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IEEE Section Meeting
11 February 2002

Attendees
Vil Arafiles Chair
Jeff Friedhoffer Vice Chair
Hoosam Bandukwala Treasurer
John Dentler - Area Chair, Maryland
Garth MacKenzie – Chair Computer chapter
Bill Dixon – PACE
Dave Boyd – Annapolis Subsection
Neville Jacobs – Student Activities
Boris Gramatikov – Chair EMB
Jim Ryan – Vice Chair PES
Robert Berkovitz- Chair EMC
Randy Bruce – Former Auditing chair
Brian Sequera – visitor
Jim Cummings
Ed Nichenke – visitor

1. The meeting started at 6:30PM
2. The section chair sent a status report to region 2.
3. The chair reported that all chapter has a minimum of two meetings, this was achieved by having some joint meetings between chapters. It was suggested that we have technical presentations at the section meeting to make a joint meeting with a chapter
4. The vice chair set up a mailing list for those who attend the section meeting.
5. Ed Nichenke discussed the nomination of Steven Stitzer for IEEE fellow. Steven made contributioins to ferrite control devices.
6. The treasurer gave his report. It included the results of the CY2001 audit conducted by Randy Bruce and Hoosam Bandukula. The audit found the books to be in good order and Randy commended John Dentler on passing the audit with flying colors.
7. A question was raised about the interest from concentration banking, it was much less than expected.
8. John Dentler reported that there is one local checking account in the section to handle cash income, IEEE headquarters has a signatory on this account.
9. Old Business

   The chair is contacting the chapter officers to try and recruit someone to be secretary for the remainder of the year.
10. Information
    a. PES has the Engineers week dinner scheduled for 20 Feb. The section will pay for about half of the excess cost of the event.
    b. The EMB chair said that there was an upcoming talk about a new Institute on Biomedical Imaging and Engineering.
    c. EMC held a meeting in Jan. and has an upcoming joint meeting in March with AES and APMTT.
    d. Robot Challenge reported there are 51 teams and 19 schools. The challenge will be held on 7 and 20 April. Neville is looking for judges.
    e. Randy Bruce reported that the section logo, the "Sky Crab," should be trademarked. A motion to approve trademarking was approved, Randy will get information on the cost of doing this.
    f. Dave Boyd reported on electronic kits supplied by the naval academy primarily for the use of the middies to learn soldering. There is a field trip to Oceaneering. Merrill Skolnick will be the speaker at a future meeting.
    g. Bill Dixon had nothing to report on PACE. He requested volunteers to be judges to for the robot challenge paper evaluation.

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   h.   Garth MacKenzie reported that the computer chapter had a meeting in January, on the NASA Virtual Observatory which deals with large scale databases. The next meeting will be in March or April and the topic will be GIS.

   i.   Jeff Friedhoffer reported that the COMSOC chapter had a February meeting on MPLS and has an up coming March meeting on wireless.

   j.   John Dentler reported that the section had $5K hanging out on the Ultrawideband conference. He was trying to get in touch with the chair of the conference, Dr. Fontana.

   k.   It was reported that 100 hard copies of the newsletter were sent to those without email by L&T services.

11.   The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

Jeff Friedhoffer
Vice Chair, Baltimore Section