



Winnipeg GOLD Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: 2005-09-08

PRESENT: Andrea Almeida (AA), Steve Dueck (SD), Aram Faghfour (AF), Dawn Nedohin-Macek (DNM), Julian Nedohin-Macek (JNM), Justin Olivier (JO), Owen Preston (OP), Shawn Silverman (SS).

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 PM

2. Motion to approve agenda. (OP, SS) carried.

3. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes. (OP, SS) carried

4. REPORTS

4.1. Chair Report

- On the day of the BBQ in the park, none of the WIE members showed up. There was no BBQ or condiments. I received no explanation of what happen from Jennifer or the rest of WIE. Shawn saved the day be letting us use his house to stage the BBQ.

4.2. Vice Chair Report:

- Nothing to report.

4.3. Secretary report:

- The L31s for the July meeting and the BBQ event have been submitted.

4.4. Treasurer:

- We have received our annual rebate of \$330.74.
- (DNM) This is because we hold extra events and we are rewarded for it.
- Out total bank balance is \$1138.35 before the BBQ in the park.
- The "Wine and Cheese" event donations have not all been handed in. We still have not received the IEEE Winnipeg Section, University of Manitoba NSERC Design Chair and CTTAM donations. The APEGM, Internet Innovation Centre and Red River College donations have been received.
- **Motion to approve treasurer report. (SS, OP) carried.**

4.5. Webmaster Report:

- Nothing to report.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. WIE – GOLD BBQ Event

- (DNM) Someone went out to buy food since there was no food at the event.
- (AA) We should reimburse that person for food but we should consider what should be done about the site reservation payment before paying it since the event went bad.
- (DNM) The cost was \$45 dollars to reserve the park already paid for by WIE.
- (SS) Who was going to bring the food?
- (SD) They were going to provide chips and drinks according to the conversations we had. They were also going to bring a BBQ. We were going to reimburse for half of all the costs they were going to pay.
- (AF) *verifies the situation from his conversations with WIE.*
- (JNM) I think that we are still liable for our half of the costs. Even if the event goes bad we are still responsible for our share of the costs as we promised.
- (SD) In the future we should make sure we have a backup plan.
- (DNM) I think in this case there was not enough communication between the two groups.
- **Motion to pay half of the costs as originally intended. (SS, OP) carried.**
- (AF) We should make sure this is more professionally done next time. Who is to blame if something goes wrong and what happens if things go bad?

5.2. Subway Event on Franchising

- (SD) The poster is currently being put together and a speaker sit down is being arranged to discuss the finer points of the talk. Our audience may be small and I am working to have this talk take a different position. The deadlines for the event will have to be shifted around. Hopefully this weekend we will be meeting with the speaker and with about 2 weeks of preparation we should be able to have this event ready. The new date for holding the event looks to be Sept 28th.

5.3. Committee Development

- (SD) Where do you guys want to be and where do you want GOLD to be?
 - (DNM) I will probably chair the IEEE Winnipeg section next year.
 - (SS) I intend to be around in the committee
 - (OP) I will still be the treasurer of the IEEE Winnipeg section next year.
 - (SD) A lot of resources are out there that we are not taking advantage of as a group. We need to look at ways of improving the group.
 - (DNM) On the IEEE website there is committee member identities that have been formed to give guidelines to what is expected of each position.
 - (JNM) We should have a meeting on what did and didn't work with our roles as committee members and revise them if needed.

- (SD) Does this group have a train of thought? Are we going in a specific direction?
 - (AA) We should get back to technical events. The last technical event was the soldering workshop.
 - (SD) I would like to see more events about how to do something.
 - (AF) My thought is that this group is more about education. I don't know how to be the bridge to the outside world as we have defined GOLD because I don't get to see that other industrial side. I have the perception that the city of Winnipeg is not very industrial.
 - *The group presents their points and discusses how you should network with industrial contacts through committee members or by taking a bigger initiative.*
 - (OP) There were a lot of things that the university left out for us. We could have a lot of events that fill those gaps. I think that was one of the reasons our soldering workshop was such a good event. The university is not interested in teaching hands on techniques.
 - (SS) What about having a joint event with graduated or students from R.R.C and UofM to give technical and theoretical sides to a topic?
 - (SS) A paneled technical discussion also sounds interesting.
 - (SD) I like the idea of a software engineering education event where a bunch of industry professionals get together to tell students of what expected of them. We need events that we believe in and do not become too time consuming for us to put on.
 - (AF) Can we get people to come in and talk about challenges and things to know in university such that it benefits the work place?
 - (SD) An image-processing event with help from a successful company sound like a good idea.

- (SD) More or less what I'm getting at is that we have an event every month and I essentially become the manager and end up taking on the brunt of the responsibility.
- (DNM) You should begin delegation immediately after you get the idea. That way you are not left holding the bag.
- (SD) Do we need more events?
- (DNM) So far our events are the UAV presentation, the Robert Legary talk and the franchising event.
- (DNM) All we need is two events that are not social. Therefore we are a bridge between the two gaps. We need to say open to other areas of thought as well.
- (DNM) We can have more structured events such that there is a topic on the table that everyone discusses. Even a game, like meet someone who knows this and this. Icebreakers. Structured networking meetings are something that we should have in the future.
- (AF)The BBQ event was a bad networking event because there was no one from outside this network. Next time we have to make sure and include other groups in the event.
- (AF) Could we consider an event for November?
- (DNM) One event I like that had a good turnout was the IEEE held student networking event and the president of IEEE Canada came to speak.
- (SD) Do we want to have some sort of team building or distinguished lecturer such that it makes a larger buzz? Penny Debrowski could help us with any

event. There is a possibility of having it in November but we will come back to that next meeting.

5.4. Event Details

- Franchising Event
 - (SS) I have talked to the speaker about possible topics.
 - (DNM) We need to assign the tasks.

 - PLACE: TRLABS
 - ROOM BOOKING: Aram
 - DATE: Wednesday September the 28th
 - TIME: 7:00 PM
 - REGISTRATION: Andrea
 - FOOD AND DRINKS: Shawn drinks and SUBWAY!!
 - THANKYOU GIFT: Shawn \$25 and DNM will make the card.

 - TRLABS phone number: 489-6060.
 - Booking should be from 6 to 10 pm.
 - Andrea's email is on the poster from the BBQ event.

- ROBERT LEGARY EVENT
 - Andrea is the point of contact.

 - PLACE: TRLABS
 - ROOM BOOKING: Aram
 - DATE: Wednesday November 2nd (based on Robert's approval)
 - TIME: 7:00 PM
 - REGISTRATION: Andrea
 - THANKYOU GIFT: Shawn \$25 and DNM will make the card.
 - POSTER: Justin
 - Shawn will give the introduction of GOLD at event.

- AUV Presentation
 - PLACE: TRLABS
 - ROOM BOOKING: Aram
 - DATE: Wednesday November 30th
 - TIME: 7:00 PM
 - REGISTRATION: Andrea
 - FOOD: Owen
 - THANKYOU GIFT: Shawn \$25 and DNM will make the card.
 - POSTER: SD will probably make it.
 - Julian will give the introduction of GOLD at event.

6. Next Meeting Date: October 12th 5:30 PM IDERS
7. Motion to adjourn. (OP,SS)
8. **ADJOURNMENT: 6:35 PM**