

Draft Minutes of IEEE Region 2 Fall Meeting

Attendees on Monday October 17,

2005: Sedig Agili, Adewole Akpose, Virgilio Arafiles, Erik Blasch, Michael Cardinale, Carole Carey, Lynn Carpenter, John Dentler, James Everly, Parviz Famouri, Jorome Gibbon, Boris Gramatikov, Cathy Jaggard, Shreekanth Mandayam, Aldo Morales, Faramarz Mossayebi, Murty Polavarapu, Shekhar Pradhan, Dan Repperger, AB Shafaye, Stan Telson, David Thompson, Ron Ticker, Douglas Tipton, Thom Tullia, Dave Vaglia, William Walsh, Robert Walston.

Attendees on Tuesday October 18, 2005: Adewole Akpose,

Marc Apter, Virgilio Arafiles, Lynn Carpenter, John Dentler, James Everly, Parviz Famouri, Jorome Gibbon, Boris Gramatikov, Moshe Kam, Shreekanth Mandayam, Aldo Morales, Faramarz Mossayebi, Murty Polavarapu, Shekhar Pradhan, Dan Repperger, AB Shafaye, Stan Telson, David Thompson, Douglas Tipton, Thom Tullia, Dave Vaglia, William Walsh, Robert Walston.

Lunch	
Call to Order at 1:15 PM	Tullia
Opening remarks and introductions	Tullia
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present and approve the agenda 	Famouri
The minutes of April 9-10, 2005 Meeting were unanimously approved.	Famouri
The minutes of August 27, 2005 Teleconference were unanimously approved.	Famouri
Director Report	Tullia
Director Tullia discussed the web-base Leadership Forum and communication issues within the Region.	
Director-elect Report	John Dentler
John Dentler made a presentation on various topics mainly the Region 2 budget issues and the items that need to be covered during the meeting.	
Secretary Report	Famouri
Parviz once again emphasized that Committee members bring laptop to Region 2 meetings and he distributes CD/flashdisk with meetings pertaining information.	
Treasurer report	
Vil Arafiles presented his report including the proposed 2006 budget for discussion. Emily Sopensky from IEEE-USA Board asked that if the Region has set aside \$2000 for WIE coordinator as was requested by IEEE-USA President Alfonz. Thom said that Region 2 has not yet budgeted the funds.	Vil Arafiles

Student activities	
Shreekanth Mandayam made a presentation on the student activities, mainly the annual Region 2 student conference. There were discussions on the budget and how to raise funds for the conference.	Mandayam
Proposed Region 2 Assessment	Tullia
Thom Tullia gave an introduction and background on the need to have regional assessment. Parviz noted that Region 2 is the only region with no assessment and informed the Committee on the amount other regions are assessing their members. Bill Walsh moved a motion that Region 2 to adopt regional assessment of \$3 to begin in fiscal year 2007. Adewole second the motion. Ron Ticker amended the motion to reduce the assessment to \$2. There were considerable amount of discussions on the subject. There was a call for question. The Committee voted 20 for and 1 against on calling the question. There was a call for vote on the amendment. The Committee voted 14 for and 7 against the amendment. The there was a call for question on the original motion. The Committee voted 18 for, 2 against and one abstain on calling the question. The Committee voted on the original motion and the approved amendment with 19 for, 1 against and one abstain. The result of the voting is an approval of a \$2.00 assessment of region 2 membership starting with the 2007 billing cycle. Action Item: John Dentler and Ron Ticker took an action to document the background and rationale for the \$2 regional assessment in a white paper to be distributed to the section chairs.	
Standing Committee Reports	
Professional Activities	Bill Walsh
Bill Walsh presented information about Region 2 PACE activities. He also presented information about PACE 2006 Leadership Workshop on March 3-5 in St. Louis, MO. The website for the conference is www.ieeeusa.org/calendar/conferences/2006workshop . He encouraged the sections to hold Member Professional Activities Conference (MPAC).	
Women in Engineering (WIE)	Carole Carey
Carole gave a report on the Region 2 WIE activities. She asked for the support of the Section Chairs to increase the number of WIEs within the Region. She announced some of the activities that WIE affinity groups are doing in Sections within Region 2. She announced that she is the RAB liaison to the IEEE WIE Committee. If sections would like to have articles in the WIE Newsletter she must get them by the 25 th of the month. She is also planning to have an MPAC focused on WIE. There were discussion on weather or not Region 2 should change WIE coordinator to be a voting member of the Committee. No motion was proposed.	
Membership Development	Mike Cardinale
Mike made a presentation on the Region 2 membership development.	
GOLD	Adewole C Akpose
Wole gave a presentation on Region 2 GOLD activities.	
Regional PreCollege Education Coordinator	Murty SPolavarapu
Murty made a presentation on Region 2 Pre-college activities.	

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Budget	Vil Arafiles
Vil presented the proposed 2006 budget for approval. There were discussions on having a balance budget and needs for saving for travel to the section congress 2008. Parviz made a friendly amendment to the budget to eliminate \$5,000 Student Activities in the income category and to reduce the Student Activities so that the budget is balanced. Question was called. The Committee voted unanimously yes to end discussions. The Committee then voted on the revised budget with all yes votes except one abstain vote.	
Area Chair (East)	Doug Tipton
Doug made a presentation on East Area's activities.	
Area Chair (Central)	AB Shafaye
AB made a presentation on Central Area's activities.	
Area Chair (South)	Jorome T Gibbon
Jerry made a presentation on South Area's activities.	
Area Chair (West)	Dan Repperger
Dan gave a report on West Area's activities.	
Past-director Report/2007-2008 Director-elect Nomination	Moshe Kam
Moshe talked about the upcoming nomination for the Region 2 Director-elect. He would like to have all the nominations by December 10. He would like to close nominations by January 10.	
New Business	Thom Tullia
Officer Appointments	Thom Tullia
Thom announced that he will reexamine officer appointments during the upcoming teleconference in December.	Thom Tullia
Marc encouraged the Region 2 to have a liaison to TAB similar to some other regions. The person should hold an office such as Division Director or Society President. Marc also encouraged all the committee members to apply for elevating themselves to senior members. Marc also announced on the upcoming Teacher in Training program sponsored by Educational Activities Board (EAB) in mid-march 2006. This program trains teachers with hands on experience for classrooms. The meeting will be in Indianapolis, Indiana.	Marc Apter
Date and Location of Next Meeting	Thom Tullia
Teleconference 9 AM in December 17.	
Region 2 Committee -- Spring Meeting February 4-5, 2006 in Baltimore, MD	
Adjournment	Thom Tullia
The meeting was adjourned at 10 AM.	