



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

Date February 8, 2011  
Place Waterloo Restaurant, Akron, Ohio

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The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Gary Lanier, Chair of the IEEE-A/C Chapter.

The first order of business was a request by Lanier to have all assembled introduce themselves and to provide their e-mail addresses.

The second order of business concerned the minutes for the month of January 2011. Rick Buchanan pointed out that the dates for the student contest to be held by the University of Akron Chapter of IEEE were transposed. The minutes should have read that the date for the contest had been changed from March 3 to March 1 and not March 1 to March 3. Walter Pechenuk, the secretary, took note of this and corrected the minutes. Buchanan moved that the minutes be approved and Steve Harmath seconded it. All approved.

The third order of business concerned the treasurer's report. Buchanan notified the board that the local chapter's contribution of \$250.00 to the CJEC scholarship had been paid in January. Further to this, Buchanan also informed the board that a check for \$350.00 had been submitted to ACCESS for the annual joint meeting in January and that IEEE-A/C had collected \$210.00 from its members and guests to defray some of the \$350.00 in costs. Buchanan also stated that the outgoing chair plaque had to be corrected and that this brought total expenses to \$165.33 for it. The middle initial on the plaque that had been presented to Dennis Ledel was wrong and had to be corrected. Other expenses in January included \$225 for science fair awards given at the Akron Science and Technology Expo on January 29, 2011.

Buchanan also mentioned that the L31 meeting reports and L50 financial reports would be submitted to headquarters the week of February 7.

Rob Voss, Vice Chair, moved that the treasurer's report be approved and Pechenuk seconded it. All approved.

The fourth order of business dealt with open positions on the board. The first open position is a second ACCESS delegate from IEEE-A/C. Lanier, who at the time of the meeting, was the delegate asked to be replaced. Robert Osterhout volunteered to assume his position, and Malissa Clingman volunteered to be the second delegate.

The second open position was the Akron Engineers Week Delegate. Voss volunteered to take the mantle of this position. It entails helping to organize the Engineers Week, which always falls during the week of George Washington's birthday. Washington was an engineer, and hence the reason for the event during this week.

The third open position was chair of the local IEEE Power and Energy Society (PES). Harmath accepted this position.

Buchanan volunteered to continue serving as the chapter's representative to the IEEE Industry Applications Society.

At 6:30 pm Voss moved that the board pause its meeting to have dinner, and Harmath seconded it. All approved. The meeting resumed at 6:55 pm.

The fifth order of business concerned the request of the Engineers Week committee for a donation for Engineers Week activities. The money would be used for scholarships and banquet dinners for students. Harmath motioned that IEEE-A/C donate \$100 for this purpose. Voss seconded the motion. All approved. The donation would be sent to Brent Sisler, 2077 Stabler Rd, Akron, Ohio 44313.

The sixth order of business concerned the IEEE Scholarship (\$1,000.00) to be awarded at the Akron Engineers Week Banquet. IEEE-A/C chose Courtney Gras, president of the IEEE student chapter at the University of Akron and board member of IEEE-A/C, to be the recipient of this scholarship. Harmath motioned that the board accept the chapter's decision to award this scholarship to Gras, and Buchanan seconded it. All approved.

The seventh order of business concerned the Engineers Week banquets. The first one would be held at Skyland Pines in Canton on Wednesday, February 23, and the second one at Emidio and Sons Banquet Center in Cuyahoga Falls on Thursday, February 24. The first banquet was expected to draw around 150 attendees, and the second about 300.

The eighth order of business concerned the Web Site Report. The IEEE-A/C website still has some holes that need to be addressed. Gras said that she would send an e-mail to the members of the IEEE student chapter that had not been initially selected to assume the post of webmaster for the website to see who would be interested in assuming this position. Buchanan suggested that IEEE give Brandon Beall, the initially selected webmaster, \$25.00 for his efforts.

The ninth order of business was discussion of the Akron Science and Technology Expo, which was held on Saturday, January 29 at North High School in Akron. IEEE-A/C awarded three \$50.00 and three \$25.00 awards for outstanding projects in electrical engineering or related areas.

The tenth order of business concerned the IEEE-A/C meeting at Cisco. Voss informed the board that he will consider dates in March and April. Lanier suggested a date between mid-March and early April.

The eleventh order of business concerned the Western Reserve Science Fair that will take place on March 19 at the University of Akron. IEEE-A/C will provide some of the judges. These will include John Edgerton, Clingman, Jeffrey Armstrong, Pechenuk, Mehmet Ergezer, and Shannon Pisarsky.

The twelfth order of business was the student prize paper contest. Gras said that there would certainly be at least three papers presented, perhaps five. The contest would take place at the University of Akron in the Student Union on Tuesday, March 1, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Gras said that she would provide the judges with parking information and e-mail maps of the campus. Buchanan questioned who would be the judges. In addition to himself, Lanier and Pechenuk volunteered to be the other two judges. The winner of the contest would then proceed to the regional contest, which will take place on April 16 in Erie, Pennsylvania.

The thirteenth order of business was old business. There was none.

The fourteenth order of business was new business. Lanier notified the board that the IEEE sections congress will take place this summer in San Francisco. He also let everyone know that this year the national IEEE meeting will be in Austin and that the Power and Energy Society will hold its annual meeting in June in Detroit. Lanier stated that at least one person from the chapter should be present at each of the meetings.

Other new business included whether the chapter would like to continue the Ohio Light Opera as its summer social event. Voss suggested that this query should be placed on the chapter's website.

Buchanan said that he would look into the possibility of having a tour of Diebold at a later date.

As there was no other business, the fourteenth order of business was a motion by Voss to adjourn the meeting and Harmath seconded it. All approved. The meeting ended at 7:45 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm, Tuesday, March 8 at the Waterloo Restaurant.

Respectfully submitted,

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Walter Pechenuk  
February 28, 2011