

IEEE Milwaukee Section 2008 Meeting Minutes

Minutes of IEEE Executive Meeting
January 23, 2008
Maxwell's Restaurant in Brookfield

Attendees:

Section Officers:

Tom Smith (*Chairperson*)
Ram Bhatia (*Vice-Chairperson*)
Debra Longtin (*Secretary*)
Eric Waydick (*Treasurer*)

Chapter Chairs:

Jim Blaha (*Electromagnetic Compatibility*)
Larry Hause (*EMBS*)
Mark Juds (*Magnetics*)
Adel Nasiri (*IAS/IES*)
Paul Tindall (*Power*)

Section Directors and Others:

Bill Henning (*Historical Chair*)
Sylvia Wrate (*Program Chair*)

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by Tom Smith.

The minutes of the November 27th meeting were distributed and reviewed. Motion was made to approve the minutes. Motion seconded and passed. Deb will send both the October 24th and November 27th minutes to Tom for posting.

The 2007 Holiday Party was briefly discussed. The Party had a great turnout in spite of the weather.

The next agenda item concerned the status of the historical records. It was earlier proposed that these records be transferred from Joe Battocletti (who is retiring) to the MSOE student section for safekeeping. (See November 27, 2007 minutes for details.) Tom and Sylvia will follow up with Glenn to find out the status of the transfer.

Eric gave the treasurer's report and discussed the financial status of the organization. He stated that the section will get a credit card in 2008 per the new IEEE financial policy (concentration banking). It will be issued to the treasurer and will have a \$1000 limit, which can be changed to \$5000 later if needed. He also reported that WIE bought some electronic kits for use in their high school outreach program. The 2007 books are balanced with very minor deviations which Tom and Eric will investigate. Motion was made to approve the treasurer's report. Motion seconded and approved.

The next topic on the agenda was the GOLD chapter development status. Rikki cannot be chair until a glitch with her membership status is corrected. Larry took down information and stated he would talk to the Region 4 Executive Committee for assistance. (Note: Rikki's membership status has now been corrected. Thank you, Larry!)

Introductions and welcome were given to Adel Nasiri, the new IAS/IES Chairperson.

The ESM banquet is on February 13th. Our section has purchased a table, so volunteers to attend the banquet were solicited at the Executive Committee meeting. Banquet details are on the ESM website. Tom will send information to the volunteers: Larry Hause, Eric Waydick, Jim Blaha, and Adel Nasiri and their spouses, and Glenn & Sylvia Wrate.

The next EMC chapter meeting (seminar) is scheduled for April 1st. Mark Steffka from General Motors Powertrain will be the featured speaker. 1400 mailings were sent to IEEE members in the Milwaukee section database. 150 personal invitations were sent to last year's attendees. 50 packets were sent to potential exhibitors. Planning is in full swing. Jim provided brochures to the Executive Committee at the meeting with the request that they be passed on to anyone who is interested.

Jim invited other chapters to consider dovetailing into his seminar for next year. Another chapter could plan a day or partial day seminar at the same time and use the same facilities, hotel, etc. Jim could even mail other brochures along with his own.

Jim and Edina will be attending sections congress in September. No information has been sent concerning the meeting yet.

Region 4 is holding officer training via the web on both January 26 and February 2. Tom encouraged anyone on the Executive Committee to attend and later sent information to all concerning the event.

The next item on the agenda was the Student night. Last year was well attended and everyone agreed that the Miller Inn was acceptable again for this year. Sylvia will check into the Miller Inn availability and will check potential dates with the universities.

The possibility of having a spring meeting was discussed next. May was suggested as a possible timeframe. (EMBS has a meeting on 4/18, so we would not want to schedule anything close to that date.) In the past when we had spring meetings we would have an executive committee meeting first (4:30?), followed by chapter meetings (5:30?), dinner (6:30?), and a main speaker. The chapter chairs were asked to look for potential speakers for their chapter meetings, look at workable dates, and then report back at the next executive committee meeting.

Tom made a suggestion to move the 2008 Holiday Party to earlier in the year, such as October or early November. Some suggested venues were the Milwaukee County Zoo, the Mitchell Park Domes, the Milwaukee Museum, or a pumpkin farm. Sylvia will investigate and report back.

Larry made a request that anyone looking for PACE money should get their applications in early, ahead of the event, to make the process easier on all.

Tom announced that Edina is now on the IEEE PES Governing Board in the role of VP of Membership and Image. He also announced that Edina will be chairing the IEEE WIE panel on Mentoring and its impact on Recruiting and Retention at the IEEE PES T&D Conference in Chicago in April. Edina extends the invitation to us to join this session in Chicago.

General meeting discussion item: Tom asked if anyone was interested in having a social type of meeting in addition to the Holiday Party. In order to qualify as one of the chapter meetings, it would need to have a technical focus. Tom suggested a robot challenge. Sylvia suggested a team contest – each team would get a box of parts and be given a timeframe to build a particular item – i.e. bridge, etc. The discussion was then tabled for a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.