

IEEE Newfoundland and Labrador Section Executive Meeting Wednesday, April, 8 2009

In Attendance: Eric Gill, ~~Octavia Dobre,~~ ~~Lori Hogan,~~ ~~Lori Hogan,~~ Dennis Peters, Paul Thorburn, Dwight House, Randy Gillespie, Dave Tilley
Absent: Kathleen Chafe, Cheng Li, Gerard Dunphy, Brian Kidney, Susan Ryan, Robert Cove, ~~Octavia Dobre~~ ~~Susan Ryan (Student Rep.),~~ ~~Robert Cove,~~ Geoff Holden ~~Mike Janes~~
Location: ~~Engineering Lunch Room~~ MUN

Open Action Items

Action: Lori to check for joint section precedents.

Action: Lori to order the subscriptions of Spectrum for the Science Fair Winners

Action: ~~Lori to~~ confirm subscriptions received by 2008 Science Fair winners.

Action: Dennis to put together proposal for IEEE Initiatives program to purchase Spectrum for High Schools in NL.

Action: Lori to find someone to take on the role of GOLD Chair.

Action: Gerard to get list of members in arrears for next meeting.

Action: Gerard to plan approaching those eligible for Senior Membership.

Action: Eric to prepare and sent letter to thank NECEC sponsors and session chairs.

Closed Action Items

Action: Lori to handle getting gift for speaker for AGM.

Action: Paul to contact Mike about date for ICP talk.

Action: Paul to get \$25 gift card for Mike in appreciation of ICP talk.

Action: Dennis to arrange parking for ICP talk.

Action: Paul to arrange refreshments for ICP talk.

Action: Brian and Paul will complete L31s for technical activities.

Action: Lori will complete L31s for administrative meetings.

Action: Lori will start work on L50 report for Cheng to complete.

Action: Kathleen to complete NEGW 2009 supplement article.

Action: Eric to complete Best Small Section nomination with help from Kathleen and Lori as required.

Action: Geoff to update Executive Section of website with Minutes.

Action: Geoff to add IEEE Canada insurance link distributed via email to website.

Action: Geoff to add Membership Growth Award badge to website.

Action: Geoff to remove outdated news from front page of website.

Action: Lori to order two Past Chair pins from IEEE for Mike Janes and Kathleen Chafe.

1. Review of Minutes from ~~Feb. 29~~ Feb 27th, 2009

An error was noted in the Action item for Lori to contact PEG for support of the Science Fair. It should have been Lori to contact the Science Fair sections.

Minutes reviewed and approved.

2. Business Arising from Minutes

Closed:

Action: Dave will book a room for the nights of March 26th and 27th for Dr. Krstic's visit.

Action: Lori to contact the Central & Western sections of Regional Science Fair to give our support to the Science Fairs

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3. New Business

i. Oceans 2014 Conference

Dwight House and Randy Gillespie joined us today to seek our support to bring the Oceans 2014 conference to St. John's. This conference is jointly sponsored by IEEE and Marine Technology Society (MTS) and typically attracts 1500 to 2000 people. Representatives of IEEE (Bob Warnley and Jim Barbara) were here in October 2008 and returned a very positive report on the city recommending that the conference be brought here. MTS did not participate in the visit and are reluctant to support St. John's. Dwight recently spoke to Rich Lawson, the Executive Director for MTS. Mr. Lawson felt there were a number of reasons. As the conference has been just recently held in Vancouver in 2007 and Quebec City in 2008 he was concerned that it come back to Canada so soon. Dwight suggested to him that 2014 was a sufficient gap – some 6 years held outside of Canada. Secondly, he was concerned that some of MTS supporters, such as NOAH, would be reluctant to go to an international venue even though MTS purports to be an international society. Lastly, he was concerned over the low numbers of MTS in NL. It's estimated to be some 5-10 members here in the St. John's region. There is a student section of some 20 members but no official local Section.

Dwight felt that the lack of a local section here was the most significant issue. As the society is great organization in its own right and we have significant ocean technology community, we should pursue starting a local chapter. Dwight has received a copy of MTS's operational guidelines that directs how to set up a local section. The minimum membership is 15 with a \$75 fee. Dwight proposed that IEEE, Oceans Advance and MTS form a working relationship and develop some joint activities. There are definitely joint, even overlapping, interests in the oceans field within the academic and local industry. It would stimulate more cooperation /collaboration within the community and pooling resources for various section responsibilities. MTS draws more attention from industry whereas IEEE tends to be academic centric. The merging of the two seems to be a natural for a small region like NL. With the amount of companies, research institutes, academic interest and government bodies with a focus on the ocean, not only should we be able to start a local section, but become a very active and leading relative to others. The attraction of hosting the Ocean 2014 conference here may be just the driving force to bring the various groups together - which in itself is very positive. Dwight's goal is to announce at this year's Ocean conference that St. John's will be the host in 2014.

Eric gave the Section's support is setting up a local MTS Section and pursuing the Oceans 2014 conference. It would be ideal if we could set up a joint Section with same executive. Lori will check the IEEE website so see if there is a precedent for a joint section. We need to have this finalized by June.

Action: Lori to check for joint section precedents.

ii. Eastern NL Science Fair

This year's Eastern winner was the project "Green and Extreme Power" by students Scott Wood and John Pike of Booth Memorial High School. Eric presented the award. Lori has yet to hear of the winners from the Central & Western sections of the Regional Science Fair.

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iii. Teacher in Service Program

Eric has forwarded the information to all. Anyone interested has to arrange their own travel and will be reimbursed. Hotel costs will be paid for by the program. Six people have registered – [Lori Hogan](#), [Lori Hogan](#), [Octavia Dobre](#), Paul Thorburn, Cheng Li, Gerard Dunphy, and Brian Kidney

iv. Regional meeting

Before the CCECE meeting at the Delta Regional 7 will be holding their Spring meeting. Our local executive are welcome to attend and encourage to attend some of their training sessions offered. As per Eric's email, please email Cathie Lowell if you plan to attend.

4. Reports

i. Technical Activities – Paul Thorburn

Feb 17 - ICP Solar Technologies

Mar 26 – Dr. Krstic

Mar 31 – Student Night

May – CCECE

June – Lobster Boil- Paul will book the Fluvarium for Saturday, June 20.

ii. Webmaster – Geoff Holden

No Report

iii. Awards Chair - Octavia Dobre

Awards were presented on the Student IEEE night.

iv. Membership Development – Gerard Dunphy

No Report.

v. Student Activities

No Report.

vi. Gold Chair

Lori may have a potential candidate for the position.

vii. Treasurer - Cheng Li

No Report.

viii. Industrial Liaison – Brian Kidney

No Report.

Should get Brian involved in the MTS discussion.

5. Other Business

None

6. Next Meeting: May 29, 2009 @ 1200.