

# Baltimore Section December 2010 Executive Committee Meeting Report

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*December 13, 2010*

## **Introductions**

Anna Romaniuk called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM.

## **Old Business**

Minutes from the November meeting were passed around. Neville Jacobs motioned that they be approved. Ron Aloysius seconded. The motion carried.

## **Financial Report**

Walt Willing and Collin Krepps began the transition process.

Walt reported that we have a mysterious \$700 deposit, of which \$200 had been identified by the bank and taken away, leaving \$500 unaccounted for.

L50 forms arrived, so Walt will be sending email shortly to solicit input from the chapter financial folks.

## **Engineering Society of Baltimore**

The section provided a \$150 check to support the Engineer's Week Council, which was presented to Jim Durkay.

Jim gave a short history of Engineer's Week activities and made a plea for additional funds. Neville Jacobs motioned that we increase our gift to \$500. Walt Willing seconded. The motion carried.

## **IEEE Northern Virginia**

Information on the upcoming holiday social was passed around and all present at the meeting were invited to attend.

## **Check Donation for Museum**

Anna presented a check for \$1000 to the museum staff.

## **B & O Railroad**

Anna nominated herself to chair the IEEE milestone. Bill Semancik emphasized that we are making a commitment to expend future funds, perhaps as much as \$3K or \$4K. Bill motioned that the Baltimore section commit to support the proposal for the milestone for the electrification of the Howard St. tunnel. Neville Jacobs seconded. The motion carried.

## **Woodlawn First Robotics Competition**

A request was made for \$2000 to support Woodlawn high school in this fairly expensive but worthwhile competition. Discussion centered on the high cost and the number of other high schools that might be worthy of support. Boris Gramatikov made a motion and Bill Semancik seconded. The motion did not carry.

## **COMSOC**

John Harrop presented information on the upcoming COMSOC meeting, which can also be accessed through the Baltimore website.

## **Continuing Education**

Boris Gramatikov thanked the outgoing leadership team for their selfless devotion and commitment.

Continuing Education activities were successful this year, with 3 courses offered in the spring and 2 in the fall. All were well attended.

Boris is currently planning 2 courses for next year and is looking for a speaker on software/web apps/JAVA.

## **Student Activities**

Neville Jacobs passed around his monthly report on student activities. Neville also nominated Bill Semancik for a Meritorious Service award for his support of the robot challenge, financial advice, and leadership with the region.

## **Election Report**

The vtools voting experience was a success, with an increase of 75% in voter turnout. The turnout was still very low, however, with only 3% of those eligible to vote actually doing so.

## **GlobeCom Conference**

Bill Semancik reported on the conference just held at Miami this year, and that Atlanta was selected to host the next conference. The Baltimore proposal will be resubmitted for the 2016 conference.

## **Sections Conference**

Jeff Friedhoffer passed around a PowerPoint presentation.

## **Engineer's Week Dinner**

Joshua Skillman asked Neville Jacobs and Jay Gamerman to attend. One will be there. He's still selecting the keynote speaker and looking for someone to talk about the smart grid. Joshua also asked for section support for the dinner. Walt Willing motioned that we approve \$3500 for this event. Neville Jacobs seconded. The motion carried.

## **Newsletter**

Ron Aloysius requested that everyone get their newsletter inputs in early Wednesday morning.

## **Trivia Night**

Walt Willing motioned that we sponsor one table for trivia night and advertise in the newsletter. Dave Price seconded. The motion carried.

## **Attendees**

Anna Romaniuk

Ronald Aloysius

David Price

Bill Semancik

Neville Jacobs

Jay Gamerman

Joshua Skillman

Boris Gramatikov

John Harrop

Collin Krepps

Jeffrey Friedhoffer

Walt Willing

Jim Durkay (visitor)