



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

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

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The meeting was called to order by Gary Lanier, President of the Akron-Canton Section of IEEE, at 6:08 pm.

The first order of business was introductions. As everyone knows one another, introductions were disregarded.

The second order of business was approval of the minutes from the October board meeting of the section. Bob Osterhout motioned that the minutes be approved, and Rob Voss seconded the motion. The assembled board members concurred.

The third order of business was discussion of the section's website. Lanier commented that the website looks good and thanked Shannon Pisarsky, the section's webmaster, for putting up new links and information for the use of IEEE-Akron/Canton members.

The fourth order of business was matters concerning the student chapter of IEEE at the University of Akron. Jeffrey Blair informed the board that the Student Professional Awareness Conference (SPAC) is in the process of being finalized and would take place, along with a buffet-style dinner, on November 18 at the Martin Center on the campus of the University of Akron. The guest speaker will be Mr. John Paserba, who will speak on professional practices in the electrical engineering field. The cost to attend the meeting and dinner has been set at \$7.00 for IEEE members and \$10.00 for non-members. The cost had to be set low in order to attract as many students as possible, and in order to do so, IEEE-Akron/Canton and IEEE-Region 2 generously subsidized the event to off-set the real cost of \$27.00 (including gratuity and university fees) per person. Blair thanked Osterhout for his efforts to secure Region 2 funds to subsidize the event and expressed his gratitude to the Akron-Canton section for its

generosity in backing UA-IEEE events. SPAC also invited IEEE-A/C board members to the event as its guests.

The fifth order of business was the Power and Energy Society (PES). There was nothing to report.

*The board meeting recessed at 6:15 pm for dinner and resumed at 6:52 pm.*

The sixth order of business was the section's Computer Society chapter. Pisarsky informed the board that she received from IEEE-CS two pens, a luggage handle-guard, and numerous brochures, which are to be used to recruit new IEEE-CS members. Pisarsky also informed the board progress is being made toward setting a date for the presentation by Annamarie Robbins at Stark State College of Technology. She will give her talk in either February or March.

The seventh order of business was matters concerning the Industry Applications Society (IAS). There was no report to present.

The eighth order of business was the Professional Activities Committees for Engineers (PACE). Osterhout requested that the board request the treasurer, Rick Buchanan, to set aside \$1,000 for PACE various programs that will be determined at a later date. Osterhout also requested that the section provide another section member to act as PACE co-chair. Currently PACE's only activity has been involvement with the University of Akron's SPAC.

The ninth order of business was membership. Pisarsky notified the board that the Computer Society of the IEEE-A/C now has membership forms to be distributed to potential CS members.

The tenth order of business was the Akron Council of Engineering and Scientific Societies (ACCESS). Osterhout informed the board that IEEE-A/C will have a table of 8 plus 1. At the last ACCESS board meeting, the board decided that the Joint Societies Meeting will be at Guy's Party Center at a date to be determined. The theme of the event will be local start-ups.

ACCESS (including IEEE-A/C) will be participating in the Akron Science Fair, which most likely will take place at the end of January. There will be a new science fair in which ACCESS members will participate as judges – the Sixth District Fair, which will be on February 11. The Sixth District Alliance will send its winners to Cleveland State University's Northeast Ohio Regional Fair, and then those winners will go to the international fair. More information about this can be obtained from the Hudson STEM Alliance, of which IEEE-A/C board member Shivakumar Sastry is a member.

ACCESS has also formed a Speakers Bureau. Details about this new organization are to follow.

At the last ACCESS board meeting Osterhout informed the board that there was a half-hour long discussion about what the strategy and *raison d'être* of ACCESS should be. No decisions have yet been carved in stone. IEEE-A/C members can access the minutes of the meeting by going to the ACCESS website.

The next ACCESS board meeting will be on December 3 (the ACCESS website should be consulted for detailed information). In January ACCESS meetings will move to the third Thursday of the month.

The eleventh order of business was the Canton Joint Engineering Council (CJEC). There was no report.

The twelfth order of business was Engineers Week. There was no report. However, a brief meeting (25 minutes) was held the night before this IEEE-A/C meeting. Everything appeared to be on schedule. Brent Sisler, Chair of Akron Engineers Week Committee, has already had the tickets printed. The only issue at hand is how games and prizes will be held during the event.

The thirteenth order of business was the section's "Meetings Schedule." In a nutshell, they are as follows:

- CRSPE CPD meeting – November 29, 2011 at Prime.
- Homeland Security Presentation – February/March 2012
- IEEE Akron-Canton Annual Social and election of officers – December 10, 2011  
Voss provided the menu – a choice of beef (filet mignon), chicken (Champagne), fish (scallops), and vegetarian (eggplant parmigiana). The price has yet to be determined. IEEE-A/C will also provide wine and hot appetizers. The board estimates that about 25 members and their guests will participate in this annual event. Reservations should be forwarded to Voss.
- CJEC Banquet – February 22, 2012 (No information was available about the event at the time of this IEEE-A/C board meeting).
- Akron Engineers Week Banquet – February 23, 2012
- PACE Activity (date to be determined). It will be in support of a SPAC activity.

The fourteenth order of business was "Old Business." This concerned election of officers for IEEE-A/C. As the section is in the middle of a two-year election cycle, officers will be reinstalled for one year at the annual social event on December 10. IEEE-A/C is in the middle of a two-year election cycle, and there will be no elections this year

The fifteenth order of business was "New Business." Hoover High School in North Canton is spearheading a project called "Lead the Way Engineering" [sic] and is looking for mentors for student teams (11 different problems.) Any IEEE-A/C who may be interested should get in contact with appropriate officials.

Another activity that is on the section's agenda is a STEM meeting for next year.

Blair requested that another e-blast be sent to everyone in the IEEE-A/C section in regard to the upcoming SPAC event.

The sixteenth order of business was the Treasurers Report. Buchanan reported on the section's financial activities for the month of October. He reported that money owed to the section have yet to come from the Region. The hold-up is the fact that the Region has a new treasurer, who is catching up on a backlog of matters that need to be addressed, and funds should be coming soon. Buchanan mentioned that the Orrville Power Plant Tour and dinner left the section with a deficit of \$120.07. Voss motioned that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, and Blair seconded the motion. The board approved the motion.

The seventeenth order of business was adjournment. Voss motioned that the board adjourn until the annual Social at the Prime on December 10, 2011 and installation of officers. Osterhout seconded the motion, and all approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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Walter Pechenuk  
November 28, 2011