



IEEE AKRON/CANTON SECTION
BOARD MEETING
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Place Waterloo Restaurant, Akron, Ohio

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The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Gary Lanier, Chair of the IEEE-Akron/Canton Section.

The first order of business was to record the names of all present and to collect their e-mail addresses. Steve Harmath announced that he will be leaving the executive board to pursue other interests. However, he will arrange a tour of the Orrville Power Plant, as he promised earlier in the calendar year. A date will be determined. The new board member is Mike Pataki, who is also the recently appointed PES Chair. Pataki works for FirstEnergy.

The second order of business concerned the minutes for the month of May 2011. As there were no corrections to the minutes, Buchanan moved that the minutes be approved, and Osterhout seconded the motion. All approved.

The third order of business dealt with the treasurer's report for May and June/July of this calendar year and the budget for 2011. Buchanan told the board that IEEE-A/C had an income of \$15.48 in interest for the three month period and \$625 for Ohio Light Opera tickets. Expenses included \$105.42 for the May ExCom meeting, \$609.60 for Region 2 meeting expenses, \$1,247 for Ohio Light Opera tickets and \$100 for CJEC dues. The checking balance at the end of May was \$18,369.86. There is still \$175 outstanding in checks issued to science-fair prize winners. Voss moved that the board accept the treasurer's report for May and June/July and Walter Pechenuk seconded the motion. All approved.

With regard to the Ohio Light Opera outing, 29 tickets were sold – total cost is \$1,247 (\$43 each). We charged \$25 per ticket resulting in a total net cost to IEEE-A/C of \$522. We chose to have dinner at the Wooster Inn prior to the show this year. There are 24 reservations for which we will charge \$20 per person. The dinner is expected to cost about \$22 to \$24 per person.

A copy of the proposed budget was presented to the board to provide an indication as to where the section stands for the current calendar year. To date for the year, there was a total income of \$5,200.65 (section rebate of \$5,182.65 and interest income of \$38.00), with a budgeted income amount of \$5,100 for the year. Expenses for the year-to-date were \$5,781.12, with a budgeted amount of \$8,100 for the year. Consequently, there is a deficit of \$560.45 for the year-to-date and a deficit of \$3,000 for the year.

Voss motioned to adopt the budget as given. Harmath seconded it. All accepted.

With regard to the May, June, and July reports that Buchanan presented, Voss motioned that we accept them, and Pisarsky seconded it.

The fourth order of business concerned the Web Site Report. The board was presented with a copy of what the website looks like. Lanier urged that the IAS Chair, PES Chair, and Computer Society Chair should be listed. Pisarsky pointed out that they are under societies. She also told the board that once the section gets more information about each society, IEEE-A/C will be able to have a webpage for each society. Lanier suggested that news about any activities should be given to Pisarsky. Pisarsky is also planning to set up a blog. Osterhout will send minutes from the regional meeting to Pisarsky. Lanier strongly suggested that minutes of the IEEE-A/C should also be on the website. Lanier pointed out that regional officers like to look at the websites of the various sections.

The board meeting recessed at 6:32 pm for dinner and resumed at 7:05 pm.

The fifth order of business was in regard to the Student Section. Sprout pointed out that enrollment is up at the local institutions of higher learning, so membership will probably go up. Students begin their classes on the 29th. Osterhout said that at the regional meeting encouraged students to take up an IEEE address – that way it will be easy to keep track of students.

The sixth order of business concerned the Power Engineering Section, which has a new chairman, namely Mike Pataki. No report could be offered yet. Pataki had already spoken with his director, Brian Breidenbaugh. The Speakers Program used to take place at FirstEnergy. Lanier suggested to start with one evening. Lanier also pointed out that PES used to have almost monthly “pow-wows” with invited speakers. PES could get started with regular meetings. Buchanan suggested that it would be beneficial if IEEE-A/C had society months with speakers. Harmath’s tour in Orrville could be a PES meeting, as well as the monthly meeting. Buchanan told Pataki he could get the names of PES members. The A/C section has already provided seed money for the societies. The majority of A/C members are PES members.

The seventh order of business concerned the section’s Computer Society. One person had emailed Pisarsky. There are now two members in the society. Kevin Pisarsky has agreed to give a talk on Wi-Fi; this will probably take place in November. Shannon Pisarsky will send emails to ensure that potential members are aware of the Computer Society. Buchanan gave Pisarsky a list of the A/C membership. Pisarsky had already composed the email that she plans to send to A/C members and other potentially interested parties.

The eight order of business was IAS (Industrial Applications Society). Buchanan reported not much has been happening in this society, except on the national level.

The ninth order of business concerned PACE (Professional Activities Committee for Engineers) – Osterhout was drafted to represent IEEE-A/C at PACE. Pisarsky said that PACE has an eye-catching website on the national level. Osterhout will later present a report on PACE and his thoughts on the committee.

The 10th order of business concerned IEEE-A/C membership. A chair has yet to be appointed.

The 11th order of business dealt with ACESS (Akron Council of Engineering and Scientific Societies). The board learned that ACESS has a new president – Michael Dowell of the American Chemical Society. The remaining officers are the same from last year. The annual ACESS banquet will take place on November 3 at Guy's Party Center in Akron. ACESS will be charging \$28.00 per person and the organization will pay for the awardees. IEEE-A/C will have a table at the banquet. The section will charge each member and one guest of a member \$20.00 per person, \$15.00 per student, and \$28.00 (full cost) per non-member. Osterhout said a draft of the program will be forthcoming soon. Voss motioned that the board accept these charges, and Buchanan seconded it. All present board members approved. The board learned that ACESS will be organizing its activities in a more streamlined manner to avoid the ambiguities of recent times. The board was reminded that ACESS meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of every month should anyone wish to attend them. This year the Association of Plastic Engineers will host the ACESS banquet, and an Akron teacher will be the guest speaker.

The 12th order of business concerned the next Engineers Week. No committee meeting has taken place yet, and Voss will report on it during the next meeting.

The 13th order of business concerned the Region 2 Meeting. Osterhout will post a report, and the minutes from the meeting will be linked. At the current time, the region is emphasizing ethics, especially in response to someone's posting bogus conferences.

The 14th order of business was the Sessions Congress. A topic of concern is that in order to get greater participation by developing countries, memberships dues have to be restructured in favor of potential members from these countries. Conference topics are available on the conference website.

The 15th order of business concerned the CISCO tour. The board agreed to have the pre-tour dinner at 6:00 pm and the tour at 7:30 pm. The Cleveland group can also be invited.

The 16th order of business dealt with CJEC, which will have a meeting on Tuesday, November 29 on licensing issues. An important issue that will be discussed is to get engineering college deans and professors to be licensed to teach.

The 17th order of business was "Old Business." The tour of Diebold had already taken place, and 30 members attended. The Ohio Light Opera outing will take place on Saturday, the 13th of August. Twenty-nine members and their guests will attend the opera. Dinner will be at 5:30 in downtown Wooster.

The 18th order of business was “New Business.” John Laleta of PES in Columbus would like to have a meeting for us in the near future. Information in regard to this will be passed onto Pataki.

The 19th order of business concerned an article about Courtney Gras that Pisarsky had found in the University of Akron student newspaper. The article was about UA’s lunar robotics mining competition team placing third out of 36 teams.

The 20th and last order of business was adjournment. Voss moved that the board recess until 6:00 pm on September 13 for the chapter’s board meeting at the Waterloo Restaurant, and Buchanan seconded the motion. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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Walter Pechenuk
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