



## Akron/Canton Section

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

#### MINUTES

November 2013

Date: November, 2013  
Place: Waterloo Restaurant, Akron, Ohio  
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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Robert Voss, Chair of the Akron-Canton Section of IEEE.

#### 1. Introductions

Self-introductions were made; Bob Voss welcomed a number of students to the meeting.

#### 2. Minutes of Last Executive Committee Meeting (Dean Philips)

The minutes of the October 2013 Executive Committee Meeting were mailed out prior to the Executive Committee Meeting and copies were presented to anyone that needed such at the meeting.

Correction:

The minutes incorrectly showed Shannon Whalen as in attendance.

*Motion to approve the October 2013 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, as corrected, as made by Walter Pechenuk; second by Robert Osterhout, motion passed.*

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**3. Treasurer's Report (Rick Buchanan)**

The October 2013 Treasurer's Report was mailed out prior to the Executive Committee Meeting and copies were presented to anyone that needed such at the meeting.

The report was reviewed, with a note that anticipated PACE funds, approximately \$240, have not been received from National yet. The Section is running ahead of budget.

*Motion to approve the October 2013 Treasurer's Report was made by Dean Philips; second by Walter Pechenuk; motion passed.*

**4. Website (Shannon Whalen)**

Shannon provided an e-mail update on the web site. IEEE is upgrading some of the hosting software this Thursday, but the anticipated downtime is minimal.

**5. Student Chapter – University of Akron**

Deboshri Sadhukhan reported that the students have had a Design Workshop, and Math Lab Workshop since the last report to the Executive Committee.

The Student Chapter Web Site is not up to date; the Students have started a Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/uakronstudentieee>).

The Students would like to bring back the Student Paper Contest, and were looking for guidance on how to get this even started again.

The IEEE Student Chapter Room at the University has been revamped.

**6. PES (Mike Pataki/Dean Philips)**

The October membership meeting was "Controlling, Electrically, The World's Largest Systems" presented by Dr. Allen Morinec, P.E. and Sr. Member of IEEE.

PES will be looking for a speaker and topic for a potential January meeting.

**7. Computer Society**

There is continued interest in trying to kick start an Akron Computer Society Chapter. Walter is looking to get speakers for tentative meetings in January, March, April, or May.

Dean downloaded the list of Computer Society members and sent it to Executive Committee Members interested in trying to start an Akron Chapter.

**8. IAS (Rick Buchanan)**

ASME is presenting a CPD Seminar on vision. Details can be found on the ACESS web site (<http://www.acesinc.org/>).

**9. PACE (Bob Osterhout)**

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PACE will be looking for judges for three science fairs, and providing cash awards for two of those fairs as follows.

- **Jan 25** - Akron Public Schools Science and Technology Expo (Science Fair) – four judges and \$200 in awards;
- **Feb 1** - Northeast Ohio STEM Science Fair @ Kent State - judges
- **Mar 15** - Western Reserve District V Science Fair – four judges and \$200 in rewards.

Bob is looking to repeat the Grade Elevation Workshop in 2014; this time, consisting of two sessions, one to assist prospective members on putting together their request, and the second to generate the necessary referrals.

Bob discussed STEM support, such as providing in-service workshops for teachers on STEM topics, including funding for information kits.

The board meeting recessed at 6:36 pm for dinner and resumed at 6:59 pm.
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#### **10. Membership (Dean Philips)**

Dean reported there continue to be issues with the IEEE membership data base (SAMIEE); with the latest revisions to Internet Explorer and Google Chrome the site has ceased to be accessible, and IEEE has not resolved the problem yet.

A Membership analysis was distributed that showed the Section's member counts by Grade and Society membership.

#### **11. ACCESS (Bob Osterhout)**

The ACCESS Banquet was November 7 at Guy's Party Center.

##### Joint Societies Meeting

January 13 will be a program "Major Applications of High Performance Composites Focusing on Materials, Properties, and Fabrication." Additional information: meeting is being hosted by SPE; at Quaker Station; speaker is Andy Rich, President and Principal Researcher at Element 6 Consulting.

Bob is looking for IEEE to host the Joint Societies Meeting in April (22, 23, or 24) on the topic of research and development being performed within the Country. The presenter will be Dr. Thompson.

##### ACCESS Sponsors

ACCESS is looking a couple of major sponsors due to businesses moving out of the Akron area.

Other Meetings of Note (details at the ACCESS web site):

**Nov 14** - ASME Joint meeting with CAM ASME: 3D Printing

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**Nov 25** - APC Meeting on Fuel Cells, Alternative Energy Research at Stark State College.

**12. Student Chapter - Stark State (Verne)**

The Section discussed re-instituting the outstanding student award at Stark State.

***Buchanan moved to provide a \$250 award for the outstanding student, Bob Osterhout seconded. The motion passed.***

The students are looking at the Green Challenge Contest that provides seed money for the creation new companies. Three students have shown an interest in competing in this contest.

Vernon will look into a fuel cell training program, scheduled for December 14, and get information to Rick for the newsletter.

Vernon noted Stark State has developed a solar lab that could be the focus of a spring meeting. The Stark State robotics team is also active; that team has made presentations as a chapter meeting in the past.

**13. CJEC (Richard Buchanan)**

CJEC's plans for the Canton area Engineer's Week Banquet are coming together, it will be held on Wednesday February 19, 2014; at Skyland Pines.

CJEC is establishing a relationship with Mount Union College, who just started an Engineering College. Dr. Osama Jadaan, Chair of the Department of Engineering, is their liaison with the College.

**14. Akron Engineers' Week**

No report.

**15. Meetings Schedule**

December 2013 – Section Meeting

January 2014 – Joint Society Meeting (SPE Host)

January 2014 – PES Meeting (Dean to check)

February 2014 – Engineering Week Banquets (Akron & Canton)

March 2014 – Walter to check on John Mertic as a potential speaker

April 2014 – Joint Societies Meeting (IEEE Host)

May 2014

**16. Old Business**

**17. New Business**

**STEM** - see discussion in ACCESS.

**December Meeting** – Discussion on location and menu. The discussion included IEEE’s subsidizing of the meal costs. Walter and Robert Voss to work on details.

*Bob Osterhout moved to set the price the December meeting at \$30 for members and guests, and \$15 for students. Dean seconded; the motion passed.*

**18. Adjournment**

*Adjournment moved by Walter and second by Dean, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.*

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Dean E. Philips

November 12, 2013