

Baltimore Section Executive Committee Meeting

8 June 2009

The meeting was called to order at 1830.

Attending were:

**Jay Gamerman
Bill Semancik
Walt Willing
David Kisak
Boris Gramitikov
Ron Aloysius
Tom Patton
Michael Pearse
Bob Berkovits
Alan Pressman
Anna Romaniuk**

Instead of officer reports, new business came first. The first order of business was the proposal by Avi Dey for section involvement in an innovation center project. Members compared notes on their individual contacts. The general conclusion is that the concept is too ill-developed to make a significant commitment of Section resources.

Tom Patton gave a recount of the Section Awards dinner. 80 people signed up with 5 no-shows. The dinner came in within budget.

We had a discussion of the 125th anniversary dinner that is planned for 26 October. We need to verify that the date is reserved for the museum and start making arrangements for the caterer. Since IEEE Spectrum and the Institute have been publishing events that sections have been organizing, Baltimore Section should make similar arrangements.

The proposal by ComSoc was discussed to award a worker at the Laboratory for Telecommunications Sciences for service in support of the Distinguished Lecturer talk in April. There was some discussion about shared funding among the other sections in the area. A motion was made to make an award of \$150 and was passed unanimously.

A donation to the National Electronics Museum was discussed. The NEM continues to have a very synergistic relationship with Baltimore Section. A motion was made to make a donation of \$1000 subject to the approval of IEEE Membership and Geographic Activities (as successor of the Regional Activities Board.) The motion passed unanimously. Provided that approval is given by MGA, the donation will be presented in September.

Bill Semancik presented the April minutes for approval.

Bill Semancik also presented the forward looking financial picture for IEEE finances. The bottom line is that budgets are expected to be very tight in calendar year 2010.

Walt Willing gave a report on current finances of the Section and reported on the status of the audit

Tom Patton stepped down as Awards Chair.

Boris Gramatikov presented plans for two continuing education activities. The first will be a person from Mentor Graphics on advanced printed wiring board design. This will be done on Saturday November 21st 2009 at the National Electronics Museum. The second will be on C and C++ programming. The speaker will be Ted Byrne who retired from IEEE Software Standards Committee. This will be Saturday October 3rd also at the National Electronics Museum. A budget was previously passed for the Mentor Graphics course. A budget was requested for \$250 for the programming course. A motion to that effect was made and passed unanimously.

Ron Aloysius discussed the newsletter status. Ron also gave an account of several of the NEM's planned presentations.

Michael Pearse discussed the June 20 picnic. GOLD is having trouble with finding people to perform research for the Microwave Magazine photographs. There was a discussion about the GOLD participation in the National Federation of the Blind activity.

Bob Berkovits discussed the 125th anniversary activities in Philadelphia. National EMC will be having an activity at the BWI Sheraton Monday 14 September.

Jay Gamerman gave a recap of the 2008-2009 Robot Challenge program. A poll of the teachers involved showed that the teachers appreciate the feedback and the inclusion of the award certificates. So despite the amount of work required post event, the generation of feedback will continue next year.

Anna Romaniuk reported on the Region 2 meeting. She accepted an award on the behalf on the section for the Aegis award for the IEEE Robot Challenge