



**IEEE AKRON/CANTON SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
OCTOBER 2012**

Date October 8, 2012
Place Waterloo Restaurant, Akron, Ohio

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The meeting was called to order at 6:12 pm by Gary Lanier, Chair of the Akron-Canton Section of IEEE.

The first order of business was introductions. As everyone present was acquainted with one another, introductions were not made.

The second order of business was approval of the minutes from the September board meeting of the section. It was brought to the attention of Walter Pechenuk, the secretary, that Bob Osterhout was inadvertently added to the list of board members that were present at the September ExCom meeting. Pechenuk said that he will correct this and remove Osterhout's name. Rob Voss, Vice-Chair, motioned that the minutes be approved, and Dean Philips, Membership Chairman, seconded the motion. The assembled board members concurred.

The third order of business was discussion of the treasurer's report. There had been no unusual expenditures or sources of income during the month. There was an interest income of \$5.98 during the month. The September ExCom meeting included an appetizer, which seemed to be an extra meal. Bob Osterhout made a deposit for the Taverne of Richfield (\$200.00) for the joint Cleveland-Akron-Canton educational meeting to take place in November.

Voss asked about the budget. The section is in sounder financial shape than had been anticipated, and the section is not even getting close to the projected deficit. As the figures are correct as given, no adjustments had to be made to the treasurer's report. However, the total income entry in the year-to-date column inadvertently ended up with two commas, instead of one and a digit was missing, and Buchanan said that he would fix it. The entry should read \$4,656.38, not \$4,,56.38. Osterhout moved that the ExCom Board approve the treasurer's report, and Dean Philips, Membership Chair, seconded it. All approved.

The board meeting recessed at 6:21 pm for dinner and resumed at 6:42 pm.

The fourth order of business dealt with the Nominating Committee. Voss had nothing to report. There had been no nominations. Lanier said that a slate of officers has to be created by Voss. Current ExCom member Buchanan said that he will continue. Voss said he'd be willing to be Chair. Pechenuk agreed to be nominated for Vice-Chair. Dean Phillips said that he is willing to assume the mantle of Secretary. Buchanan said that he would send out a reminder to the section's membership about the nominations and elections. Elections must take place before the December installation of officers. Lanier said the slate of officers should be placed on the web. Nominations were accepted until today. Elections will take place up to December 1 and will be electronic. Votes will be sent to the current secretary unless Shannon Whalen, the webmaster, has an electronic balloting system set up.

The fifth order of business was discussion of the section's website. Whalen sent an e-mail to notify the board that the activities on November 1 (ACCESS Banquet) and November 8 (PACE) have been posted on the website.

The sixth order of business concerned activities sponsored by the student chapter of IEEE at the University of Akron. There was no report.

The seventh order of business was the activities of the Power and Energy Society (PES). Mike Pataki and Philips have not yet formally gotten together except for informal talks; the topic that is of interest concerns induced voltages and currents.

The eighth order of business was the section's Computer Society chapter. The Robotics Team from Stark State said that IEEE-A/C can have a meeting there to see its robot. The board had proposed a possible meeting in September, however, no action had been taken.

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

The tenth order of business was the Professional Activities Committee for Engineers (PACE). A joint meeting with the Cleveland section has been organized for November 8 at the Taverne of Richfield. The principal speaker will be Joy Shanklin, an engineering head hunter and a 10-year veteran of the engineering field. The topic will be ***Staying Prepared for Opportunities***. Information about this has already been posted on the IEEE-A/C website. There will be a cash bar from 6:00 onwards, dinner will be served at 6:30, and the presentation will begin at 7:00. One hour of CEU is available to attendees that are interested in receiving the credit. Akron-Canton has considered charging \$10.00 per member and one guest. Region 2 has agreed to grant \$150.00 towards the event. The Taverne of Richfield is charging \$25.00 per person. Lanier motioned that the IEEE-A/C charge its members \$10.00 (i.e., a \$15.00 subsidy per person), and Philips seconded it. All agreed. PACE will also be sponsoring a Senior Membership promotions workshop at a date yet to be determined. The topic will revolve around getting one's portfolio together for review.

The eleventh order of business was membership. There was no report (no information). Philips reported that he got a box of membership material from headquarters.

The twelfth order of business was the Akron Council of Engineering and Scientific Societies (ACCESS). A reminder was given that this year's banquet will take place on November 1 (7:00-9:00 pm) at Guy's Party Place on Waterloo Road in Akron and that IEEE-A/C plans to have a table for its members. Buchanan will reserve the table for IEEE-A/C. There was no information yet whether IEEE-A/C will receive a subsidy for its involvement in this ACCESS banquet. IEEE-A/C will charge its members and one guest \$20, and students will be charged \$10. Lanier motioned that the board approve these charges, and Philips seconded it. ACCESS will have tables for participating universities and member societies. Philips will take his box with the membership information there. IEEE-A/C would like members of the University of Akron student chapter to sit at the IEEE table; for their assistance, their meals will be on IEEE-A/C. Osterhout said that he would get in touch with Jeffrey Blair of the IEEE-UA student chapter, and Pechenuk said that he would contact Shivakumar Sastry, the faculty advisor to the student chapter. A suggestion was made to get STEM kits that could be checked out from libraries. Osterhout said that he would get in touch with the IEEE student chapter at Michigan Tech to get more information about the kits and borrowing procedures.

The thirteenth order of business was the recent activities of the Canton Joint Engineering Council (CJEC). The Canton Engineers Week Banquet will take place February 20, 2013 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Skyland Pines in Canton. Plans already are in place. The guest speaker will talk on fracking.

The fourteenth order of business was the Akron Engineers Week (E-Week). There was a meeting in the previous week to discuss the matter, but there was nothing major to report – responsible parties were still trying to get organized. The banquet is scheduled for February 21, 2013. More information will follow, including information for the webpage. The Akron E-Week reception will be at Emidio's Party Center in Cuyahoga Falls. There will be no speaker; instead there will be a retrospective on engineering contributions in Greater Akron. No meeting is planned for November.

The fifteenth order of business was matters concerning the section's "Meetings Schedule." Again, the board was reminded of the ACCESS banquet on November 1 and the joint meeting with Cleveland on November 8. IEEE-A/C must also plan for installation of officers. This will be done on Saturday, December 15, which will also be the section's annual meeting. Plans are to have the annual meeting at the Prime Restaurant on Manchester Road in Akron; Voss will try to get reservations there (will call on October 10).

The sixteenth order of business was "Old Business." There was none.

The seventeenth order of business was "New Business." November 2 and 3 will be devoted to the Lanier (Continuing) Education Meeting.

The eighteenth order of business was adjournment. Philips motioned that the ExCom meeting be adjourned. Voss seconded it, and the board approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm until November 13, 2012 at 6:00 pm at the Waterloo Restaurant.

Respectfully submitted,

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Walter Pechenuk

October 31, 2012