

March 9, 2009

Start 1830

16 Members plus Four Student guests presenting Hopkins Baja engineering challenge, results, and activities. This presentation was targeted to support a request for funding from the Hopkins students for financial support from the Chapter.

Agenda Items Covered

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- (1) Information from Dave to Prof. Fow-sen Choa (Hopkins) for interaction with the IEEE to support with the organization. Requesting support in terms interaction with members for champions within the IEEE. Suggestions from Bill S and Jeff F to have a formal relationship with the schools. Two already at Morgan.
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A suggested was posited by Jeff Friedhoffer that we need to identify champions – identify Life Members, Gold Members – need to have note for news letter. Jeff Friedhoffer will send note out to Ron

- (2) UMBC System Engineering Management Program – Mike Pearce of GOLD to setup an IEEE Presentation Table on April 15. Mike to provide talk – about 5 minutes on IEEE.
- (3) Speakers for 125th anniversary dinner. Idea for dinner approved. Attempt to contact speakers: Herwick Kopelnik (Curtis to contact) is the suggestion for the speaker. Dave will see if Curtis can get him for a good date.
- (4) Dave states that there is a conference 2009 History of Technical Societies.
- (5) Presentations at Museum
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- a. Hubbell Telescope 16 May
b. Bill Skillman – eye witness to crash of Hindenburg
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Discussion as part of 125th celebration. Motion made to provide support level for the (a) \$300 and (b) \$100. Nevil second – unanimous response. Tagged as part of the 125 years of IEEE. To be cleared with the NEM. Dave to contact Mike at the museum.

- (6) Suggesting of x-com meeting at the Bordy winery. Motion made to consider. Second to discuss from Bill. Jeff moved to table the, Seconded and Tabled.
- (7) Second proposal to June 8 meeting at JF's house. JF to check. Seconded. Vote all in favor.
- (8) Contact with Curtis - Distinguished Speaker Dr. Michael Devetsikiotis, Dept. Electrical Eng., NC State. Motion for \$200 add to COMSOC budget if the cost is split between other sections. Second from Jeff. Vote unanimous. Distinguished lecturer airfare paid by IEEE headquarters.
- (9) IEEE merged with Eta Kappa Nu (HKN) – mid-2009
- (10) Walt – Treasury Report; Attended Annual IEEE USA meeting; trip report – Engineering the alternative energy debate. Bill suggested trip report be added to the section web site (Through Ed Colbert)
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- (11) Anna Romaniuk – No information
- (12) Jeff Friedhoffer – AES on SPRINT (April 21st)
- (13) Ron Aloysius – AES (COMSOC) events available on web
- (14) Nataki Roberts – Working with the Morgan student chapter – looking for Vice Chair
- (15) JHU discussion for support and support. Last year for UM team \$500 plus matching up to \$500 against Washington section plus new members at \$50 for new members up to \$250 – money last time was to be used in the vehicle. A report was required to the IEEE. Bill S Motion:

“Offer donation to JHU Baja team Base \$500 matching grant of up to \$500 against money from the Washington Section and \$50 for new IEEE student members up to \$250. In addition, the money must be spent on integrating electronics into the project. AND a report suitable to placed on the section web site. All in favor.”

- (16) Bill Semancik:

 - a. TISP activity planned for Altoona, PA; ½ day in June
 - b. IEEE going into austerity mode – losses in members and losses in investments are contributors
 - c. Washington County – Student engineering activity being arranged by Neville – Bill and Dave K. to participate.

- (17) Neville Jacobs – Robot Challenge: Telephone request to Dave Kisak for approval to purchase three refurbished laptop computers to support Robot Challenge. Price of \$110 each, includes MS DOS, Windows 3.1, MS Office, and battery charger. Purchase was approved by Dave Kisak.
