

Baltimore Section Executive Committee Meeting

6 April 2009

The meeting was called to order at 1830.

Attending was:

**David Kisak
Anna Romaniuk
Jeff Friedhoffer
Neville Jacobs
Jay Gammerman
Brian Sequeria
Boris Gramitikov
Ron Aloysius
Tom Patton
Curtis Menyuk
Tanner Horner
Bill Semancik**

Treasurer's report was delivered in abstentia.

The Secretary was also absent. Meeting minutes were taken by Bill Semancik.

During the period between March ExComm meeting and this meeting e-mail votes approving the funding were held for the following two items: total funding of \$436.67 to COMSOC for their share (with NoVA and Washington, DC Sections) was approved; for 125th Anniversary Dinner, honorarium of \$450 was approved.

A number of action items relating to GOLD was recounted but the GOLD rep was not present to address the items. The items included the request from the Microwave Magazine.

There was a short discussion about a suggested change of venue for the June meeting. The decision was made to table the change of venue and hold the June meeting at the normal location of the National Electronics Museum.

There was a recounting of the e-mail vote for increasing the budget of ComSoc chapter that for the distinguished lecture.

There was a recounting of the plans for the 125th anniversary dinner presentation with Dr. Kogelnik. Tentative dates are the 17th or 24th of October.

Plans were recounted for the awards dinner in May. Discussions were held whether Section Fellows and new Senior members should be invited. The decision was made to invite the new Fellows.

Two meetings involving ComSoc are scheduled. The first is on 7 April and the second is joint with Signal Processing on the 21st of April.

Discussions were held regarding the formation of the nominations committee. Boris Gramatikov, Jay Gammerman, and Jeff Friedhoffer agreed to be part of the committee. We need to check with Vil Arafles and Alan Pressman. Suggestion was made to include Ed Colbert since he will be involved with keeping the website up to date with nomination information.

Ron Aloysius talked about the newsletter, Signal Processing Society meetings, the upcoming talks on the Hubble and the Hindenberg. He also brought up the possibility of having an IEEE sponsored job fair. Curtis suggested that bringing in one of the local universities may be helpful since they have experience in running job fairs.

Discussion was held regarding frequency of meetings for ComSoc. The consensus was that the meetings were sufficiently attended to keep up the current pace. The last meeting of the Spring will be Rod Alferness of Bell Labs.

Boris announced that he has a speaker lined up from Mentor Graphics on board layout. The meeting will probably occur in early fall. He also has a speaker lined up for a speaker on computer languages C, C+, C++. The second speaker will be Ed Byrne. Boris is still trying to get a speaker from Texas Instruments on digital signal processors.

For the Robot Challenge, teams will likely be evenly split between Saturday and Sunday. There are probably sufficient judges for Saturday but will probably need more for Sunday. Currently 66 reports have been received. The real time scoring is still an issue. Sinclair Broadcasting volunteered a display. There is an attempt to get some media publicity for the event. Paper judging will occur on Monday 13 April at 6:00. The feedback meeting is tentatively scheduled for 27 April, at 6:00 at the NEM.

Tanner Horner recounted the GOLD meeting. They had a visitor from Morgan State who would like to have an event at the Morgan State campus. They will be having an event at the UMBC campus. GOLD is having a discussion with people from the National Federation for the Blind. Another joint picnic is set between GOLD and WIE.

The meeting adjourned shortly after 2000.