

ExCom 7/7/2026

Summary of IEEE Alaska Section ExComm Meeting

Call to Order: Jeremie Smith at 6:06pm

Attendance: Jeremie Smith, Ken Pigg, Mitchell Roth, Patrick Rider, Eleonora Stadtmuller, Gregory Gleason, Richard Wies

Administrative

- Agenda and June meeting minutes were approved (with a minor typo fix).

Officer Reports

- **Treasurer (Patrick):** ~\$58K in cash, ~\$58K in long-term investments; noted a \$1,400 unrealized loss in the investment account, likely Q1 timing. Ken explained IEEE's Long-Term Investment Fund (\$1.2B total).

Unfinished Business

- **July Section Meeting:** Scheduled for Friday, July 24, tentatively in-person at UAA. Speaker: Ginger Kane, Program Manager, presenting on the North Slope data center/generation project. Venue still being confirmed.
 - The data center was previously understood to be a Bitcoin mining facility; Jeremie noted NDAs were in place ~9 months ago.
- **Prior Year Audits:** Ken is redoing the Doodle poll; likely September timing.
- **2027 Oceans Conference:** Budget still in negotiation between Bob Seitz and the VP of Oceans; no concentration banking account yet.
- **Membership Development/Professional Activities:** Jeremie will follow up with Bob and Nolan on their interest/availability.
- **Website Updates:** Eleonora presented significant progress — archive (agendas/minutes/treasurer reports), scholarships, Engineer of the Year page, and operations manual all added. QR codes and a contact form fix are still pending.
- **IEEE Scholarships:** Recipients identified but not yet officially approved; Mitch working to finalize before school starts.

New Business

- **Sections Congress Delegate:** Ken has registered and is arranging travel; Jeremie cannot attend. Reimbursement comes from the Region.
- **Zoom Account:** Currently under Robert's work email — flagged as a risk if Robert retires; Jeremie will follow up.

Meeting adjourned: 8:05pm.

Action Items:

Jeremie

- Reach out to Robert Posma about recycling the laptop and projector.

- Reach out to Robert regarding the Zoom account ownership/access issue.
- Bump Bob (and Nolan) to confirm their interest/availability for the Membership Development/Professional Activities role.

Ken

- Contact UAA (Jens Monk or Frank Wittmer) to secure a venue for the July 24 section meeting; fall back to BP Energy Center if needed.
- Provide Eleonora with scholarship winner photos he took.
- Share IEEE Long-Term Investment Fund slides with Patrick when available.
- Redo the Doodle poll for the prior year audits, extending dates likely into September.
- Continue finalizing travel arrangements for the IEEE Sections Congress.

Eleonora

- Contact UAA student chapter president Brian about a back-to-school kickoff event.
- Contact UAF student chapter leader Dominic Hines (via Richard) about UAF activities.
- Fix the contact form forwarding issue (check correct email aliases: AKSEC and AKCH at IEEE.org).
- Add an Engineering Excellence Award page to the website, modeled after the Engineer of the Year page.
- Create and upload QR codes for the website and printed materials.
- Send update to Ken/team once venue/event feedback is received from students (don't wait for next meeting).

Mitch (IEEE)

- Finalize scholarship recipient approvals — collect biographical info and prepare certificates before school starts.

Patrick

- Categorize outstanding charges in the bank register before the next meeting.
- Follow up with IEEE for more information on the long-term investment account.

Next Steps:

Jeremie

- Reach out to Robert Posma again about recycling the laptop and projector.
- Contact Robert regarding Zoom account ownership/access before retirement affects access.
- Bump Bob and Nolan to confirm interest in the Membership Development/Professional Activities role.

Ken

- Call UAA (Jens Monk) to secure a room for the July 24 section meeting; BP Energy Center is the backup.
- Give Eleonora a couple of days before she posts the event, then confirm venue.
- Redo the Doodle poll for prior year audits, extending dates likely into September.
- Share IEEE Long-Term Investment Fund slides with Patrick.
- Finalize travel arrangements for the IEEE Sections Congress.

Eleonora

- Contact UAA student president Brian about a back-to-school kickoff event; reach out to UAF's Dominic Hines as well.
- Add an Engineering Excellence Award page to the website, modeled after the Engineer of the Year page.
- Fix the contact form forwarding (verify correct aliases: AKSEC and AKCH at IEEE.org).
- Create and upload QR codes for the website and printed materials.
- Email Ken/team as soon as student feedback is received — don't wait for next meeting.

Mitch (IEEE)

- Finalize scholarship recipient approvals — collect biographical info, prepare certificates, and present to the group before school starts in August.

Patrick

- Categorize outstanding charges in the bank register before the next meeting.
- Follow up with IEEE for clarity on the long-term investment account.