



**IEEE AKRON/CANTON SECTION**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**APRIL 2011**

Date April 12, 2011  
Place Waterloo Restaurant, Akron, Ohio

Present	<b>Buchanan, Rick</b>	<b>r.buchanan@ieee.org</b>
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The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Gary Lanier, Chair of the IEEE-A/C Chapter.

The first order of business was to record the names of all present and to collect their e-mail addresses. As all members of the board are acquainted with one another, formal introductions did not take place.

The second order of business concerned the minutes for the month of March 2011. Rick Buchanan brought to the attention of Walter Pechenuk, the secretary, that the tickets for the Ohio Light Opera event in 2010 were \$25.00 with the IEEE-A/C subsidy and that they will be same this year. IEEE-A/C will pay full price for the tickets when the chapter purchases them. The minutes were corrected. There were no other corrections to be made. Malissa Clingman moved that the minutes be approved with the correction, and Steve Harmath seconded the motion. All approved.

The third order of business concerned the treasurer's report. Buchanan told the board that IEEE-A/C had an income of \$100 for the month of March. This sum included \$95 collected for partial defrayment of the Student Paper Prize dinner and \$5 of earned interest. Expenses for the month were approximately \$1530. This sum included a \$400 payment to University of Akron Catering for the meals provided to the judges, contestants, and guests at the Student Paper Prize dinner, \$825 for awards presented to the students who participated in the Student Paper Prize competition, \$130 plus change for meals at the March board meeting, and \$175 for prizes given to students at the Western Reserve Science Fair. There were still \$425 outstanding checks, namely the ones written out to award winners in the Akron and Western Reserve Science fairs. A small discrepancy in the report was corrected and the balance came to \$14,714.55 for the month of March. Pechenuk motioned that the treasurer's report be accepted as corrected, and Harmath seconded the motion. All approved.

The fourth order of business concerned the Web Site Report. Shannon Pisarsky notified the board that she had updated meeting information for the month. On the web site she also included an announcement

that the Computer Science Section of IEEE-A/C is looking for charter members; unfortunately, there had little response. Lanier pointed out that Pisarsky should correct the e-mail address given on the web site, because this may be the reason for no responses. Pisarsky said she would correct the e-mail address immediately. She also asked the board whether she should set up a jobs webpage on the IEEE-A/C website. Buchanan said this would be a good idea. Lanier suggested that the web site should include a calendar of events, including information about ACCESS activities, provided that ACCESS provides the information.

*The board meeting recessed at 6:18 pm for dinner and resumed at 6:52 pm.*

The fifth order of business was matters related to a meeting at Cisco in Richfield, Ohio. No arrangements had been made for a tour, and, consequently, no tour took place. There was no opportunity for arranging a visit to the company.

The sixth order of business was information about the Region 2 Meeting on Saturday, April 16 in Erie, Pennsylvania. Robert Osterhout volunteered to represent the IEEE-A/C chapter at the meeting.

The seventh order of business concerned the Sections Congress from August 19 to August 22 in San Francisco. The Sections Congress occurs once every two years, and the board would like someone from IEEE-A/C to attend the congress. Osterhout volunteered to find out more information about the congress; Lanier said he would do likewise.

The eighth order of business was "Old Business." Only one event has been scheduled so far for a future date is the Summer Social, and this is the August 13, 2011 presentation of *The Pirates of Penzance* by the Ohio Light Opera Company at the College of Wooster. The board suggested that IEEE-A/C try to arrange a tour of Cisco in May. Harmath said that he might be able to arrange a tour of Orrville Utilities in mid-October. A generator rotor is going to be disassembled at that time. The board also suggested a tour of Diebold sometime in September.

Other old business included Clingman's report on ACCESS. She notified the board that on May 9 ACCESS (ASSE) will have a tour of the Akron Beacon Journal and on May 10 ACCESS (ASME) will host a tour of the Marathon Refinery in Canton. Clingman also said that she will attempt to find out whether any ACCESS activities can be done jointly with another ACCESS group. Osterhout said that he will see whether IEEE-A/C can get a table for the organization at the annual ACCESS banquet on November 3. Furthermore, Osterhout said that he and Clingman would attend the ACCESS Board of Directors meeting with Advisors and Society Presidents at Kent State University on April 14.

With regard to the ACCESS banquet on November 3 at Guy's Party Center, a keynote speaker is still needed, and if any board member can suggest someone, IEEE-A/C would appreciate any input. ACCESS also would like to know whether IEEE-A/C would like to provide any funds for scholarships and other ACCESS needs. Lanier suggested that the board periodically check the ACCESS website for updates and information. He also told the board that the next ACCESS meeting will be on April 28. This will be a tour of the Greif Containerboard Company in Massillon.

Lastly, Lanier informed the board that E-Week lost \$50 this year. The E-Week Committee concluded its work on March 21. It will resume its activities on August 29. Rob Voss will represent IEEE-A/C beginning then.

The ninth order of business was adjournment. Clingman moved that the board recess until 6:00 pm on May 10 at the Waterloo Restaurant, and Osterhout seconded the motion. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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Walter Pechenuk  
April 29, 2011