

Baltimore Section Executive Committee Meeting

14 June 2010

The meeting was called to order at 1840 with introductions. A list of attendees was not available.

The meeting began with a presentation of a donation from the Aerospace and Electronic Systems Society chapter to the National Electronics Museum.

Walt Willing gave the Treasurers report.

Alan Pressman gave the Vice-Chair report.

Baltimore Engineers golf league is interested in Tuesday night tournaments. The league is interested in using the IEEE logo along with the other member societies. Alan took an action to check out restrictions on the use of the official logo and any restrictions on use of the proceeds.

Boris Gramatikov was noted as being submitted for an IEEE education award.

Wally Lee presented on behalf of the Globecom 2013 proposal committee. He stated that the presentation was well received. There was a discussion about the MOU for financial sponsorship of the conference and the merits of a fixed amount of risk vs. a fixed percentage. The primary opposition was a proposal from Atlanta. The decision is to be made in 2 weeks to 2 months. Volunteers would be required from Baltimore for registration and other functions.

A workshop on Ideas and Technology in Control Systems will be held 29 June in Baltimore. AB Shafaye, a Region 2 appointed officer will be working the conference

Discussions were held on officer nominations. The committee would consist of Dave Kisak, Anna Romaniuk, and Bill Semancik. Vil Arafles would be contacted for participation.

It was noted that there will be a Lighting Technology Conference in Baltimore 14 October 2010.

AESS had nothing to report.

David Price expressed interest in the Secretary position for the Section ballot.

Boris Gramatikov presented the Continuing Education Report.

Dave Smith of Mentor Graphics attended and was presented with a certificate of appreciation from the section for his contributions to our continuing education program. Topics for the coming year include signal integrity, high density interconnect, soldering, embedded systems, and digital signal processing.

Neville Jacobs presented the Student Activities Report.

The robot challenge was held 17-18 April 2010. Sixty-four teams participated – 1 more than last year but there were fewer 4-legged robots. Seventeen teams completed the course. The fastest time was 3:55.

The highest score was 105 including bonuses for automation. Much feedback was gathered from teams and judges.

Bill Semancik summarized the section awards dinner and the Region 2 Student activities conference that was held at the same time as the Robot Challenge but in Philadelphia.

Brian Sequeria will be the chair of the upcoming MTT symposium in Baltimore.

Bob Berkovits is lining up speakers for the EMC chapter. He also suggested lining up volunteers from Delaware Valley and L3.

DC Consultants Network expressed interest in sharing speakers with the restarted Baltimore Consultants Network. DC's last presentation was held at the University of MD in College Park.

Baltimore GOLD is having a joint picnic with DC GOLD and WIE, the weekend of 19-20 June. GOLD is intending to have a presentation on Base Realignment and Closure in the fall.

James Oliver gave the EDS report.

EDS had an all day colloquium that had 40 attendees. EDS has arranged two speakers for the year so far.

There was a discussion of the Boy Scout s Jamboree this fall. IEEE sponsors two Boy Scouts merit badges. Funding is available from Region 2 to support people members assisting with the function.

John Harrop reported that planning for next year's ComSoc chapter meetings has been completed.

Walt Willing reviewed reimbursement procedures for chapter expenses.

Ron Aloysius discussed the IEEE poster for the National Electronics Museum. He also stated that Signal Processing Society was looking for a speaker on the history of the LASER to mark the 50th anniversary of its invention.

Yamaris Soto reported for Reliability Society. A networking event was planned for June 24 at the Marriott. A July 22 meeting was planned at Northrop Grumman on systems safety engineering.

A general discussion was held on the need to update the Section website. Several entries were out of date especially in the officer listings.

A motion was made to close the meeting and approved.