

# Minutes of the IEEE Buffalo Section Board Meeting July 14th, 2022

A meeting of the IEEE Buffalo Section Board was held via Webex on Thursday, July 14th, 2022, at 6:39 PM.

## ONLINE:

Mitch Fronczak  
Marlin Gillette  
Chris Mierzwa

## PRESENT:

Padma Kasthurirangan  
Jennifer Winikus  
Brian Hess  
Praveen M  
Samuel Kasey  
Judy Moskal  
Thomas Szumla  
Mitch Fronczak  
Greg Koch  
Tom Szumla

## Review of Minutes from Last Meeting:

Meeting minutes for June were presented by Mitch, and were reviewed by the board. A Motion to approve the Minutes for June as presented were made by Brian, The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom, All Ayes; Motion Carries.

**Financial Reporting:** Due to NexGen undergoing maintenance this months Treasurer's Report will be grouped together with the next months reports. Nothing to report this month.

## Membership Committee:

Nothing to report.

**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:** Praveen is now the student chair for UB. Congrats & Welcome Praveen!

**Regional & National Updates:** Next Board of Governors meeting will be in-person, August 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> in Southbridge MA. Padma will be attending.

## 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** – Minor update from Huamin & Vasili for Nano Symposium 2022, will be a three day event. There will also be a light social event Dates will be from September 21<sup>st</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

November 13<sup>th</sup> @ 1PM – Section Bills Tailgate event, Greg believes it will be for a Vikings Game.

Summer Social 2022, 11<sup>th</sup>@ 6PM, it will take place next month at Woodcock Brothers Brewery in North Tonawanda.

**Computer** – Another Blockchain event will take place around October, more information to come.

**Control Systems** – No Report

**AP/MTT** – No Report

**TEMS** – No Report

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

**Women In Engineering (WIE) Affinity Group** –

Presented by Jenn, merch/swag arriving soon. more details coming soon.

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

**Communications Society** – No Report

**Life Member Affinity Group** – No Report

## Old Business:

**Website:** No Report

## New Business:

Jim Bates relocated back to Buffalo.

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.

Because of the efforts of Samuel Kasey, we are very close to forming a Photonics society, as of now there are 12 members.

## Future Events:

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September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Dr. Nanzer, MTT DML talk, more information coming – Marlin coordinating, aiming for virtual to accommodate more people & sections.

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.

Marlin proposed the idea of The Tunnel, At the Niagara Parks Power Station, on the Canadian side of the border. More to come.

## 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 Committee for 2021 fiscal year. The committee consists of Brian, Kyle, Mitch, Mike (W) and Tom, scheduled to meet sometime around Early August.

## 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) Audit Committee – to meet sometime in August
- 9) Greg – Find out about Bills Tailgate
- 10) Padma – The Tunnel, Niagara Parks Project
- 11) Jenn – Look at reserving the new room at UB

## Next Meeting Locations:

Thursday, 8/11/2022 @ 6:30PM – Summer Social, Woodcock Brothers Brewery

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 Judy,  
The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tom,  
All Ayes; Motion Carries

**The meeting adjourned at 7:50PM**

**Mitch Fronczak, Secretary**