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FW: Meeting Summary for IEEE Alaska Section ExComm Zoom Meeting

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A few Robert versus Bob to contend with.



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Meeting summary for IEEE Alaska Section ExComm Zoom Meeting (04/02/2025)

Quick recap

The team discussed the features of their system, including the recording and summary functions, and shared personal experiences with slide rules and calculators. They also planned for their participation in the Alaska Sustainable Energy Conference, the EPICS grant, and the presentation of financial records. Lastly, they discussed potential topics for upcoming section meetings, the possibility of hosting the Oceans 2027 conference, and the evolution of artificial intelligence.

Next steps

- Ken/Team: Make decision on whether to participate as vendor at Alaska Sustainability Energy Conference and acquire necessary display materials if participating
- Robert: Sign up and register for the exhibitor booth at the Alaska Sustainable Energy Conference
- Robert: Contact IEEE to obtain promotional materials and swag for the conference booth
- Ken & Robert: Help coordinate the conference booth setup and staffing
- Richard: Follow up on co-hosting the power systems oscillation and stability webinar by Professor Wilson Zhu on April 28th
- Mitch: Contact Mohammad Hodari about potentially presenting at the April 16th section meeting about his new Arctic science and engineering award project
- Mitch: Confirm by Friday if a speaker is secured for the April 16th section meeting
- Robert: Prepare and deliver presentation on grounding and bonding in Alaska for May section meeting
- Ken: Look into potential nuclear industry speakers for June section meeting
- Robert: Transfer the EPICS grant money to UAA and contact Professor Osama Abasar about potential student presentations

- Richard: Submit student nomination for the Harold Smith scholarship to Mitch
 - Mitch: Make changes to the Foundation agreement and send to Ken for review
 - Jeremie & Ken: Coordinate transfer of gold pan award and arrange recognition for Mark Ayers at future face-to-face meeting
 - Robert: Follow up with Andrea Smith and the Dena'ina Center regarding available dates for Oceans 2027
 - Nolan: Write letter of interest as section chair regarding IEEE Alaska section's support for Oceans 2027
 - Robert: Request authorization for credit card limit increase beyond \$500
 - Robert: Move Rich's flight expense from excomm meeting budget to PES travel section and send revised budget report
 - Robert: Forward the remaining AI companion meeting summary to Mitch
 - Mitch: Post meeting summary with next event announcement
 - Nolan: Coordinate arrangements for potential future in-person meetings at his company's conference room
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Summary

Recording and Summary Features Discussion

In the meeting, Robert Posma and Mitch discussed the recording and summary features of their system. They clarified that the summary feature needs to be enabled in the recording controls. Mitch also mentioned that the AI companion can be used to generate a summary during a live meeting. The team also discussed their personal experiences with slide rules and calculators, with Ken and Robert Seitz sharing their use of slide rules in college. The conversation also touched on the evolution of calculators, with Richard mentioning his HP 35 and Nolan discussing his preference for RPN calculators.

Alaska Sustainable Energy Conference Participation

The group discusses participating in the Alaska Sustainable Energy Conference as an exhibitor. They vote to approve spending \$1,000 for a booth and an additional \$500 for related expenses. Robert Seitz volunteers to take the lead on coordinating their participation, with Ken and Nolan offering to help. They discuss logistics like staffing the booth, getting promotional materials, and registering for the event. The group also briefly touches on updates to their website and the status of EPICS award processing.

EPICS Grant and Student Engagement

The group discusses how to proceed with the EPICS grant awarded to a UAA civil engineering professor. Robert Posma will send the money to the professor and inquire about when students might be ready to present their projects. The section aims to engage with the students, possibly through a combined meeting with the student branch at the start of the school year. Ken suggests having the professor present the grant's purpose in September, with a follow-up presentation later to showcase results. The group emphasizes the importance of engaging university students as potential future IEEE members.

Financial Records and Scholarship Updates

Ken announces that he has completed and posted all financial records and bank statements from 2020 to 2022 on the Google Drive, with some records from 2019 also included. Jeremie mentions having a gold pan award that needs to be given to Mark Ayers, and the group discusses plans to present it at a future in-person meeting. The conversation then shifts to scholarship matters, with Richard needing to select a candidate from UAF within the next few weeks. Mitch reports that UAA has already selected Lars Guzan as their scholarship recipient.

Upcoming Section Meetings and Speakers

The group discusses plans for upcoming section meetings. They consider using a co-sponsored power-related event on April 28th as a substitute for their April 16th meeting, but decide to try to organize their own meeting by April 16th if possible. Mitch will attempt to secure a speaker by Friday. For May, Bob Seitz may present on grounding and bonding. The group also discusses potential topics and speakers for June, including nuclear energy companies that may be attending an upcoming energy conference. They aim to schedule speakers shortly after the conference to leverage prepared presentations.

Anchorage Hosts Oceans 2027 Conference

The meeting participants discuss the possibility of hosting the Oceans 2027 conference in Anchorage. Ken clarifies that the IEEE Alaska section needs to provide a letter of interest to support the conference, rather than commit to organizing it entirely. The group votes to express interest in supporting and learning more about hosting Oceans 2027. Bob Seitz volunteers to be the general chair if the conference moves forward, drawing on his experience from organizing Oceans 2017. The meeting concludes with a plan for Nolan to draft a letter of interest mentioning Bob's willingness to be involved with the local organizing committee.

AI Evolution and Meeting Summaries

Mitch and Robert discuss the meeting summary generated by Read AI, which Mitch finds useful for its action items and narrative of topics covered. They compare it to the AI companion's "catch me up" feature, which provides different summaries each time it's used. Robert mentions needing to request an increase in the credit card limit for a purchase. The conversation then shifts to Mitch's background in computer science and artificial intelligence, tracing the evolution of AI from the 1960s to the present. They discuss the technological advancements that have made current AI capabilities possible, including increased computing power, the internet, and improvements in speech recognition and text understanding.

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