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**FW: Meeting Summary for IEEE Alaska Section ExComm Zoom Meeting**

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## Meeting summary for IEEE Alaska Section ExComm Zoom Meeting (06/10/2025)

### Quick recap

The IEEE Alaska Section Executive Committee discussed various organizational matters including job interviews, financial updates, and website maintenance. The group made several scheduling decisions, including moving future meetings to the third Friday of each month and confirming venues for upcoming presentations on technical topics. They also addressed planning for student engagement events, scholarship awards, and potential speaker arrangements for future meetings.

### Next steps

- Ken: Follow up with Matt from Alaska Remote Imaging to confirm correct date for presentation
- Nolan: Follow up with Matt Pagoda from Alyesca Cyber Security regarding potential June presentation by tomorrow
- Ken: Check with the cybersecurity speaker about availability for June presentation
- Ken: Send meeting request to Jenkin to confirm his availability for August presentation
- Ken: Check GCI conference room availability for July 23rd and August meetings
- Mitch: Create event posting once speaker and venue are confirmed for July meeting
- Richard: Coordinate with UAF student branch president Dominic Hines regarding September student kickoff event
- Ken: Continue following up with ATOM Power representative regarding potential October/November presentation
- Mitch: Follow up with Chugach Electric regarding Community Solar Project presentation
- Ken: Reach out to O'Malley's on the Green golf course for November social event venue and dates
- Mitch: Create list of incomplete items from original website statement of work and determine remaining budget

- Mitch: Send out email notice to membership about electrification publication with provided links
- Nolan: Contact Pradban to plan September student engagement event at UAA
- Richard: Plan parallel student engagement event at UAF for early September
- Pradban: Reserve rooms at UAA for September and October meetings
- Mitch: Update website with new slide about electrification publication
- Ken: Coordinate with Mark Ayers to present his awards at an upcoming meeting
- Ken: Reach out to Alex Hills to check his availability as potential speaker for the social event
- Gregory: Contact engineering professor regarding October meeting date
- Ken: Investigate potential alternative speakers if Alex Hills is not available
- Nolan: Follow up with Richard regarding education-related matters

## Summary

### Job Interview and Financial Updates

Nolan discussed his recent job interview for a Manager of Technical Services position at Matt New School Electric, which would oversee personnel in relay protection, substation maintenance, and telecommunications. Robert presented the treasurer's report, noting that the organization had received a \$3,200 rebate, though some details about its allocation were unclear. The group agreed to move the 6 A. Oceans Conference discussion to old business, and Robert mentioned he would check on the status of a website charge and update the budget spreadsheet to be more concise.

### Sustainability Conference and Website Updates

The group approved the agenda and minutes from the previous section meeting. They discussed the sustainability conference, where they had a booth and met potential speakers and members. Mitch was appointed webmaster and will set up Bob with website update access. The group agreed to move the 7D topic to the top of the agenda for better execution of meetings. They also discussed the need for a blog feature on the website to post meeting reports and updates.

### June Meeting Planning Challenges

The group discussed the challenges of organizing an in-person meeting for June 18th, including the lack of a confirmed speaker and venue. They decided to wait until the next day to make a final decision on whether to proceed with a virtual meeting instead. For July, they tentatively planned to hold the meeting on the 16th or 23rd, with Ken agreeing to check the availability of the speaker and potential venues like the GCI conference room. The group also mentioned that awards presentation would be postponed to an in-person meeting in July, with Nolan expressing a preference for the 23rd due to his availability.

### Cyber Security Speaker Planning Meeting

The group discussed scheduling a cyber security speaker for an upcoming meeting. They agreed to have Matt Paul Gutta from Alyesca Cyber Security LLC speak on July 23rd, pending confirmation of his availability. Ken will send a calendar invitation to Jenkins for an August meeting, and Richard will coordinate with the student branch presidents for a September semester kickoff event. The group also discussed a potential student project funded by an Epic grant, which they plan to coordinate with both UAA and UAF.

### Solid-State Circuit Breaker Presentation

The group discussed a potential presentation from a company that developed a solid-state circuit breaker with 200,000 amp interrupting capacity, though Richard clarified that while solid-state, the actual mechanism involves mechanical contacts. They agreed to target venues for upcoming meetings: GCI in July, GCI in August (with BP Energy Center as an alternative), UAA in September, and UAA in October. The group also discussed changing their regular meeting pattern from third

Wednesday to third Friday, though Mitch noted he might miss future meetings due to regular Friday commitments.

### **Committee Meeting Schedule Change**

The committee discusses changing their meeting schedule from Wednesdays to Fridays for September and October. They decide to hold the September event at GCI venue on rail belt reliability, and the October event at UAA with Adam Power or Ketchikan community solar as potential topics. Ken proposes moving meetings to the third Friday of the month, citing free parking at UAA as a benefit. The motion passes, though Mitch expresses he won't be able to attend due to prior commitments. The group agrees to try the new schedule and reassess if needed.

### **Scholarships, Website, and Awards Review**

The group discussed several topics including scholarships, website updates, and the Oceans Conference. They reviewed the status of scholarship awards and discussed pending requirements for recipients. Mitch reported on website issues and the need for additional functionality and updates. The group decided to complete the original statement of work items before considering a maintenance contract for the website. Ken and Mitch agreed to get a bill to determine the remaining budget for the website project. Nolan noted that the Engineer of the Year award was nearly complete, with only the presentation to Mark Ayers remaining.

### **Student Engagement Event Planning Meeting**

The group discussed planning a student engagement kickoff event for September, with Ken emphasizing the need to execute plans rather than just prepare them. They explored the possibility of holding separate meetings in Anchorage and Fairbanks due to logistical challenges, with Nolan suggesting he might travel to Fairbanks. The group also discussed organizing a social event in early November, with Ken proposing O'Malley's on the Green as a venue and suggesting an event for 30-40 people. They agreed to start planning the social event soon, with Ken offering to contact the venue about availability and catering costs.

### **Speaker Plans and Meeting Schedules**

The group discussed plans for an upcoming presentation, with Ken suggesting they pursue Alex Hills as a speaker due to his expertise in radio and networking history in Alaska. They agreed to explore dates in early November or December, with Saturday nights being the preferred option. The group also briefly discussed the possibility of inviting Tim Lee, the IEEE President, as a speaker, noting that his travel would be covered by IEEE funds. Finally, they touched on the possibility of permanently moving their executive committee meetings from the first Tuesday to the second Tuesday of each month, though no final decision was made.

### **IEEE Alaska Section Executive Meeting**

The IEEE Alaska Section Executive Committee meeting discussed several key items, including the cancellation of the June meeting and the decision to move future meetings to the third Friday of each month starting in September. The group confirmed venues for July/August (GCI conference room) and September/October (UAA), with plans for presentations on Alaska Remote Imaging and Rail Belt Reliability. Nolan shared updates about his job search, including an interview with Matniska Electric for a manager of technical services position, and discussed his recent visit to New Rises where he resigned due to ethical concerns about stamping engineering documents.