

Minutes of the IEEE Buffalo Section Board Meeting September 8th, 2022

A meeting of the IEEE Buffalo Section Board was held via Webex and In Davis Hall at UB, on Thursday, September 8th, 2022, at 6:38 PM.

ONLINE:

Marlin Gillette
Chris Mierzwa
Kyle Nadolinski
Joe Ott
Dave Odrobina

PRESENT:

Padma Kasthurirangan
Jennifer Winikus
Jenifer Zirnheld
Kevin Burch
Brian Hess
Greg Koch
Samuel Kassey
Judy Moskal
Thomas Szumla
Mitch Fronczak
Tom Szumla
Vasili Perebeinos
Junaid Zubairi
Steve Rhoads
Huamin Liu
Praveen M

Review of Minutes from Last Meeting:

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

Financial Reporting: The treasurers report for the month of July as well as August

Membership Committee:

No Report.

Organizational Matters:

Presented by Joe Ott, Region 2 is going to be merging with Region 1 due to population shifts. It won't be fully merging until 2028, so it will be a slow merge and there aren't any changes we need to worry about in the short term.

Student Chapter News:

No report.

Regional & National Updates: Board of Governors meeting will be in-person, August 12th -14th, the Chapter won some awards, more information about what those awards were.

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 21st to the 23rd. 75th Anniversary of the Transistor

Computer – October & November, Another Blockchain event will take place around October, 2 speakers, one from the university of waterloo, one from the university of Michigan

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

Nano technology – Nano technology is now a Buffalo Section Chapter, headed by Huamin Liu. Includes 22 other societies under that umbrella.

Old Business:

Summer Social 2022, Woodcock Brothers Brewery in North Tonawanda, went really well, 20 attendees, great time all around.

Website: No Report

New Business:

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

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November 13th @ 1PM – Section Bills vs. Vikings Tailgate event, between the Buffalo and Rochester sections.

October 1st, The Engineers Alley Tailgate at UB
September 15th, Talk The internet of things, applications, security and solutions, presented by the communication society. Both Virtual and Hybrid. (check email)

A motion was made to fund the UB Tailgate Engineers Alley in the amount of \$250 – IF requested was made by Judy, The motion was 2nd by Jennifer. All Ayes, Motion Carries.

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 Kassey, we are very close to forming a Photonics society, as of now there are 11 members.

Slate for the next group of Officers for the 2023 to 2025 terms.

Future Events:

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.

The Tunnel, At the Niagara Parks Power Station, will be slated until spring, on the Canadian side of the border. More to come.

Nano Symposium taking place in the Buffalo room

Other Business:

The Digital Operations committee currently consists of Padma and Judy. They are still looking for additional members, however they have some of an Ops Manual created.

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

Audit Committee for 2021 fiscal year did not happen in August, it is slated for September. The committee consists of Brian, Kyle, Mitch, Mike Wright and Tom, more to come.

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, using NexGen now
- 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 opportunities
- 5) Jenn – nail out a couple fill-in talks with Judy & Marlin
- 6) All chairs: Explore DML Opportunities
- 7) Audit Committee – to meet sometime in September
- 8) Brian – Student Rebates 2021 for UB
- 9) Brian – Resolve the returned check from IEEE from 2021
- 10) nominating committee – to meetings
- 11) Huamin Liu – Form for the nano technology

Next Meeting Locations:

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 Steve,
The motion was 2nd by Marlin,
All Ayes; Motion Carries

The meeting adjourned at 7:52PM

Mitch Fronczak, Secretary