapter News: Student Rebates for Buffalo State have arrived, still waiting on UB’s Rebates as they were filed later.

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. 75th anniversary of the transistor. 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.

A motion was made to approve the amount of $1250 dollars for the Nanosymposium by Kevin. The motion was amended to approve the amount of $2538 with the additional condition that the chapter contacts PACE for a match. The motion was 2,nd by Jennifer. All Ayes; Motion Carries.

Summer Social 2022, Planning on August this year. Likely on the 18th. Right now the idea is woodcock brothers brewing in Tonawanda. Suggestions for other places are also on the table, contact Judy.

**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:

May19th, PES Society talk by Babak Enayati from Region 1 on the topic of Distributed energy resources. Presented by Steve Rhoads. Dr. Burke & Steve were the only attendees. There was a short time-frame where everything had been set up due to the circumstances. Lessons learned; Present meetings at UB During the school year.

May 28th Meeting, the talk that was presented by Anand Tripathi, titled “Concensus using Blockchain” Presented by the computer society, contact Greg Koch if you’re interested. 33 registered attendees, many international.

Tesla Monument Unveiling; May 18th, Greg Gdowski , Joe Ott, and Judy were present at Riverside Park.

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:

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

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.

Future Events:

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

Other Business:

The Digital Operations committee currently consists of Padma and Judy.

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

Volunteers have been selected for the Audit Comittee for 2021 fiscal year. The committee consists of Brian, Kyle, Mitch, Mike (W) and Tom, scheduled to meet around the second week of July.

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 about starting a student Fredonia
3. Judy/Ilya – reach out to ECC (Judy is awaiting word from her correspondence there)
4. Audit Committee – explore investment
5. Jenn – nail out a couple fill-in talks with Judy & Marlin
6. All chairs: Explore DML Opportunities
7. Mike W – Find a Young professional committee chair
8. Brian – coordinate a date for Audit committee meeting.

Next Meeting Locations:

Thursday, 7/14/2022 @ 6:30PM – UB, Hybrid

Thursday, 8/11/2022 @ 6:30PM – Summer Social, TBD

Thursday, 9/8/2022 @ 6:30PM – UB, Hybrid

Thursday, 10/13/2022 @ 6:30PM – UB, Hybrid

Thursday, 11/10/2022 @ 6:30PM – UB, Hybrid

Thursday, 12/8/2022 @ 6:30PM – UB, Hybrid

Motion to adjourn made by Mitch,

The motion was 2nd: Judy,

All Ayes; Motion Carries

**The meeting adjourned at 9:04PM**

Mitch Fronczak, **Secretary**