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Baltimore Section

March Executive Committee Meeting Report
March 14, 2011



This report summarizes the IEEE Baltimore Section Executive Committee (ExCom) meeting held on March 14, 2011. 13 IEEE members attended. There were no visitors. Appendix 1 is a list of meeting attendees.

1. Introductions / Call To Order

Alan Pressman called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

2. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

Bill Semancik motioned to approve the minutes. Walt Willing seconded. Motion passed.

3. Monthly Financial Statement

We have adequate funds in our account.

4. Executive Reports

- a. Chair – Alan Pressman
 - Nothing to report here; presented in Discussion Topics below
- b. Vice Chair – Walt Willing
 - Nothing to report
- c. Secretary – David Price
 - Nothing to report
- d. Treasurer – Collin Krepps
 - Nothing to report

5. Discussion Topics

- a. Report out on March 3 IEEE USA meeting, Poster Contest and Representative (Walt and Collin)
 - The theme was electric vehicles. Up to 72% of vehicles today could be electric and be supported by the current infrastructure.
 - We came in maybe fourth in the poster contest (“Miss Congeniality”).

- PACE liked our robot challenge because it was hands on.
 - Sections Congress will be August 19 in San Francisco.
 - Russ Harrison is available to speak at IEEE meetings.
 - New member packets are available; you can order some for your next event.
 - Walt suggested that maybe we could keep some here at the museum.
 - New ways to communicate with members – meetings can be webcast on vTools.
- b. PACE Project Initiation
- April 28 reception for graduating students, backup date April 21. Joint with GOLD, PACE, and Student Activities. Held at Morgan State University. Also inviting other local universities (UMBC, Johns Hopkins).
 - STEP (Student Transition Elevation Partnership) funding potential, up to \$500.
 - Also a possibility of funding from PACE.
- c. ASC (Associated Societies Council) education outreach meeting March 3rd Engineers Club, 6:15 PM.
- Neville attended. First large joint meeting between the board of education and the county officers. About 70 people attended.
 - The keynote speaker was Kathy Oliver.
 - Project “Lead the Way” is being funded with some middle schools and high schools; includes robotics.
 - Additional teacher training is needed.
- d. Baltimore/Washington/Northern Virginia Instrument and Measuring Society creation recommendation letter
- Washington will be parent section.
 - Walt motioned that we write the letter. Neville seconded. Motion approved. Alan will write the letter.
- e. Engineers of the year award
- Bill Semancik was honored at the awards banquet at the Engineer’s Club.
- f. 2011 WIE DREAM conference at College Park on February 26th
- Lei Zong attended and moderated the panel.
 - First Robotics begins this Saturday, March 19. The Chesapeake Regional competition.
- g. Chapter Chairs Banquet planning for May 18
- Bill has a signed contract with Snyder’s Willow Grove. Cost will be about \$50 per person, allowing up to 80 people or so in order to keep within budget.
 - The musician from last year is not available, so Bill is thinking of skipping the entertainment and saving the money.
 - Alan (the section chair) must order the past chair pin. Alan will also order the certificates for the outgoing chairs.
 - Dr. Gray (medical robotics) will be the speaker.
- h. E-week dinner
- Josh reports that there were 58 attendees. About ½ were IEEE, the remainder students and parents.

- They collected about \$250 from professionals on the event, but had \$3600 in expenses. The section had previously provided \$3500 in funds to support the dinner.
 - Walt motioned that PES be allowed to keep the additional funds. Neville seconded. Motion passed.
- i. Region 2 meeting in Erie PA April 16-17
 - Walt and Dave to attend.
 - j. Johns Hopkins student chapter request for speaker.
 - k. Membership revitalization funds (think of things to do)
 - Maybe start something in the Aberdeen area
 - John and Bill will look into starting something in the south
 - l. LEOS conference May 1-6
 - We should plan on manning a membership development booth
 - m. Congressional visit day April 6-7
 - n. MGA + region outstanding section award call for nominations
 - John to send Alan a past successful nomination from Pittsburgh.
 - o. Check out the Educational Activities Board website, www.ieee.org/eab-awards
 - See if there is someone we know to nominate, such as Boris Gramatikov.
 - p. Temple University career survival for engineers April 30

6. Old Business

- a. Neville Jacobs – Robot Challenge
 - No additional teams to sign up (past registration deadline). We have 104 teams signed up now. Expect about 70 teams at the Robot Challenge.
 - 30 judges lined up so far.
 - Still working on the online scoring system.
 - Training was held on January 29. Eight teachers/mentors attended.
 - Written reports due April 15, review on April 25 at 6 PM.
 - Robot Challenge contest on April 30 and May 1.
- b. SP and AES meeting on April 11.

7. Round Table

- a. Bob Berkovits – EMC and Power and Energy had a meeting about the smart grid. It was an excellent talk.
- b. Ron Aloysius - Climate scientist meeting at NEM on Wednesday, June 1. Speaker is Forest Hall.
- c. Walt Willing – wonders if there is an IEEE charity or fund we can donate to in order to help out with the problems in Japan. Alan will look into this.
- d. Vil Arafles - Successful in last Senior Member drive, but it was difficult to wrap up everyone. Suggest setting up a computer station for people to load their application/resume into a common destination.

8. Adjourn – Neville motioned, Walt seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Appendix 1: March 14, 2011 Baltimore ExCom Meeting Attendees

Name	Position	Member (Y/N)?	Email
Alan Pressman	ExCom Chair	Yes	Alan.Pressman@constellation.com
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