A meeting of the IEEE Buffalo Section Board was held via Webex and in the 230A Davis Hall at Univeristy at Buffalo, on Wednesday, March 8th, 2023, at 7:15 PM.

ONLINE:

David Odrobina

Marlin Gillette

Chris Mierzwa

Joe Ott

Junaid Zubairi

Michael Dlugosz

Padma Kasthurirangan

Jennifer Winikus

Mike Chirico

Tom Szumla

PRESENT:

Greg Koch

Judy Moskal

Praveen Rai Masilamani

Samuel Kassey

Michael Wright

Steve Rhoads

Ilya Grinberg

Vasili Perebeinos

Review of Minutes from Last Meeting:

Meeting minutes for December, 2022 were presented by Ilya, and were reviewed by the board. A Motion to approve the minutes, for December were made by Marlin, a motion was seconded by Michael. All yes; motion carries.

Financial Reporting:

The treasurer was not ready to report due to recent transition into a new position.

Membership Committee:

The Membership report was presented by Michael. A decline of memberships was reported. A Motion to approve the Membership Committee Report was made. All yes; motion carries.

Organizational Matters:

Ilya reported visit by 50 school students from West Seneca West HS, South HS, and Hutch Tech HS to Buffalo State University. Portion of event when students visited Smart Grid Lab was organized and handled by Buffalo State IEEE Student branch. Overall event was sponsored by National Grid. Ilya also reported about IEEE PES/IAS organized lecture on bushings on March 8. Steve Rhoads (organizer) and Ilya attended.

Award dinner ad was presented by Judy and is planned on April 19, 2023. A Motion to approve funding the event with anticipated cost of $2000-$3000 was made by Padma, a motion was seconded by Michael, All yes; motion carries.

Ilya suggested to present an appreciation certificate to outgoing officers. A Motion to approve was made by Michael, a motion was seconded by Jenn, All yes; motion carries.

Senior membership drive was discussed.

Future events were discussed by Marlin, Steve, Michael.

The case for $250 student support tofor travel to present at IEEE conference and Pace matching was discussed. A Motion to approve the student support was made by Steve, a motion was seconded by Michael, All yes; motion carries.

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lya presented student request for travel support to attend R1 Student Conference at University of Maine on April 14-16. A Motion to approve $500 support was made Steve, a motion was seconded by Tom, All yes; motion carries. Ilya will supplement additional $200 from the student section budget.

A tour on April 20 was discussed. A Motion to approve the tour was made Mike, a motion was seconded by Steve, All yes; motion carries.

Ilya suggested that technical lectures and events should carry CEU/PDH sponsored by IEEE. Steve Rhoads supported the idea. Mike Chirico will reach to IEEE and find out how to proceed with this.

Student Chapter News:

Activities by SUNY Buffalo State University student branch was discussed in Organizational Matters

Regional & National Updates: No Report.

Programs and Arrangements:

No Report.

Societies:

**AICN** – No Report.

**ESD** – No Report.

**Computer** – No Report.

**Control Systems** – No Report.

**AP/MTT** – Third DML

**TEMS –** No Report.

**Photonics –** No Report.

**PES/Industry Applications –** No Report.

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

**Young Professionals (YPS) Affinity Group** – No Report.

**Communications Society** – No Report.

**Life Member Affinity Group** – No Report.

**Nano technology** – No Report.

Old Business: - No Report.

Website: No Report.

New Business:

Future Events:

Sam was discussing future Distinguished Lectures by Photonics section, Paras Prasad was names as one of the potential speakers.

Control Society meeting at Smart Grid Lab at SUNY Buffalo State University was rescheduled due to closing of businesses due to the ice storm. New date is 04/20/2023. Ilya suggested to make it joint event with Control Society and PES/ISA society.

Other Business: Padma suggested to switch to Zoom. Padma will follow up on technical issues.

Meeting Ideas:

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

Action Items: No report.

Next Meeting Locations:

Wednesday, 4/12/2023 @ 6:30PM – Davis Hall, 338A UB, Jenn confirmed room availability

Thursday, 5/11/2023 @ 6:30PM – at SUNY Buffalo State University

Motion to adjourn made by Mike,

The motion was seconded by Tom,

All yes; motion carries

**The meeting adjourned at 8:45PM**

**Vasili Perebeinos, Secretary**